



SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY

FORM 1

COUNTY: **TIFT COUNTY**

I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **FORM 1 is required for ALL SDS submittals.** Only one set of these forms should be submitted per county. The completed forms shall clearly present the collective agreement reached by all cities and counties that were party to the service delivery strategy.
2. List each local government and/or authority that provides services included in the service delivery strategy in Section II below.
3. List all services provided or primarily funded by each general purpose local government and/or authority within the county that are continuing *without change* in Section III, below. (It is acceptable to break a service into separate components if this will facilitate description of the service delivery strategy.)

<p>OPTION A <i>Revising or Adding to the SDS</i></p>	<p>OPTION B <i>Extending the Existing SDS</i></p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. List all services provided or primarily funded by each general purpose local government and authority within the county which are revised or added to the SDS in Section IV, below. (It is acceptable to break a service into separate components if this will facilitate description of the service delivery strategy.) 5. For each service or service component listed in Section IV, complete a separate, updated <i>Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements</i> form (FORM 2). 6. Complete one copy of the <i>Certifications</i> form (FORM 4) and have it signed by the authorized representatives of participating local governments. [Please note that DCA cannot validate the strategy unless it is signed by the local governments required by law (see Instructions, FORM 4).] 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. In Section IV type, "NONE." 5. Complete one copy of the <i>Certifications for Extension of Existing SDS</i> form (FORM 5) and have it signed by the authorized representatives of the participating local governments. [Please note that DCA cannot validate the strategy unless it is signed by the local governments required by law (see Instructions, FORM 5).] 6. Proceed to step 7, below. <div data-bbox="841 1165 1502 1396" style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>For answers to most frequently asked questions on Georgia's Service Delivery Act, links and helpful publications, visit DCA's website at http://www.dca.ga.gov/development/PlanningQualityGrowth/programs/servicedelivery.asp, or call the Office of Planning and Quality Growth at (404) 679-5279.</p> </div>

7. If any of the conditions described in the existing *Summary of Land Use Agreements* form (FORM 3) have changed or if it has been ten (10) or more years since the most recent FORM 3 was filed, update and include FORM 3 with the submittal.
8. Provide the completed forms and any attachments to your regional commission. The regional commission will upload digital copies of the SDS documents to the Department's password-protected web-server.

NOTE: ANY FUTURE CHANGES TO THE SERVICE DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS DESCRIBED ON THESE FORMS WILL REQUIRE AN UPDATE OF THE SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY AND SUBMITTAL OF REVISED FORMS AND ATTACHMENTS TO THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNDER THE "OPTION A" PROCESS DESCRIBED, ABOVE.

1. Water * (Update to Existing & Proposed Future Water Service Areas Map)
2. Wastewater - Sewer *(Update to Existing & Proposed Future Water Service Areas Map)

II. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS INCLUDED IN THE SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY:

In this section, list all local governments (including cities located partially within the county) and authorities that provide services included in the service delivery strategy.

Tift County, City of Tifton, City of TyTy, City of Omega, Downtown Development Authority of the City of Tifton, Tifton-Tift County Airport Authority, Development Authority of Tift County, Tift County Hospital Authority, Tift-Turner-Worth-Cook-Joint Development Authority

III. SERVICES INCLUDED IN THE EXISTING SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY THAT ARE BEING EXTENDED WITHOUT CHANGE:

In this section, list each service or service component already included in the existing SDS which will continue as previously agreed with no need for modification.

1. Airport
2. Animal Control
3. Business Licenses
4. Development Support Services (Code Enforcement, Planning, Zoning, Inspections and Permitting)
5. E-911 * (This Service Will Require Additional Revision)
6. Emergency Management Agency
7. Emergency Medical Services
8. Engineering
9. Fire Suppression
10. Hospital
11. Housing/Shelters - Ruth's Cottage and Patticake House
12. Industrial
13. Jail
14. Keep Tift Beautiful
15. Library
16. Main Street
17. Mosquito Control
18. Matt Wilson Neighborhood YMCA/Youth Development Center
19. Natural Gas
20. Police
21. Public Transit
22. Recreation
23. Road Construction
24. Senior Center
25. Sheriff
26. Solid Waste Collection
27. Solid Waste Disposal * (This Service Will Require Additional Revision)
28. Street Maintenance
29. Theater
30. Tax Assessment
31. Voter Registration/Elections

IV. SERVICES THAT ARE BEING REVISED OR ADDED IN THIS SUBMITTAL:

In this section, list each new service or new service component which is being added and each service or service component which is being revised in this submittal. For each item listed here, a separate Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements form (FORM 2) must be completed.



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FORM 2: Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements

Instructions:

Make copies of this form and complete one for each service listed on FORM 1, Section III. Use exactly the same service names listed on FORM 1. Answer each question below, attaching additional pages as necessary. If the contact person for this service (listed at the bottom of the page) changes, this should be reported to the Department of Community Affairs.

COUNTY: TIFT COUNTY

Service: Water and Wastewater Services

1. Check the box that best describes the agreed upon delivery arrangement for this service:

- Service will be provided countywide (i.e., including all cities and unincorporated areas) by a single service provider. (If this box is checked, identify the government, authority or organization providing the service.):

- Service will be provided only in the unincorporated portion of the county by a single service provider. (If this box is checked, identify the government, authority or organization providing the service.):

- One or more cities will provide this service only within their incorporated boundaries, and the service will not be provided in unincorporated areas. (If this box is checked, identify the government(s), authority or organization providing the service:)

- One or more cities will provide this service only within their incorporated boundaries, and the county will provide the service in unincorporated areas. (If this box is checked, identify the government(s), authority or organization providing the service.):

- Other (If this box is checked, attach a legible map delineating the service area of each service provider, and identify the government, authority, or other organization that will provide service within each service area.): **The Tifton - Tift County Water - Wastewater Department currently provides water and wastewater services to municipal and unincorporated customers per the 1999 Water and Wastewater IGA. On March 6, 2017 the City of Tifton gave Tift County notice that it was terminating the 1999 Interlocal Agreement. The IGA between Tift County and Tifton to deliver water and wastewater service is subject to revision upon the outcome of civil action identified in paragraph number (6) of this form. TyTy and Omeag independently provide water and wastewater services.**

2. In developing this strategy, were overlapping service areas, unnecessary competition and/or duplication of this service identified?

- Yes** (if "Yes," you must attach additional documentation as described, below)

- No**

If these conditions will continue under this strategy, attach an explanation for continuing the arrangement (i.e., overlapping but higher levels of service (See O.C.G.A. 36-70-24(1)), overriding benefits of the duplication, or reasons that overlapping service areas or competition cannot be eliminated).

If these conditions will be eliminated under the strategy, attach an implementation schedule listing each step or action that will be taken to eliminate them, the responsible party and the agreed upon deadline for completing it.

SDS FORM 2, continued

3. List each government or authority that will help to pay for this service and indicate how the service will be funded (e.g., enterprise funds, user fees, general funds, special service district revenues, hotel/motel taxes, franchise taxes, impact fees, bonded indebtedness, etc.).

Local Government or Authority	Funding Method
City of Tifton	Tifton-Tift County Joint Water and Waster Water Enterprise Funds, SPLOST
Tift County	Tifton-Tift County Joint Water and Waster Water Enterprise Funds, SPLOST
City of Omega	City Enterprise Fund, SPLOST
City of TyTy	City Enterprise Fund, SPLOST

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

Attached is an updated map depicting current and future service areas for the Tifton and Tift County Water-Wastewater Department.

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

Agreement Name	Contracting Parties	Effective and Ending Dates
Addenda 11 of the 1999 Water and Wastewater interlocal Agreement	Tift County & City of Tifton	2/13/2005 - In Dispute

6. What other mechanisms (if any) will be used to implement the strategy for this service (e.g., ordinances, resolutions, local acts of the General Assembly, rate or fee changes, etc.), and when will they take effect?

There is pending in the Superior Court of Tift County a Declaratory Judgement action wherein the Court will decide whether the City of Tifton has legally terminated the interlocal agreement between Tift County and the City of Tifton. Upon the Court entering its Judgement, the service delivery strategy for water and wastewater services may need revision. Approval of this Form or SDS in general, or any extension of the SDS in no way constitutes a waiver of any of the City's or County's claims in said legal action.

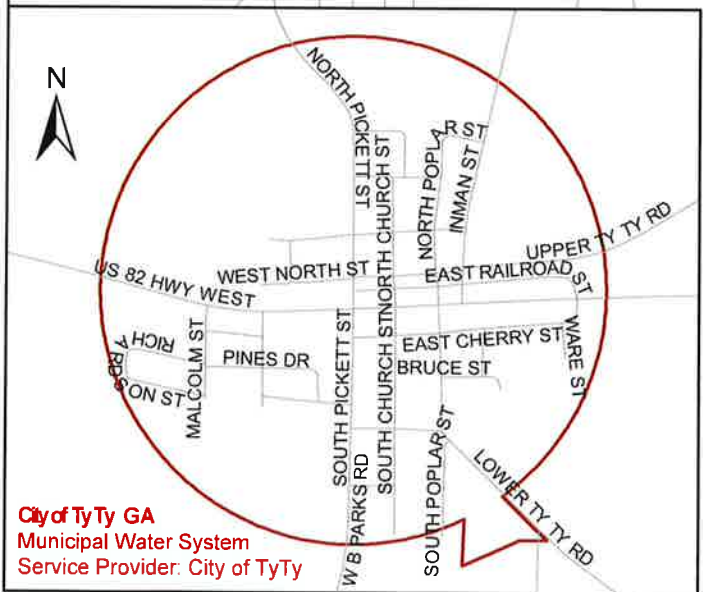
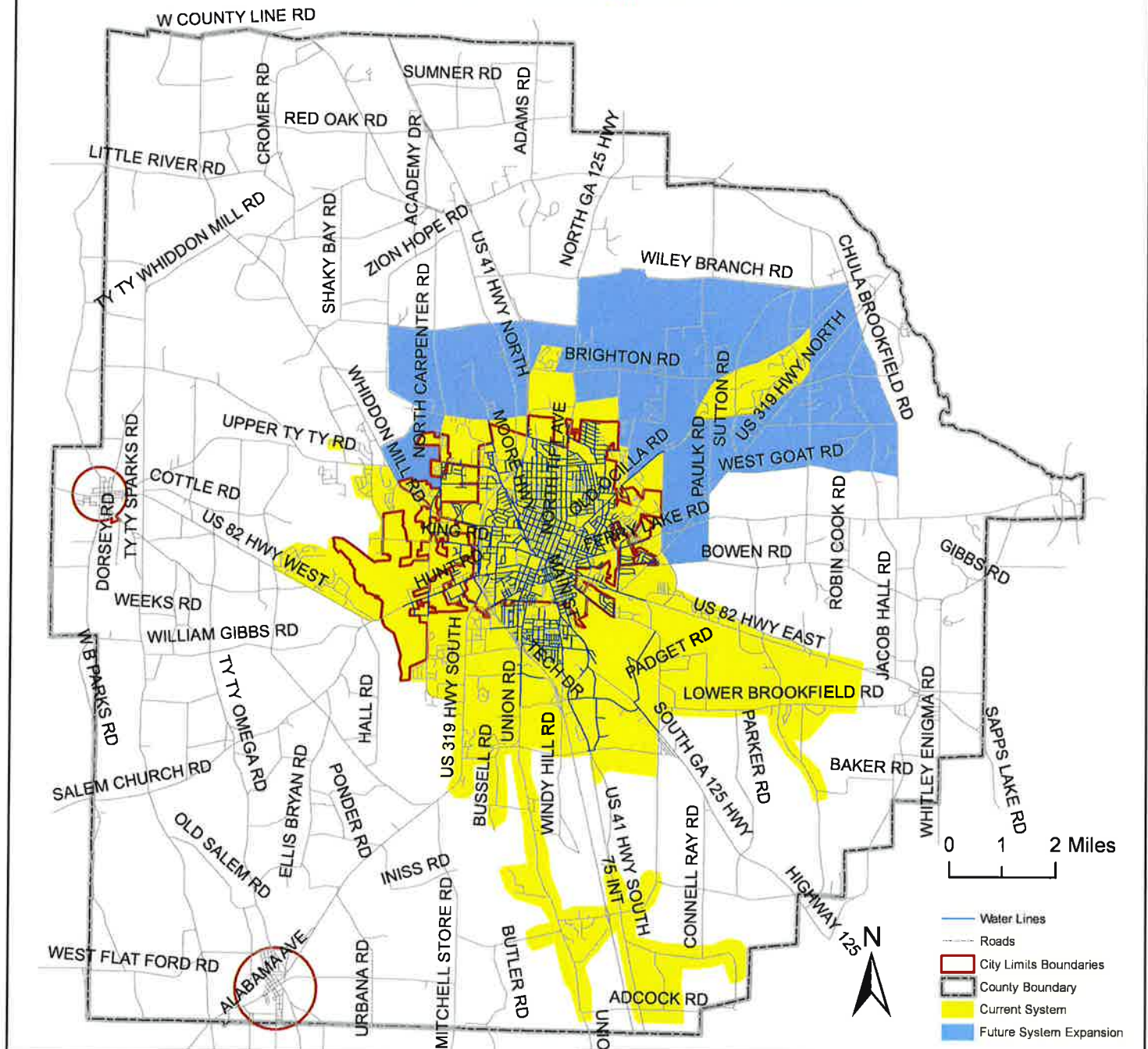
7. Person completing form: **Jim Carter, County Manager**
 Phone number: **(229) 386-7850** Date completed: 5/12/20

8. Is this the person who should be contacted by state agencies when evaluating whether proposed local government projects are consistent with the service delivery strategy? Yes No

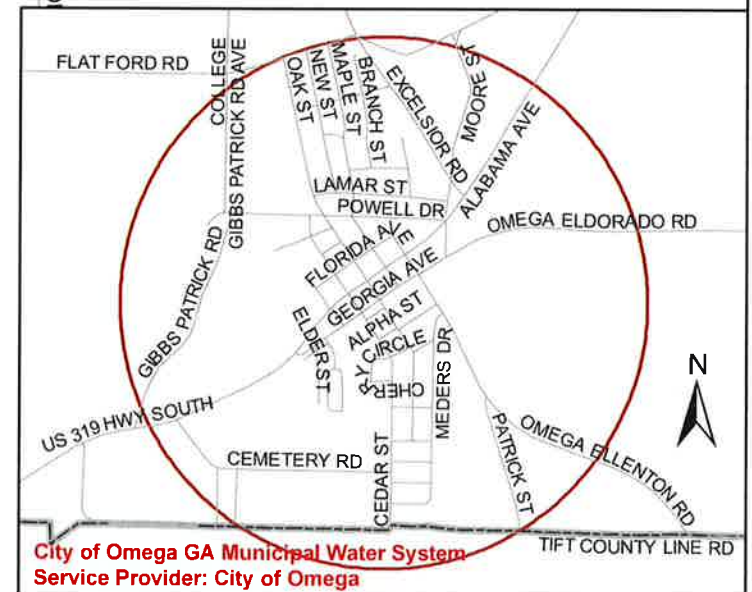
If not, provide designated contact person(s) and phone number(s) below:
JIM CARTER, COUNT MANAGER TIFT COUNTY GEORGIA, (229) 386-7850
PETE PYRZENSKI, CITY MANAGER TIFTON GEORGIA, (229) 391-3937

Existing and Proposed Water Service Areas Tifton - Tift County Water System

Service Provider: Tifton - Tift County Water/Wastewater Department



City of Ty Ty GA
Municipal Water System
Service Provider: City of TyTy



City of Omega GA Municipal Water System
Service Provider: City of Omega



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FORM 4: Certifications

Instructions:

This form must, at a minimum, be signed by an authorized representative of the following governments: 1) the county; 2) the city serving as the county seat; 3) all cities having a 2010 population of over 9,000 residing within the county; and 4) no less than 50% of all other cities with a 2010 population of between 500 and 9,000 residing within the county. Cities with a 2010 population below 500 and local authorities providing services under the strategy are not required to sign this form, but are encouraged to do so.

COUNTY: TIFT COUNTY

We, the undersigned authorized representatives of the jurisdictions listed below, certify that:

1. We have executed agreements for implementation of our service delivery strategy and the attached forms provide an accurate depiction of our agreed upon strategy (O.C.G.A 36-70-21);
2. Our service delivery strategy promotes the delivery of local government services in the most efficient, effective, and responsive manner (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (1));
3. Our service delivery strategy provides that water or sewer fees charged to customers located outside the geographic boundaries of a service provider are reasonable and are not arbitrarily higher than the fees charged to customers located within the geographic boundaries of the service provider (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (20); and
4. Our service delivery strategy ensures that the cost of any services the county government provides (including those jointly funded by the county and one or more municipalities) primarily for the benefit of the unincorporated area of the county are borne by the unincorporated area residents, individuals, and property owners who receive such service (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (3)).

JURISDICTION	TITLE	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
<u>TIFT COUNTY</u>	Chairman	Grady Thompson		5.12.20
<u>CITY OF TIFTON</u>	Mayor	Julie Smith		5.18.20
<u>CITY OF OMEGA</u>	Mayor	Ray Hunt		6.30
<u>CITY OF TYTY</u>	Mayor	Keith Beasley		

RESOLUTION 2020 - 30

**A RESOLUTION FORMALLY ADOPTING THE REVISIONS TO THE TIFT COUNTY
SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY**

WHEREAS, Tift County and the City of Tifton, City of Ty Ty, and City of Omega have previously adopted and submitted a Service Delivery Strategy to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs as required by the Service Delivery Act (O.C.G.A. § 36-70-20, et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the local governments of Tift County are required to keep their Service Delivery Strategy accurate in order to effectively address the service delivery needs of its citizens; and


WHEREAS, the local governments of Tift County have found it necessary to update the Service Delivery Strategy to reflect changes to: Existing and Proposed Water Service Areas

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Tifton have reviewed the revised Service Delivery Strategy and desires to approve and authorize the revised Service Delivery Strategy to be executed and delivered to DCA;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Tifton to authorize the revised Service Delivery Strategy and any required documents or certifications to be executed by the Mayor and further authorizes the revised Service Delivery Strategy to be submitted to DCA after approval and signature by Tift County, City of Ty Ty, and City of Omega.

SO RESOLVED this 18th day of MAY, 2020

CITY OF TIFTON



Julie B. Smith, Mayor



Jessica White, City Clerk

Tift County

Board of Commissioners

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Anthony Rowell, County Attorney

May 12, 2020

Rusty Haygood, Deputy Director
Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Dear Mr. Haygood,

This correspondence is to memorialize the agreement between Tift County and the cities of Tifton, TyTy, and Omega (hereinafter "Cities") regarding the Service Delivery Strategy currently on file with DCA.

Enclosed are the required DCA SDS submittal forms (Form 1, Form 2, and Form 4) required to update the Existing and Proposed Water Service Area Map currently on file with DCA as part of the 2019 Service Delivery Strategy for Tift County and the cities of Tifton, TyTy and Omega. As outlined in 2018 and 2019 SDS update submittals, the method by which several services provided by the City of Tifton and or Tift County have changed since the SDS submittal in 2008.

There remain several service areas that require additional discussion and negotiation between the cities and Tift County, most notably Water and Sewer, Landfill and E911. Based upon the discussions with DCA, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has consented to make June 30, 2020, the next required update of our community's Service Delivery Strategy Agreement. Also, all parties involved understand that any additional services which may need revising can be addressed as well during this time frame. Tift County and the cities of Tifton, TyTy and Omega will be working diligently to resolve all remaining issues and present a revised strategy as soon as possible but no later than the time required to meet the June 30, 2020 deadline. Tift County and the cities recognize that the failure to reach an agreement and present a revised strategy on these remaining issues will result in the imposition of sanctions pursuant to O.C.G.A. 36-70-27.

Tift County and the cities of Tifton, TyTy, and Omega would like to extend their sincere appreciation to the Commissioner and all members of DCA who have assisted in enabling us to reach this resolution.

Rusty Haygood, Deputy Director
Georgia Department of Community Affairs
May 12, 2020
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Grady Thompson, Chairman
Tift County Board of Commissioners

5.12.20

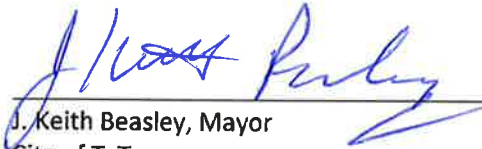
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Julie B. Smith, Mayor
City of Tifton

5.18.2020

Date



J. Keith Beasley, Mayor
City of TyTy

6/26/2020

Date



Ray Hunt, Mayor
City of Omega

6-30-20

Date