



SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY

FORM 1

COUNTY: **MCDUFFIE**

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 should 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 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="824 1180 1526 1411" style="background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><i>For answers to most frequently asked questions on Georgia's Service Delivery Act, links and helpful publications, visit DCA's website at www.dca.servicedelivery.org, or call the Office of Planning and Quality Growth at (404) 679-5279.</i></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. Email the completed forms and any attachments as .pdf attachments to: pemd.opgga@dca.ga.gov, or mail the completed forms along with any attachments to:

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
OFFICE OF PLANNING AND QUALITY GROWTH
60 Executive Park South, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30329**

NOTE: ANY FUTURE CHANGES TO THE SERVICE DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS DESCRIBED ON THESE FORMS WILL REQUIRE AN OFFICIAL 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.

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.

McDuffie County
City of Thomson
Town of Dearing
Thomson-McDuffie County Water 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 can continue as previously agreed with no need for modification.

Agriculture
Animal Shelter
Elections
Housing Authority
Human Development
Thomson Solid Waste Collection
McDuffie County Solid Waste Collection
Dearing Solid Waste Collection
Solid Waste Disposal
Solid Waste Pit Burner
MIS/GIS Services
CSRA Regional Commission
Natural Gas
Thomson Police
Jail Operations
Library
Hospital
E-911
Economic Development
Health Department
Thomson/ McDuffie County Airport
Cemetery
EMA
EMS / Ambulance
Family & Childrens Services
Sheriff
Recreation and Leisure Services
Recycling
Roads
School Patrol
Streets
Tax Appraiser
Tax Collection
Voter Registration
Water & Sewer
Flood & Drainage
Housing
Broadband
Land Use Planning and Code Enforcement

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.

Dearing Fire Protection and Thomson-McDuffie County Fire Protection (Combined into New Service)
Dearing-Thomson-McDuffie County Fire Protection (New Service)



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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: MCDUFFIE	Service: DEARING-THOMSON-MCDUFFIE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION
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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.): **McDuffie County**

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.):

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
Dearing	Insurance Premium Tax
Thomson	General Funds
McDuffie County	General Funds

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

This service was previously listed in the SDS as Dearing Fire Protection and Thomson-McDuffie County Fire Protection. The town of Dearing is now combined. The service is now Dearing-Thomson-McDuffie County Fire Protection.

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
N/A		

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?

None

7. Person completing form: **Nicee D. Long, Planning and Development Specialist, CSRA Regional Commission**

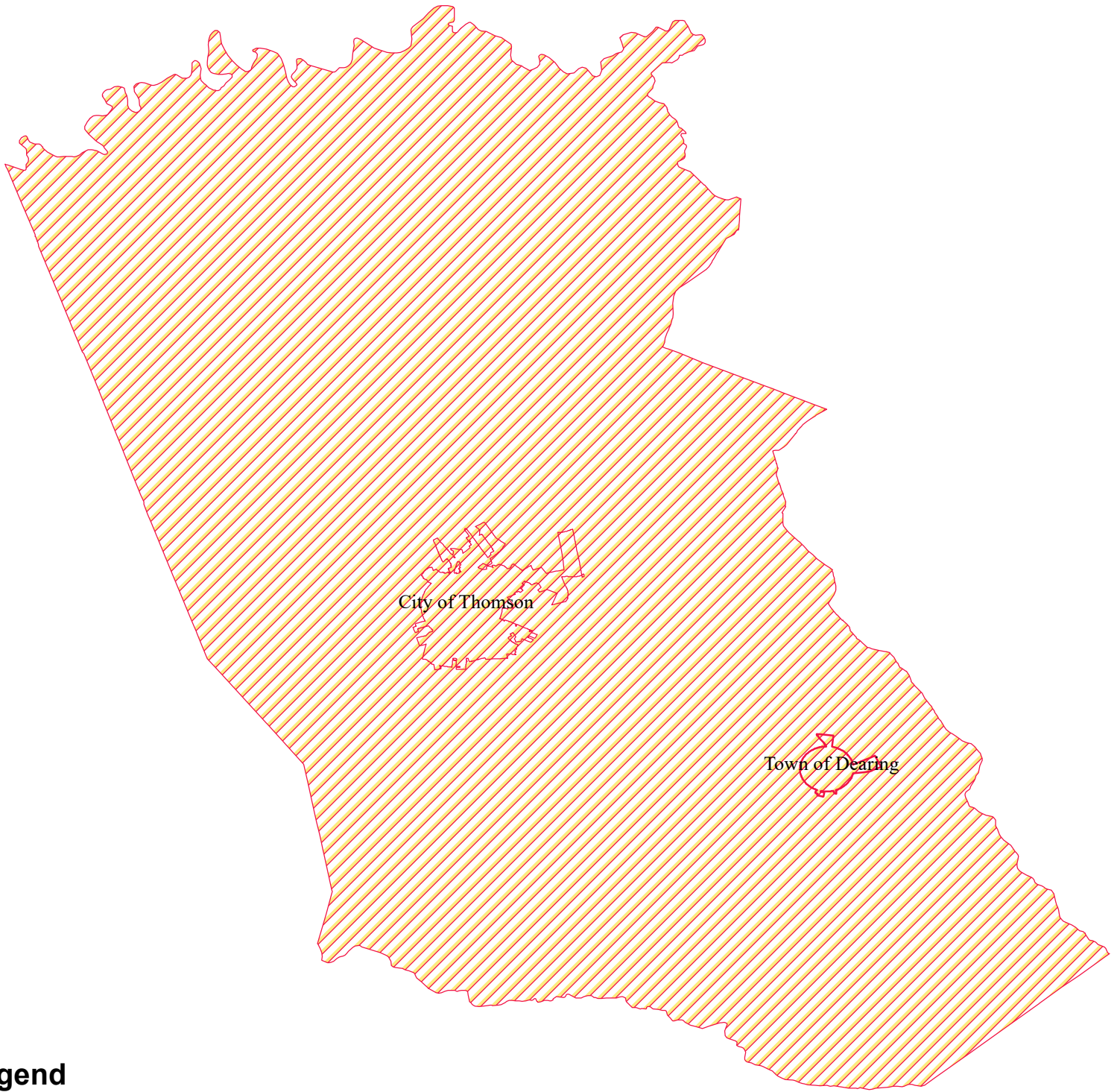
Phone number: **(706) 651-7301** Date completed: 08/16/2023

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:

DAVID CRAWLEY, COUNTY MANAGER, MCDUFFIE COUNTY, 706-597-2112

Fire Protection Service Area Map

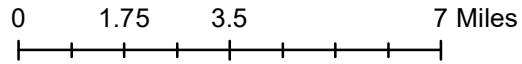


City of Thomson

Town of Dearing

Legend

 Dearing-Thomson-McDuffie County Fire Protection Service Area





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FORM 3: Summary of Land Use Agreements

Instructions:

Answer each question below, attaching additional pages as necessary. Please note that any changes to the answers provided will require an update of the service delivery strategy. If the contact person for this service (listed at the bottom of this page) changes, this should be reported to the Department of Community Affairs.

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1. What incompatibilities or conflicts between the land use plans of local governments were identified in the process of developing the service delivery strategy?
 There were no incompatibilities or conflicts between the land use plans of local governments identified during development of the service delivery strategy. McDuffie County, Thomson, and Dearing participated in preparation and adoption of a Joint Comprehensive Plan in 2021.

2. Check the boxes indicating how these incompatibilities or conflicts were addressed:

- Amendments to existing comprehensive plans
- Adoption of a joint comprehensive plan
- Other measures (amend zoning ordinances, add environmental regulations, etc.)

If "other measures" was checked, describe these measures:
 Describe "Other" Measures Here

NOTE:
If the necessary plan amendments, regulations, ordinances, etc. have not yet been formally adopted, indicate when each of the affected local governments will adopt them.

3. What policies, procedures and/or processes have been established by local governments (and water and sewer authorities) to ensure that new extraterritorial water and sewer service will be consistent with all applicable land use plans and ordinances? The Thomson-McDuffie Water & Sewer Utility is responsible for supplying water and sewer service to residential, commercial and industrial customers throughout the city of Thomson, town of Dearing, and into parts of the County. The unincorporated area outside the municipal water and sewer service areas use well water and septic systems.

4. Person completing form: **Nicee D. Long, Planning and Development Specialist, CSRA Regional Commission**

Phone number: **(706)-651-7301** Date completed: 08/16/2023

5. 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:

DAVID CRAWLEY, COUNTY MANAGER, MCDUFFIE COUNTY, 706-597-2112



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FORM 4: Certifications

Instructions:

This two page 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 2000 population of over 9,000 residing within the county; and 4) no less than 50% of all other cities with a 2000 population of between 500 and 9,000 residing within the county. Cities with a 2000 population below 500 and local authorities providing services under the strategy are not required to sign this form, but are encouraged to do so.

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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 (2)); 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>TOWN OF DEARING</u>	Mayor	Sean Kelley		11/19/2021
<u>MCDUFFIE COUNTY</u>	Chairman	Charles Newton, IV		11/19/2021
<u>CITY OF THOMSON</u>	Mayor	Kenneth Usry		11/19/2021