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August 27, 2013

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Atlanta, GA 30329

REC'D AUG 29 2013

Dear Ms. Henson:

Please find enclosed an update to the Service Delivery Strategy Agreement and copies of the resolution for the county and cities.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at the above telephone number or you can contact Marie Woody, at 706-258-5170 or by email at mwoody@fannincountyga.org.

Sincerely,


William Simonds, Chairman
Fannin County Board of Commissioners



SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY

FORM 1

COUNTY: FANNIN

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.)

OPTION A <i>Revising or Adding to the SDS</i>	OPTION B <i>Extending the Existing SDS</i>
<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 style="background-color: #004a99; color: white; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">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 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.

Blue Ridge
Fannin County
Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Fannin County Board of Education
Fannin County Emergency Management Agency
Fannin County Fire/ Rescue
Fannin County Hospital Authority
Fannin County Industrial Development Authority
Fannin County/ Municipalities
McCaysville
McCaysville Water and Sewer Authority
Mineral Bluff
Morganton
North Georgia Community Action
Road and Bridge Construction/Maintenance

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.

Animal Control
Arts Association
Cable TV
Construction & Code Enforcement
Courts
Economic Development
Elections
Emergency Mnagement Services
Emergency Management Agency
Emergency Telephone-E911
Fire Protection
Health Services
Hospital Services
Jails
Land Use
Law Enforcement
Library
Parks and REcreation
Property Tax Assessment & Collections
Road & Bridge Construction/Maintenance
Solid Waste Collection/Disposal
Tourism
Waste Water
Zoning

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.

Water Supply/Treatment and Distribution



SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY

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: FANNIN

Service: *Water Supply, Treatment and Distribution*

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.): **Type Name of Government, Authority or Organization Here**

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.): **Type Name of Government, Authority or Organization Here**

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.): **Type Name of Government, Authority or Organization Here**

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.): **Type Name of Government, Authority or Organization Here**

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.): **City of blue Ridge, Fannin County Water Authority, City of McCaysville, City of Morganton**

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.).

<i>Local Government or Authority</i>	<i>Funding Method</i>
City of Blue Ridge	General Fund, User fees, Grants, Loans
Fannin County Water Authority	General Fund, User Fees, Grants, Loans,
City of McCaysville	General Fund, User fees, Grants, Loans
City of Morganton	General Fund, User fees, Grants, Loans
Type Gov't/Authority Name Here	Detail Funding Here
Type Gov't/Authority Name Here	Detail Funding Here

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

Fannin County now has an active Water Authority and they will be providing water to unincorporated areas within the county. The Water Authority will be purchasing water from the City of Blue Ridge and the City of Morganton. Their funding is Georgia Department of Community Affairs, CDBG grants and USDA grant and loans, and User fees.

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

<i>Agreement Name</i>	<i>Contracting Parties</i>	<i>Effective and Ending Dates</i>
Service Delivery Agreement	Fannin County/Municipalities	2009-Present
Water Purchase agreement	Blue Ridge-McCaysville	12-10-73-Present
Water Purchase agreement	Copperhill Tn-McCaysville	11-1-97-Present
Water Purchase agreement	Fannin County Water Authority-City of Blue Ridge	11-21-2012-Present
Water Purchase agreement	Fannin County Water Authority-City of Morganton	01-10-2013-Present
Name Agreement Here	List Contracting Parties Here	Effective - End

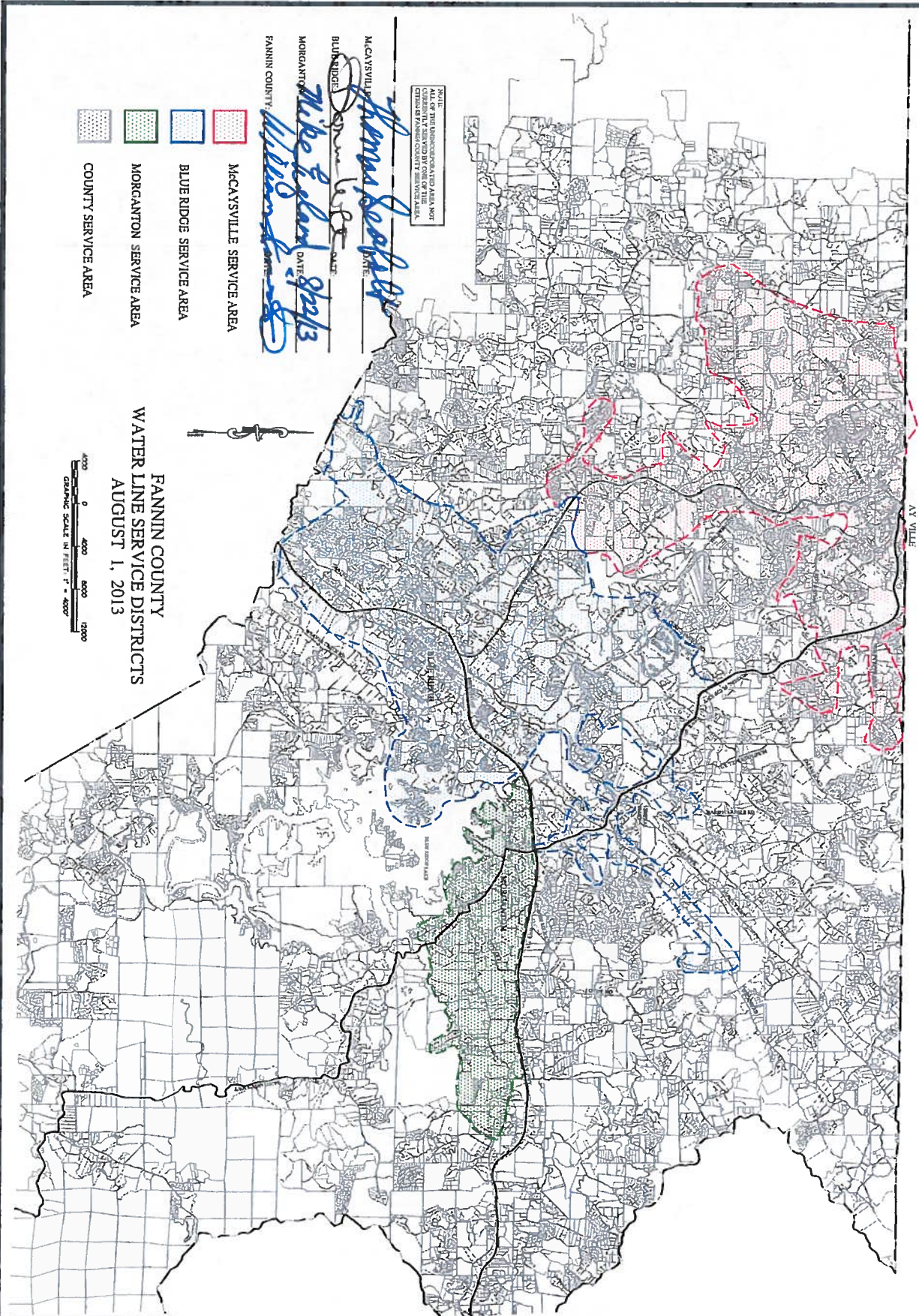
6. What other mechanisms (if any) will be used to implement the strategy for this service (e.g., ordinances, resolutions, local acts of the General Assembly, rate or fee changes, etc.), and when will they take effect?

The General Assembly signed a Resolution to form the Fannin County Water Authority on April 7, 2010. The Fannin County Water Authority is working on setting a rate fee for water customer users. The rates will take effect as soon as the water line installation is completed.

7. Person completing form: **Marie Woody, Department Head, FCLD**
 Phone number: **706-258-5170** Date completed: 07-22-2013

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:
TYPE CONTACT NAME, TITLE & PHONE HERE



Thomas Beckwith
 Mayor
 Mike Eiland
 DATE 8/21/13
 FANNIN COUNTY WATER SERVICE DISTRICTS

- McCaysville Service Area
- Blue Ridge Service Area
- Morganton Service Area
- County Service Area

FANNIN COUNTY
 WATER LINE SERVICE DISTRICTS
 AUGUST 1, 2013



DATE: 8, 9, 5
 DRAWN: GSP
 SCALE: AS SHOWN
 PROJ. NAME: SERVICE DISTRICTS
 PROJ. NO.: 700000001
 SHEET NO.:
 DATE: AUGUST, 2013
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FANNIN COUNTY
 WATER LINE SERVICE DISTRICTS
 AUGUST 1, 2013

RESPONSE



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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.

COUNTY:FANNIN COUNTY

1. What incompatibilities or conflicts between the land use plans of local governments were identified in the process of developing the service delivery strategy?

None There are no conflicts or incompatibilities due to the lack of zoning in Fannin County. The City of Blue Ridge is the only municipality with zoning. Fannin County and the City of Blue Ridge, Morgaton, Mineral Bluff and McCaysville passed a Joint Comprehensive Plan in September, 1994. The Joint Plan committee is currently completing the new Joint Comp. Plan as this plan is updated every 5 years and work to be finalized in September 1999.

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.)

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.

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

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? Fannin County adopted the Land Use Dispute Resolution between the County and the Cities in Aug. of 1999. The summation of the resolution dispute includes: Notification of proposed annexation; indication of objection(s) approval; follow through for the objection (s) or approval with stipulations and condition meditation process and execution process.

4. Person completing form: **Marie Woody**

Phone number: **706-258-5170** Date completed: **08-02-13**

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:

TYPE CONTACT NAME, TITLE & PHONE HERE

Attachment form 3: DCA

Question 1. Cont'd. The plan represents participation in the coordinated planning process set forth by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, which requires a local plan in order to remain eligible for state funding. There are no landuse objections in the joint plan. The future land use plans for the County and Cities are acceptable because of no conflicts or incompatibilities.

Question 3. Cont'd. The conflict resolution will not vary for different cities in the County. All conflict resolutions will be resolved in the same manner.



SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY
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 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.

COUNTY: FANNIN 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 (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>CITY OF BLUE RIDGE</u>	MAYOR OF BLUE RIDGE	Donna Whitner		8-15-13
<u>CITY OF MORGANTON</u>	MAYOR OF MORGANTON	Mike England		8-22-13
<u>CITY OF MCCAYSVILLE</u>	MAYOR OF MCCAYSVILLE	Thomas Seabolt		8-14-13
<u>FANNIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS</u>	CHAIRMAN, FANNINCOUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	William C. Simonds		8-20-13

FANNIN COUNTY RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TO TRANSMIT

WHEREAS, the Fannin County Board of Commissioners has negotiated with the City of Blue Ridge and the City of Morganton, Georgia to change the water service areas within Fannin County, Ga.

WHEREAS, these updates were prepared according to the Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning effective May 1, 2005, and established by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Fannin County Board of Commissioners does hereby transmit the Community Assessment and the Community Participation Program portion of the Service Delivery Strategy agreement amendment to the Northwest Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review.

OR

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fannin County Board of Commissioners certifies that the minimum public participation and other procedural requirements as identified in the Standard and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning have been met or exceeded in preparing these draft documents of the Service Strategy Agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED , that the Fannin County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize these drafts of these changes to the Service Strategy Agreement Update to be submitted to the Northwest Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review.

Adopted this 13th day of Aug 2013.

BY: William C. Simonds William C. Simonds, Chairman

ATTEST: Rita D. Kirby Rita D. Kirby, County Clerk



CITY OF BLUE RIDGE RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TO TRANSMIT

WHEREAS, the City of Blue Ridge has negotiated with the County of Fannin to change the water service areas within Fannin County, Ga.

WHEREAS, these updates were prepared according to the Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning effective May 1, 2005, and established by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the City of Blue Ridge does hereby transmit the Community Assessment and the Community Participation Program portion of the Service Delivery Strategy agreement amendment to the Northwest Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review.

OR

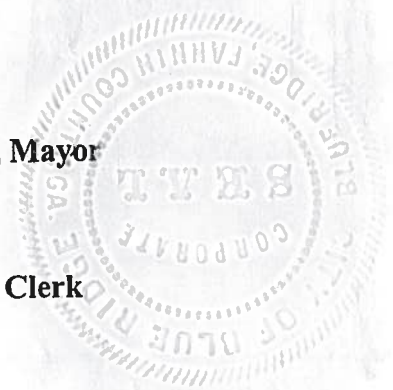
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Blue Ridge certifies that the minimum public participation and other procedural requirements as identified in the Standard and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning have been met or exceeded in preparing these draft documents of the Service Strategy Agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED , that the City of Blue Ridge hereby authorize these drafts of these changes to the Service Strategy Agreement Update to be submitted to the Northwest Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review.

Adopted this 13th day of August 2013.

BY: Donna Whitener Donna Whitener, Mayor

ATTEST: Bill Sowers Bill Sowers, City Clerk



**City of Morganton
County of Fannin
State of Georgia**

RESOLUTION TO TRANSMIT

WHEREAS, the City of Morganton has negotiated with the County of Fannin to change the water service areas within Fannin County, GA., and

WHEREAS, these updates were prepared according to the Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning effective May 1, 2005, and established by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Morganton certifies that the minimum public participation and other procedural requirements as indentified in the Standard and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning have been met or exceeded in preparing these draft documents of the Service Strategy Agreement, and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Morganton hereby authorized the drafts of these changes to the Service Strategy Agreement Update to be submitted to the Northwest Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for offical review.

SO RESOLVED THIS 9th day of August, 2013.

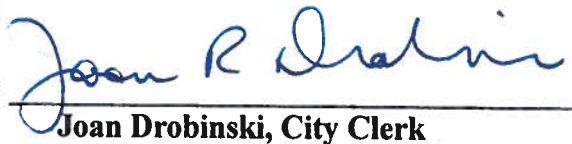
City of Morganton, Georgia

BY:


Mike England, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

ATTEST:


Joan Drobinski, City Clerk



THOMAS SEABOLT
Mayor
NANCY GODFREY
City Clerk

CITY OF McCAYSVILLE

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CITY OF McCAYSVILLE RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TO TRANSMIT

WHEREAS, the City of Blue Ridge and the City of Morganton has negotiated with the County of Fannin to change the water service areas within Fannin County, Georgia, and these changes do not have any effect on the City of McCaysville.

WHEREAS, these updates were prepared according to the Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning effective May 1, 2005, and established by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the City of McCaysville does hereby transmit the Community Assessment and the Community Participation Program portion of the Service Delivery Strategy agreement amendment to the Northwest Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review.

OR

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of McCaysville certifies that the minimum public participation and other procedural requirements as identified in the Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning have been met or exceeded in preparing these draft documents of the Service Delivery Strategy Agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing authority of the City of McCaysville Mayor and Council hereby authorize these drafts of these changes to the Service Delivery Strategy Agreement Update to be submitted to the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review.

Adopted this 13th day of August 2013.

By: Thomas Seabolt Thomas Seabolt, Mayor

Attest: Nancy Godfrey Nancy Godfrey, City Clerk