



SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY

FORM 1

COUNTY: **HART**

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 1182 1523 1417" style="background-color: #002060; 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 http://www.dca.ga.gov/development/PlanningQualityGrowth/programs/servicedelivery.asp, 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. 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.

Hart County Water and Sewer Authority
City of Hartwell
City of Royston

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.

Board of Equalization, Cemetery, Chamber of Commerce, City Court, Clerk of Court, Coroner, DFACs (social services), Downtown Development Authority, Jury, E911, Museum, Economic Development, Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Service, Fire Protection, Gas Service, Historic Preservation, Jail, Law Enforcement, Library, Public & Mental Health, Animal Shelter, Planning/Zoning, Probate Court, Public Defender, Public Housing, Elections, Public Transit, Public Works, Recreation, Road Maintenance/Construction, Senior Center. Sewer Service. Solid Waste Management, Superior Court. Tax Assessment, Tax Collection, Water Service

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 delivery in Southwest corner of county.





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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:HART

Service:Water

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.): **Hart County Water and Sewer Authority; City of Hartwell; City of Royston. See attached maps for identification of service providers and service areas.**

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. *DE*

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 Bowersville	User fees
City of Canon	User fees
City of Hartwell	Enterprise fund
City of Lavonia	Enterprise fund
City of Royston	Enterprise fund
Hart County Water & Sewer Authority	User fees

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

Add Water Service to an area on attached map, for Royston to deliver the water service.

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>
Water Purchase	City of Hartwell-Hart County Water & Sewer Authority	Currently being renegotiated
Water Purchase	City of Lavonia-Hart County Water & Sewer Authority	03/18/2013-12/31/2023
Water Purchase	City of Royston-Hart County Water & Sewer Authority	11/10/2009-12/31/2019
Water SDS	Hart County, City of Hartwell, City of Royston	01/01/2012-12/31/2016
Intergovernmental Agreement	City of Royston-Hart County Water & Sewer Authority	01/08/2013-12/21/2016

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?

N/A

7. Person completing form: **Gregory A Scott**

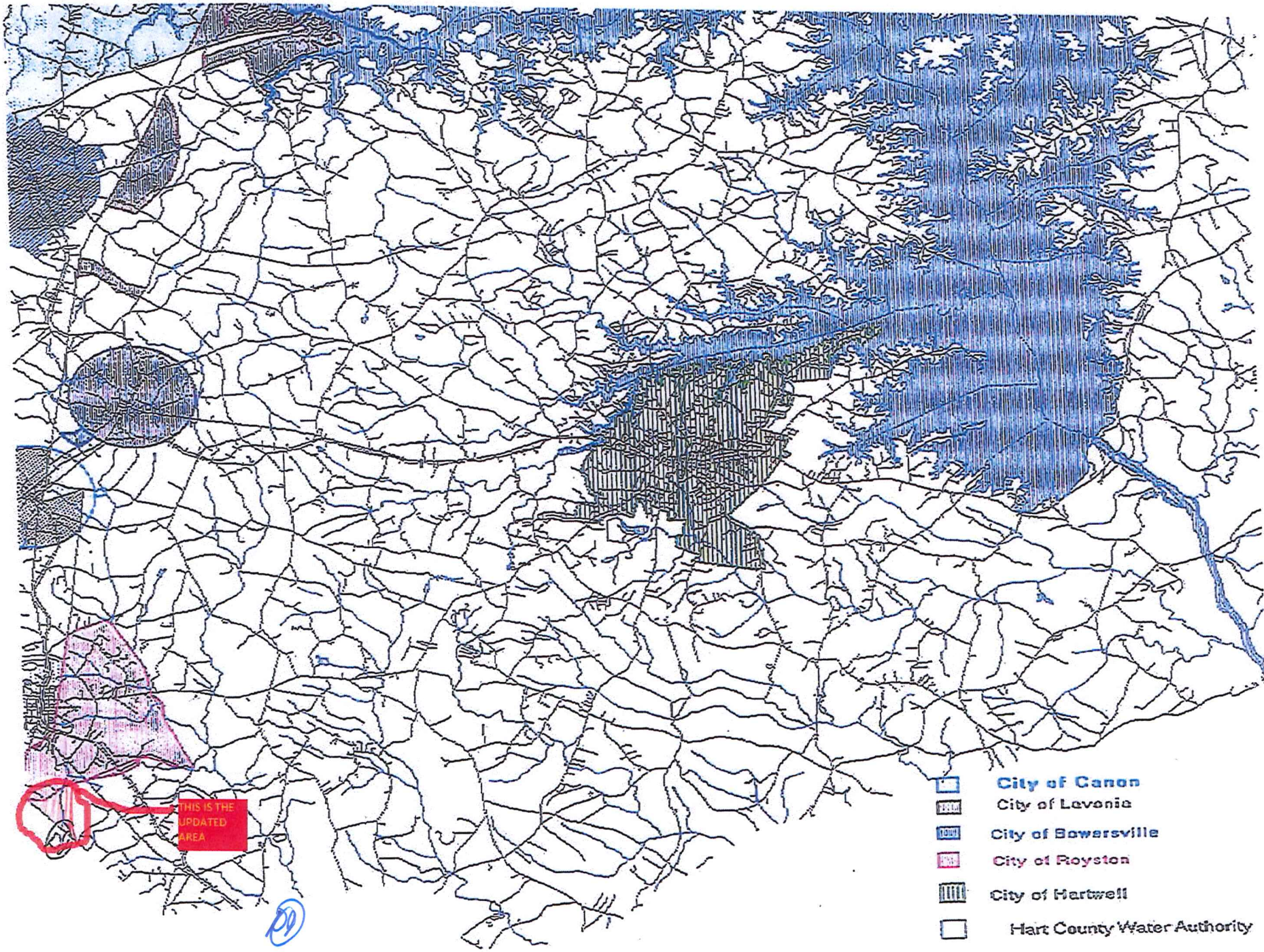
Phone number: **706-245-7232** Date completed: 7/16/2013

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:

JON CAIME, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, 706-376-2024





THIS IS THE
UPDATED
AREA

-  City of Canon
-  City of Levenia
-  City of Bowersville
-  City of Royston
-  City of Hartwell
-  Hart County Water Authority

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

This Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the CITY OF ROYSTON (hereinafter called "City") and the HART COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY (hereinafter called "Authority");

WHEREAS, some residents of the Vanna area of unincorporated Hart County are in need of public drinking water due to wells with limited water supplies and/or poor water quality; and

WHEREAS, the City's present water distribution system is much closer in proximity to these residents than the Authority's system, and therefore it would be much more cost effective for the City to serve those residents than the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Authority recognize the need for these residents to have a safe and reliable supply of drinking water; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree that the City may provide public water service in an additional area of southwestern Hart County described as to the west and to the south of a line drawn $\frac{1}{4}$ mile northeast of, and parallel to, Old Elbert Road, and GA 17 to the southeast of the Old Elbert Road – GA 17 intersection, southwest to the Madison County line, and south to the Elbert County line.


Until December 21, 2016 and upon development of a water supply, the Authority reserves the option to purchase the infrastructure within the above service area from the City. Should the Authority exercise its purchase option and the parties are unable to agree on the acquisition price, the parties agree to enter into binding mediation in the Superior Court of Hart County to establish a fair price for the Authority to purchase the water distribution infrastructure installed in the area by the City after the date of this Memorandum.


It being the intent of this Memorandum to provide for safe potable water to the residents in the affected area in a timely manner, the parties agree to take in good faith, all necessary steps to move forward toward construction without unreasonable delay. The City agrees to begin the project

on or before July 31, 2013 unless events occur beyond the control of the City.

Agreed to by the City this 8th day of January, 201~~2~~³.

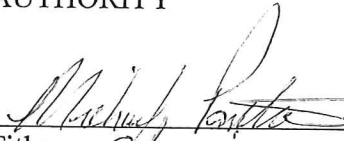
CITY OF ROYSTON


By: 
Title: Mayor

Attest: 
Title: CEO/City Clerk

Agreed to by the Authority this 18th day of DECEMBER, 2012.

HART COUNTY WATER AND SEWER
AUTHORITY

By: 
Title: Chairman

Attest: 
Title: DIRECTOR



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FORM 4: Certifications

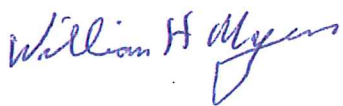
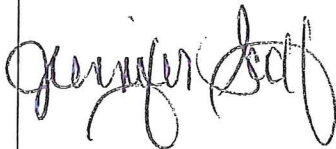

Instructions:

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 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: HART

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>HART COUNTY</u>	CHAIRMAN HART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	WILLIAM MYERS		8/13/13
<u>HARTWELL, CITY OF</u>	MAYOR	JENNIFER SCOTT		9/3/2013
<u>ROYSTON, CITY OF</u>	MAYOR	DAVID L. JORDAN		9/3/2013

