



SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY

**FORM 1**

COUNTY: HART 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><b>OPTION A</b> <i>Revising or Adding to the SDS</i></p>	<p><b>OPTION B</b> <i>Extending the Existing SDS</i></p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.)</li> <li>5. For <b>each</b> service or service component listed in Section IV, complete a separate, updated <i>Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements</i> form (FORM 2).</li> <li>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).]</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. In Section IV type, "NONE."</li> <li>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).]</li> <li>6. Proceed to step 7, below.</li> </ol> <div data-bbox="841 1182 1539 1413" style="background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>For answers to most frequently asked questions on Georgia's Service Delivery Act, links and helpful publications, visit DCA's website at <a href="http://www.dca.ga.gov/development/PlanningQualityGrowth/programs/servicedelivery.asp" style="color: white;">http://www.dca.ga.gov/development/PlanningQualityGrowth/programs/servicedelivery.asp</a>, or call the Office of Planning and Quality Growth at (404) 679-5279.</b></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.**

**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; City of Hartwell; Town of Bowersville; City of Canon; City of Lavonia; City of Royston; Hart County Water and Sewer Authority; Hart County Industrial Building Authority; Hart County Library Board; Hartwell Downtown Development Authority; Housing Authority of the City of Royston; Housing Authority of the City of Hartwell; Joint Development Authority of Franklin, Hart, and Stephens Counties; Royston Downtown 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.

Animal Shelter, Board of Equalization, Cemetery, Chamber of Commerce, City Court/Municipal Court, Clerk of Court, Coroner, Department of Family and Children Services, Downtown Development, E911, Economic Development, Elections, Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Service, Fire Protection, Gas Service, Historic Preservation, Jail, Jury, Law Enforcement, Library, Museum, Planning & Zoning, Probate Court, Public Defender, Public Health & Mental Health, Public Housing, Public Transit, Public Works, Recreation, Road Maintenance/Construction, Senior Citizens, Solid Waste Management, Superior Court, SWAT & HAZMAT, Tax Assessment, Tax Collection

**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.

Sewer Service, Water 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 IV.** 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 COUNTY**

**Service:SEWER SERVICE**

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

- a.)  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.):
  
- b.)  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.):
  
- c.)  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.):
  
- d.)  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.):
  
- e.)  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 & Sewer Authority, Hartwell, Royston, Lavonia**

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>
Hart County WSA	General Fund
Hartwell	Enterprise Fund
Royston	General Fund, Enterprise Fund
Lavonia	User Fees, General Fund, Grants & Loans
Type Gov't/Authority Name Here	Detail Funding Here
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4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

An updated map of service areas has been provided in support of the response to question 1.

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>
Intergovernmental Agreement	Hart County, Hartwell, Hart County WSA	8/19/13 - Rolling
Name Agreement Here	List Contracting Parties Here	Effective - End
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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?

Provide Details Here

7. Person completing form: **Adam Hazell, Planning Director, GMRC**

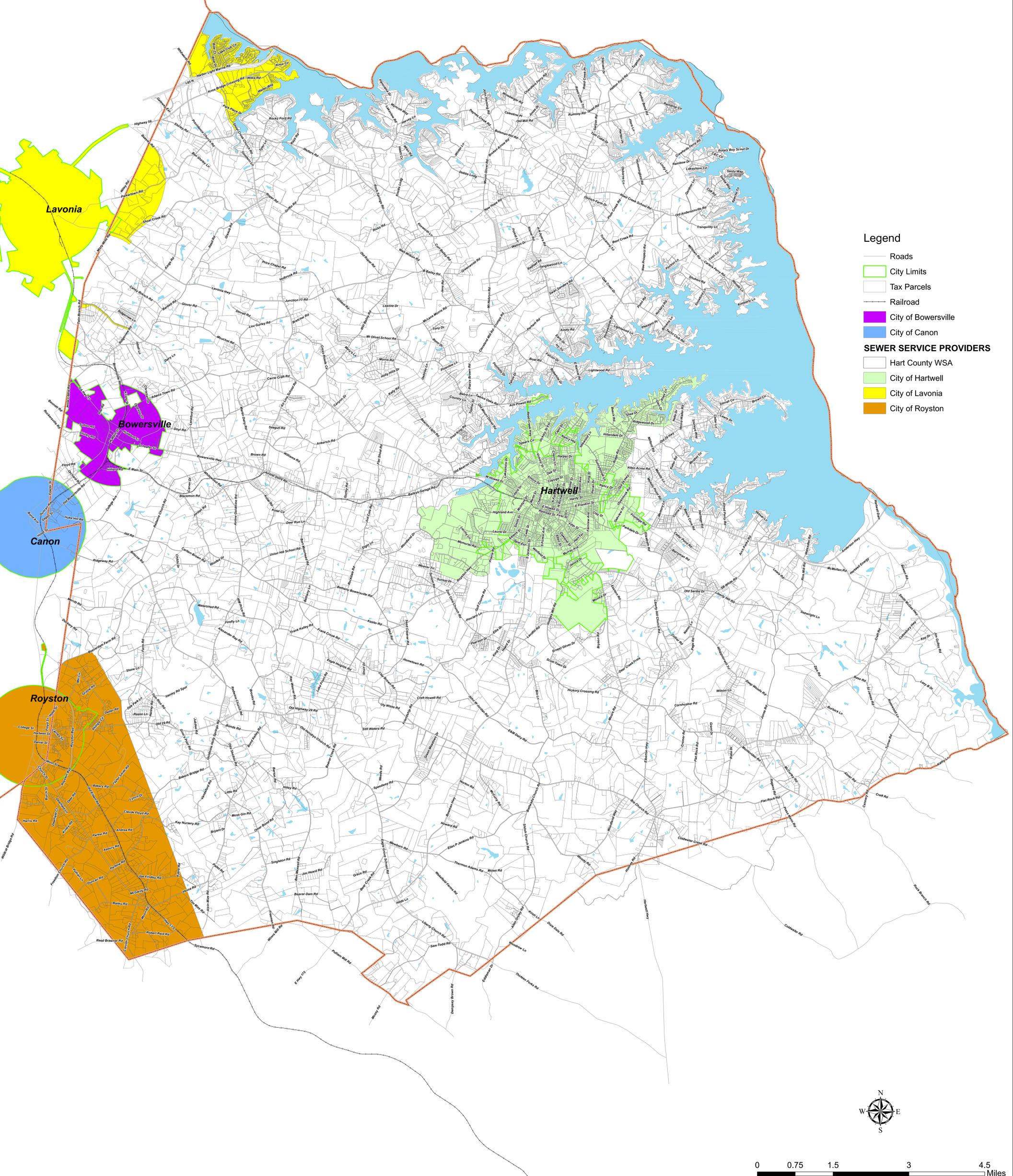
Phone number: **770.538.2617**      Date completed: 07/12/23

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**

# Hart County Sewer Service Delivery Areas February 2024



**Legend**

- Roads
- City Limits
- Tax Parcels
- Railroad
- City of Bowersville
- City of Canon

**SEWER SERVICE PROVIDERS**

- Hart County WSA
- City of Hartwell
- City of Lavonia
- City of Royston





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**Service:WATER SERVICE**

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Royston	General Fund
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Intergovernmental Agreement	Hartwell, Hart County, HCWSA	11/18/13 - 12/31/24
Intergovernmental Agreement	Royston, Hart County, HCWSA	11/10/09 - 12/31/25
Intergovernmental Agreement	Lavonia, Hart County, HCWSA	03/18/13 - 12/31/25
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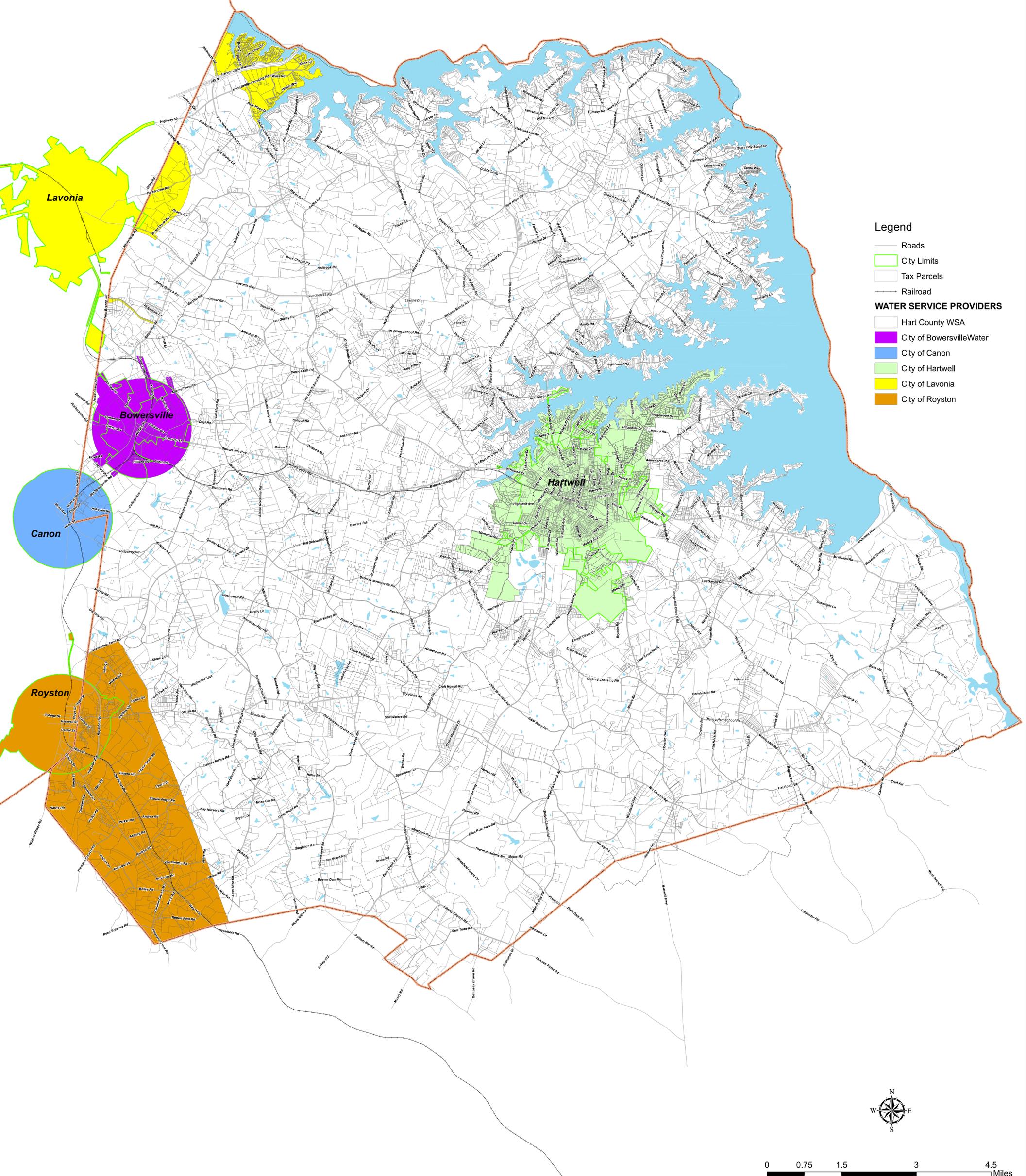
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- Roads
- City Limits
- Tax Parcels
- Railroad

**WATER SERVICE PROVIDERS**

- Hart County WSA
- City of Bowersville Water
- City of Canon
- City of Hartwell
- City of Lavonia
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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.

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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));
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