



**SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY**

**FORM 1**

COUNTY: **MARION**

**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="836 1171 1534 1407" style="background-color: #4a7c9c; color: white; padding: 10px; 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 <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.</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.

Marion County  
City of Buena Vista  
Marion County 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.

Airport-2	Emergency Medical Svc- 22	Road/Bridge Maintenance-42
Animal Control-4	Family and Children Svcs-24	Senior Citizens Program-44
Building Insp/Code Enforce-5	Fire Protection-26	Solid Waste Management-46
Cooperative Extension Svc-8	Indigent Defense-28	Street Lights-48
Coroner-10	Jail-30	Tax Appraisal/Assessment-50
Courts-Judicial Curcuit-12	Law Enforcement-32	Tax Collection-52
Courts-Municipal-14	Library-34	Voter Registration-54
E-911-16	Planing and Zoning-36	Wastewater Collection/Tmt-56
Economic Development-18	Public Health-38	Water Treatment/Distribution-58
Emergency Managemrent-20	Recreation-40	

**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.

NONE



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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: MARION**

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.

FORM 3 is included in this SDS extension in response to General Instruction #7 from FORM 1, which states, in part, "...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". FORM 3 was most recently submitted in October, 2010, reporting a revised Fire Protection service area. As was stated at that time and now, the Land Use Dispute Resolution submitted with the original Marion County Service Delivery Strategy has not been revised or altered and still has standing.

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:

N/A

<b>NOTE:</b>
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 Land Use Dispute Resolution submitted with the original Marion County Service Delivery Strategy has not been revised or altered and still has standing.

4. Person completing form: **Justin Strickland, County Manager**

Phone number: **229-649-2603**      Date completed: February 1, 2021

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**



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**FORM 5: Certifications for Extension of Existing SDS**

**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 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.

If the strategy for providing **ANY** local service is being revised, FORM 5 CANNOT be used. When revisions are necessary, a submittal MUST include updates to FORM 1, FORM 2, and FORM 4 that cover ALL local services.

**COUNTY: MARION**

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

1. We have reviewed our existing Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) and have determined that it continues to accurately reflect our preferred arrangements for providing **ALL** local services throughout our county and no changes in our Strategy are needed at this time. We authorize its extension until:

Select <u>1</u> box, below	Type End-Year Below
<input type="checkbox"/> February 28,	<b>2030</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> June 30,	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> October 31,	

2. Each of our governing bodies (County Commission and City Councils) that are a party to this strategy have adopted resolutions agreeing to the Service Delivery arrangements identified in our strategy and have executed agreements for implementation of our service delivery strategy (O.C.G.A. 36-70-21);
3. Our service delivery strategy continues to promote the delivery of local government services in the most efficient, effective, and responsive manner for all residents, individuals and property owners throughout the county (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24(1));
4. Our service delivery strategy continues to provide 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));
5. Our service delivery strategy continues to ensure 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));
6. Our Service Delivery Strategy continues to ensure that the officially adopted County and City land use plans of all local governments located in the County are compatible and nonconflicting (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (4)(A));
7. Our Service Delivery Strategy continues to ensure that the provision of extraterritorial water and sewer services by any jurisdiction is consistent with all County and City land use plans and ordinances (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (4)(B)); and
8. DCA has been provided a copy of this certification and copies of all forms, maps and supporting agreements needed to accurately depict our agreed upon strategy (O.C.G.A. 36-70-27).

**SDS FORM 5, continued**

<b>JURISDICTION</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<u><b>BUENA VISTA</b></u>	Mayor	Kevin Brown		2/2/2021
<u><b>MARION COUNTY</b></u>	Chair	George Neal, Jr.		2/9/21

RESOLUTION  
EXTENDING AND RE-ADOPTING  
MARION COUNTY SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY

WHEREAS; O.C.G.A. 36-70-20, as amended, requires each county of the State of Georgia and certain municipalities therein to: (1) develop a Service Delivery Strategy to identify overlap(s) and/or gap(s) in delivery of local public service(s), and (2) develop a rational approach to allocating delivery and funding of local public services, and

WHEREAS; pursuant to provisions of said law the Marion County Board of Commissioners and the Buena Vista City Council prepared the Marion County Service Delivery Strategy in 1999, and in written correspondence dated July 22, 1999, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, designated state authority, notified both jurisdictions the Strategy had been verified as meeting requirements of said law, and

WHEREAS; again in compliance with said law the Marion County Board of Commissioners and Buena Vista City Council notified the Department of Community Affairs, in October, 2007, of revisions to the Service Delivery Strategy as originally prepared and adopted in 1999, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs subsequently notifying both local jurisdictions, in written correspondence dated December 7, 2007, that said revisions to the Strategy had been verified as meeting requirements of said law, and

WHEREAS; again in compliance with said law the Marion County Board of Commissioners and Buena Vista City Council notified the Department of Community Affairs, in October, 2010, of revisions to the Service Delivery Strategy as originally adopted in 1999 and revised in 2007, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs subsequently notifying both local jurisdictions, in written correspondence dated October 28, 2010, that said revisions to the Strategy had been verified as meeting requirements of said law, and

WHEREAS; now, having performed independent reviews of the Service Delivery Strategy as originally adopted in 1999 and revised in 2007 and 2010, both Marion County and the City of Buena Vista have determined the Strategy continues to accurately reflect preferred local service delivery arrangements throughout the community for the foreseeable future, and no revisions in the Strategy are required at this time.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by Marion County and the City of Buena Vista, respectively, as follows:

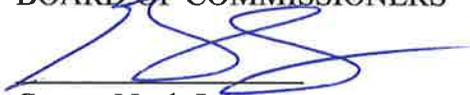
1. The Marion County Service Delivery Strategy, originally adopted in 1999, revised in 2007 and in 2010, is hereby extended and hereby re-adopted in total, and
2. The Service Delivery Strategy and related Land Use Dispute Resolution agreement are considered in full force and effect and shall remain so through October 31, 2030, unless and until duly amended or revised by both jurisdictions prior to said date, and
3. The chief elected official of each jurisdiction is authorized to execute the accompanying FORM 5 Certifications for Extension of Existing SDS, and
4. The designated clerk of each jurisdiction is authorized to attest the signature of the respective chief elected official on said FORM 5 Certifications for Extension of Existing SDS, and

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5. FORM 5 Certifications for Extension of Existing SDS and all related documents to extension of the Marion County Service Delivery Strategy be submitted promptly to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for verification.

Approved and executed in respective sessions by:

MARION COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



George Neal, Jr.  
Chairman

CITY OF  
BUENA VISTA



Kevin Brown  
Mayor

WITNESS



February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

WITNESS



February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021