

SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY

SUMMARY OF SERVICE DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS



Instructions:

Make copies of this form and complete one for each service listed on page 1, Section III. Use exactly the same service names listed on page 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: DAWSON

Service: WATER

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

- Service will be provided countywide...
Service will be provided only in the unincorporated portion...
One or more cities will provide this service only within their incorporated boundaries...
One or more cities will provide this service only within their incorporated boundaries, and the county will provide the service in unincorporated areas...
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.)

See attached Explanation.

2: In developing the strategy, were overlapping service areas, unnecessary competition and/or duplication of this service identified?

yes no

If these conditions will continue under the strategy, attach an explanation for continuing the arrangement (i.e., overlapping but higher levels of service...)

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.

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:

Table with 2 columns: Local Government or Authority, Funding Method. Rows include City of Dawsonville (Water and Sewage Fund) and Etowah Water and Sewer Authority (User Fees).

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

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

Table with 3 columns: Agreement Name, Contracting Parties, Effective and Ending Dates. Rows include Water Purchase Agreement and Process to Insure Compatibility w/ Applicable Land Use Plans.

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?

Same as Number Five (5) above.

7. Person completing form: G. I. Gilleland, Mayor City of Dawsonville; Robert Wallace, Chairman Dawson County Board of Commissions

Phone number: (706) 265-3256 Date completed: September, 2000

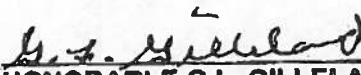
8. Is this the person who should be contacted by state agencies when evaluating whether proposed local government projects are consistent with the service delivery strategy? yes no

If not, provide designated contact person(s) and phone number(s) below:

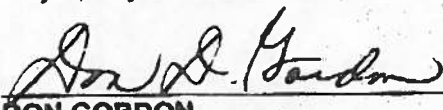
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The boundaries as contained herein accurately reflect the service area for water distribution by the City of Dawsonville, Georgia as granted under a contract by and between the City of Dawsonville, Georgia and the Etowah Water & Sewer Authority originally dated September 5, 1989 and subsequently amended May 3, 1991 as well as June 13, 1994 between the parties.

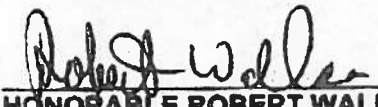
SO AGREED this 25th day of September, 2000.



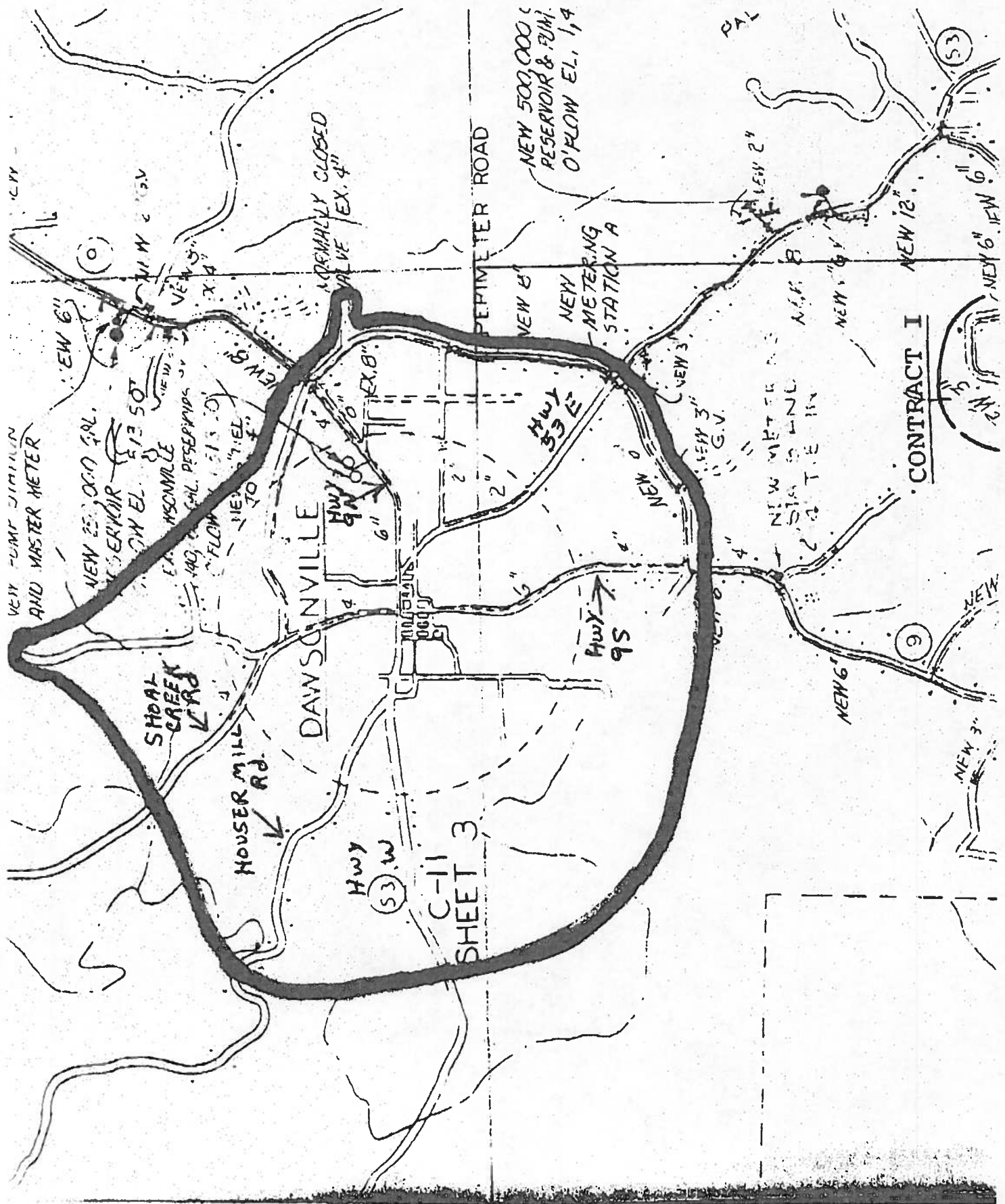
HONORABLE G.L. GILLELAND
Mayor, City of Dawsonville



DON GORDON
Chairman, Etowah & Sewer Authority



HONORABLE ROBERT WALLACE
Chairman, Dawson County Board of Commissioners



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JOINT RESOLUTION

COUNTY OF DAWSON

STATE OF GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the Service Delivery Strategy is a joint effort between the City of Dawsonville and Dawson County, Georgia relating to the interaction and responsibilities between the two entities for providing various services to their residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dawsonville, Georgia and Dawson County, Georgia have previously passed a Service Delivery Strategy that was approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, an issue has developed for the City of Dawsonville in relation to the water service portion of the Service Delivery Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the water service portion of said Service Delivery Strategy needs to be amended wherein the Georgia Department of Community Affairs will be provided a map delineating the City of Dawsonville's service area for water distribution, and thus

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF DAWSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL AND BY THE CHAIRMAN AND THE DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that their Service Delivery Strategy as previously submitted to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs be amended. Specifically, it is agreed that the portion of the Service Delivery Strategy relating to the City of Dawsonville's water service and distribution shall be amended. Otherwise, all other terms as contained in the original document as approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs shall remain in full force and effect.

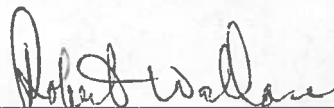
Resolved this 28th day of September, 2000.

Attested to by:



County Clerk

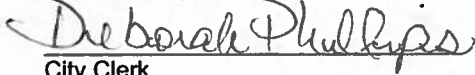
Dawson County Board of Commissioners



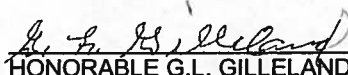
HONORABLE ROBERT WALLACE, Chairman

City of Dawsonville, Georgia

Attested to by:



City Clerk



HONORABLE G.L. GILLELAND, Mayor

EXPLANATION

The City purchases water from the Etowah Water & Sewer Authority for resale purposes. The City is allowed to ^{sell}~~sale~~ water within the geographical confines of the City as well as areas outside the City up to the area of Perimeter Road. This is provided via contract between Etowah and the City. A copy of this contract is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and a map delineating the service area is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

**SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY
CERTIFICATIONS**



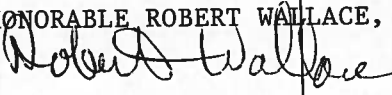

Instructions:

This page 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 1990 populations of over 9,000 residing within the county; and 4) no less than 50% of all other cities with a 1990 population of between 500 and 9,000 residing within the county. Cities with 1990 populations below 500 and authorities providing services under the strategy are not required to sign this form, but are encouraged to do so. Attach additional copies of this page as necessary.

SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY FOR DAWSON 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)).

SIGNATURE:	NAME: (Please print or type)	TITLE:	JURISDICTION:	DATE:
	HONORABLE ROBERT WALLACE, CHAIRMAN OF COMMISSIONERS		DAWSON COUNTY	9/28/00
	HONORABLE G. L. GILLELAND, MAYOR	CITY OF DAWSONVILLE		9/28/00



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Jim Higdon
COMMISSIONER

Roy E. Barnes
GOVERNOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Robert L. Wallace
Chairman, Dawson County Commission

Honorable G. L. Gilleland
Mayor, City of Dawsonville

FROM: Jim Higdon
Commissioner

DATE: December 12, 2000

SUBJECT: Service Delivery Strategy

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to the Dawson County Service Delivery Strategy and have determined that the amendment to the Service Delivery Strategy was properly executed and therefore, we acknowledge that the service arrangement for water service has been updated allowing the City of Dawsonville to provide water to some areas of the unincorporated County. The City of Dawsonville's agreed upon extraterritorial service area is detailed in the Strategy, the corresponding water service area map, and the water service agreement between the City and the Etowah Water and Sewer Authority.

Please remember that state agencies, as required by law, can not provide state administered financial assistance, grants, loans, or permits to local projects that are directly inconsistent with the strategy. By agreeing to service areas and service providers, local governments are defining where (and to whom) state capital investment will be provided within the county. Therefore, prior to seeking future state grant, loan or permit assistance for local service improvements, you should continue to ensure that such requests for assistance are consistent with the locally agreed upon Service Delivery Strategy.

Also, please keep in mind that local governments are required to revise their approved strategy when any one of the following conditions are met:

- 1) In conjunction with the update of your local government's comprehensive plan;
- 2) Whenever the service delivery or revenue distribution arrangement are changed (e. g., whenever the local governments within the County decide to change how a service is provided or funded);
- 3) In the event of the creation, abolition or consolidation of local governments;

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- 4) When a City currently located outside of the County annexes property in the County for the first time; or
- 5) Whenever the County and the City of Dawsonville agree it is appropriate to do so.

Should you have any questions or need further clarification about this amendment to the Strategy, please give Kevin DuBose of my staff a call at (404) 679-5242.

JH/kpm

cc: Senator Carol Jackson
Representative Clint Smith
Larry Glasco, Executive Director
Georgia Mountains RDC