

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE HABERSHAM COUNTY HOUSE BILL 489
SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY AS REQUESTED BY THE
TOWN OF CORNELIA**

WHEREAS, Habersham County and the Municipalities of Alto, Baldwin, Clarkesville, Cornelia, Demorest, Mt. Airy and Tallulah Falls prepared and submitted to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) on February 8, 2000, a Service Delivery Strategy as required by House Bill 489, and received verification of the Strategy from DCA on March 3, 2000; and

WHEREAS, a Water Treatment and Distribution and Sewerage Collection and Treatment Service Delivery Strategy was included which contained maps delineating the service areas of the County and Municipalities and areas not served; and

WHEREAS, The City of Cornelia has requested that Service Delivery Strategies be revised, consistent with the Department of Community Affairs revision policy to include services of an undesignated area as indicated on the attached map; and

WHEREAS, Alto, Clarkesville, Cornelia, and Mt. Airy, have concurred with the revision;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Habersham County, by affirmative vote of its Board of Commissioners, agrees to amend the House Bill 489 Service Delivery Strategy for Habersham County for water services as requested by the City of Cornelia; and

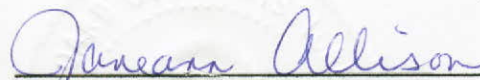
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Habersham County Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign the Service Delivery Strategy Certifications and all such documents attendant thereto necessary for amending the original Service Delivery Strategy.

Adopted this 3rd day of December, 2007.

**HABERSHAM COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**


Chairman, Jim B. Butterworth

Attest:


Janecann Allison, County Clerk



SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY UPDATE CERTIFICATIONS

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 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.

UPDATED SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY FOR Habersham COUNTY

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

1. We have reviewed our existing Service Delivery Strategy and have determined that:
(Check only one box for question #1)

- A. Our Strategy continues to accurately reflect our preferred arrangements for providing local services throughout our county and no changes in our Strategy are needed at this time; or
- B. Our Strategy has been revised to reflect our preferred arrangements for providing local services.

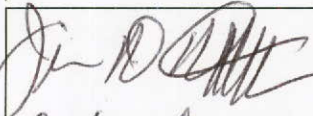
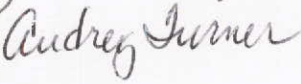
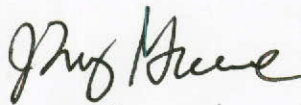
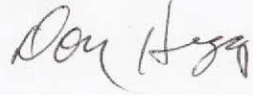
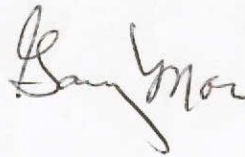
If Option A is selected, only this form, signed by the appropriate local government representatives must be provided to DCA.

If Option B is selected, this form, signed by the appropriate local government representatives, must be submitted to DCA along with:

- an updated "Summary of Service Arrangements" form (page 2) for each local service that has been revised/updated;
 - any supporting local agreements pertaining to each of these services that has been revised/updated; and
 - an updated service area map depicting the agreed upon service area for each provider if there is more than one service provider for each service that has been revised/updated within the county, and if the agreed upon service areas do not coincide with local political boundaries.
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. Our Service Delivery Strategy continues to contain an agreed upon process between the county government and each city located in the county to resolve land use classification disputes when the county objects to the proposed land use of an area to be annexed into a city within the county (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (4)(C))' and;
9. 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).

If the County does not have an Annexation/Land Use dispute resolution process with each of its cities, list the cities where no agreed upon process exists: _____

SIGNATURE:	NAME: (Please print or type)	TITLE:	JURISDICTION:	DATE:
	Jim Butterworth	Chairperson BOC	Habersham County	12/3/07
	Audrey Turner	Mayor	Town of Alto	10-17-07
	Mark Reed	Mayor	City of Baldwin	
	Terry Greene	Mayor	City of Clarkesville	10-1-07
	Don Higgins	Mayor	City of Cornelia	11-9-07
	Malcolm Hunnicutt	Mayor	City of Demorest	
	Gary Morris	Mayor	City of Mt. Airy	11-8-07
	Carl Seaman	Mayor	Town of Tallullah Falls	



**SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY
SUMMARY OF SERVICE DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS PAGE 2**

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: Habersham

Service: Sewerage Collection and Treatment

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.): _____

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.): _____

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): _____

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.): _____

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.): _____

(Please see the attached map)

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 (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.

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 Cornelia	Sewer Funds

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

The City of Cornelia will extend sanitary sewer service to areas to the east and west of the city limits indicated in detail on the attached service area map. All other portions of the service delivery strategy remain unchanged.

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>

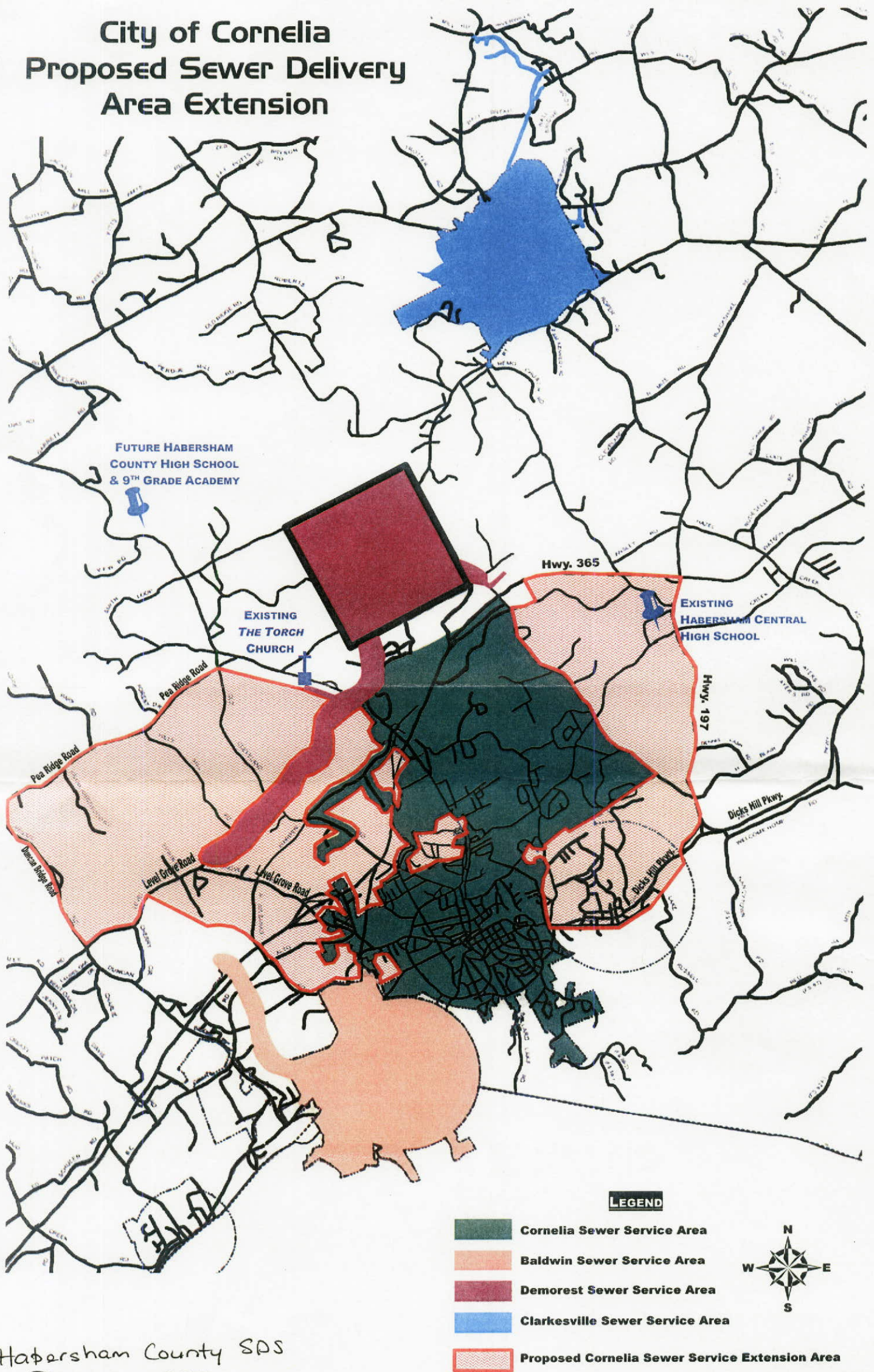
6. What other mechanisms (if any) will be used to implement the strategy for this service (e.g., ordinances, resolutions, local acts of the General Assembly, rate or fee changes, etc.), and when will they take effect?

7. Person completing form: Donald Anderson
 Phone number: 706-778-8585 Date completed: August 23, 2007

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:

City of Cornelia Proposed Sewer Delivery Area Extension



Habersham County SDS
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