



SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY

FORM 1

COUNTY: WHITE 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 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 1180 1528 1415" style="background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>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.</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.

White County
City of Cleveland
City of Helen
White County Water and Sewerage Authority
White County Industrial Building Authority
Development Authority of White County
White County Building 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 can continue as previously agreed with no need for modification.

Animal Control, Appalachian Drug Task Force, Ambulance Service, Building Inspections/Permits, Clerk of Superior Court, Code Enforcement, Cooperative Extension Service, Coroner, District Attorney, Economic Development, Election Services, E-911, Emergency Management Agency, Erosion and Sedimentation Control, Family and Children’s Services/Social Services*, Fire Protection, General Administration and Finance, Health Services, Humane Society, Indigent Defense, Jail Services, Library Services, Magistrate Court, Mapping, Municipal Courts, Occupation Tax (Business License), Park and Recreation Services, Planning, Probate Court, Law Enforcement, Public Works, Senior Citizen Services, Soil Conservation Service, Solid Waste Collection, Solid Waste Disposal, Superior and Juvenile Courts/Court Records, Tax Appraisal/Assessment, Tax Collection, Voter Registration, Water and Sewer Services

* Name changed to better reflect nature and scope of services provided

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.

List Services Here: 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.

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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.

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:
Describe "Other" Measures Here

Joint Comprehensive Plan to be adopted January 2016

NOTE:
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 SDA includes an agreement between White County and the Cities of Cleveland and Helen to implement a process for resolving land use disputes over annexations. Under the agreement between the Cities and the County prior notification of annexation activities will be given to the County by the City providing full information on the proposed land use or zoning classification and area to be annexed. The county will respond to the City within 15 working days of its agreement or objection to the proposal. In the event of disagreement between the City and County, the dispute will go through the agreed upon mediation process.

To ensure compatible and non-conflicting land use White County, Cleveland and Helen provide land and water planning through ordinances for the following: Subdivision Regulations, Mountain Protection, Water Supply Watershed Protection, River Corridor Protection, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Wetlands Protection, Floodplain Regulation, and through a resolution approving and adopting a comprehensive plan. All governments have zoning ordinances in place to assist in the management of growth. Expansion of water and sewer services and land use modifications must comply with these resolutions, ordinances, and the comprehensive plan.

4. Person completing form: **Tom O'Bryant, White County Director of Community and Economic Development**

Phone number: **(706) 865-6768** Date completed: Type Date Here 12-8-15

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:



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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 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.

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.

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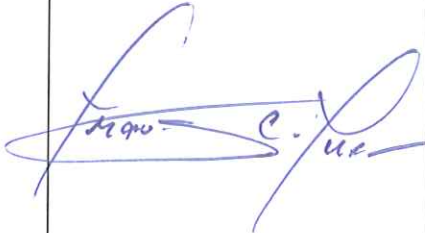
We, the undersigned authorized representatives of the jurisdictions listed below, certify that:

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> February 28,	2026
<input type="checkbox"/> June 30,	
<input 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

JURISDICTION	TITLE	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
<p><u>LIST EACH JURISDICTION HERE, ALPHABETICALLY</u></p>	<p>List the Title of the Authorized Representative of Each Jurisdiction Here, Respectively</p>	<p>List the Names of the Representatives Here, Respectively</p>		<p>12-30-15</p>
<p><u>CITY OF CLEVELAND</u></p>	<p>Mayor</p>	<p>Donald Stanley</p>		<p>12-30-15</p>
<p><u>CITY OF HELEN</u></p>	<p>Mayor</p>	<p>Dona K. Burke</p>		<p>12-30-15</p>
<p><u>WHITE COUNTY</u></p>	<p>County Commission Chairman</p>	<p>Travis C. Turner</p>		<p>12-21-15</p>

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND EXTENDING
THE SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY FOR
THE CITY OF CLEVELAND, THE CITY OF HELEN AND WHITE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, The Service Delivery Strategy Act, O.C.G.A. 36-86-1 et. seq., requires counties and certain municipalities to prepare and agree to a service delivery strategy; and

WHEREAS, The City of Cleveland, the City of Helen and White County prepared and adopted a service delivery strategy on November 16, 1999, in accordance with the law, and updated in August 2006; and

WHEREAS, The Georgia Department of Community Affairs is charged with assuring that the City-County service is updated concurrent and consistent with the updated comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, The City of Cleveland, the City of Helen and White County have prepared an updated comprehensive plan which is currently under regional and state review; and

WHEREAS, The draft comprehensive plan update does not propose policy or program changes that would necessitate revision to the adopted service delivery strategy agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF HELEN MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

The Service Delivery Strategy for the City of Cleveland, the City of Helen and White County, dated November 16, 1999 and extended August 2006, is hereby reconfirmed by the City of Helen Mayor and Commissions with a finding that no changes are needed or requested.

APPROVED, THIS THE 15 **DAY OF** December, 2015.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND EXTENDING
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2015-15**

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

The Service Delivery Strategy for the City of Cleveland, the City of Helen and White County, dated November 16, 1999 and extended August 2006, is hereby reconfirmed by the White County Commission with a finding that no changes are needed or requested.

APPROVED, THIS THE 7 **DAY OF** December **, 2015.**

Donald Stanley

Donald Stanley, Mayor

Edward Young

Edward Young, Council Member

Annie Sutton

Annie Sutton, Council Member

(ABSENT)

Rush Mauney, Council Member

Bradley Greene

Bradley Greene, Council Member

Attest:

Connie Tracas

Connie Tracas, City Clerk



**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND EXTENDING
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RESOLUTION NO: 2015- 14

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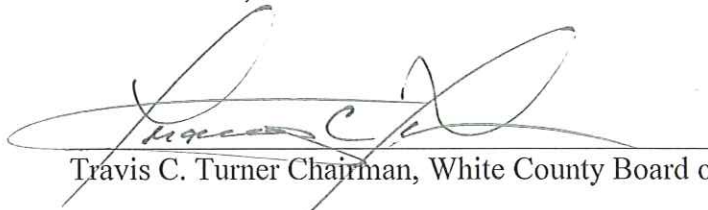
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APPROVED, THIS THE 7th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015



Travis C. Turner Chairman, White County Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Shanda L. Murphy, County Clerk