



SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY

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: TYPE COUNTY NAME HERE

Service: Type the Name of the Service to be Provided Here

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

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

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.

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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.).

<u>Local Government or Authority</u>	<u>Funding Method</u>
<u>Type Gov't/Authority Name Here</u>	<u>Detail Funding Here</u>
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4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

Provide Details Here

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

<u>Agreement Name</u>	<u>Contracting Parties</u>	<u>Effective and Ending Dates</u>
<u>Name Agreement Here</u>	<u>List Contracting Parties Here</u>	<u>Effective - End</u>
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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: **Type Your Name & Title Here**
 Phone number: **Type Your Phone Number Here** Date completed: **Type Date Here**

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

PUBLIC WORKS
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL
SERVICE DELIVERY AGREEMENT

THIS SERVICE DELIVERY AGREEMENT, is made and entered into this ___ day of October, 2022, by and among **Whitfield County, Georgia**, a body politic and political subdivision of the State of Georgia (hereinafter referred to as the "County"), the **cities of Dalton, Varnell and Tunnel Hill** and the **Town of Cohutta**, municipal corporations organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia, (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Cities" and individually as a "City" or "Town.")

WHEREAS, §§ 36-7-20 through 36-70-28, Official Code of Georgia Annotated, mandate that Whitfield County and all municipalities located therein shall participate in the development of a **Service Delivery Strategy** through which Whitfield County and said municipalities shall create and maintain a service delivery system which is efficient, effective, and responsive to all citizens of Whitfield County; and

WHEREAS, § 36-70-24(1), Official Code of Georgia Annotated, mandates that said Service Delivery Strategy shall identify steps which will be taken to remediate or avoid overlapping and unnecessary competition and duplication of service delivery and that said Service Delivery Strategy shall identify the time frame in which such steps shall be taken; and

WHEREAS, § 36-70-25, Official Code of Georgia Annotated, mandates that said Service Delivery Strategy receive the approval of Whitfield County and the governing authorities of municipalities located within Whitfield County on terms more particularly described in said Code Section;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned, being duly authorized to act on behalf of the above-named entities, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises, contained herein, agree as follows concerning the provision of **Solid Waste Disposal** within Whitfield County:

WITNESSETH

1. **Description of current Service Delivery Arrangements.**

In 1994 the City of Dalton and Whitfield County, each responding to the continued population and industrial growth of Whitfield County and its municipalities, created a regional solid waste management authority pursuant to the provisions of the **REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES ACT** (O.C.G.A. §12-8-50 et seq). On November 22, 1994 the City of Dalton and Whitfield County completed the formation and activated the **Dalton/Whitfield Regional Solid Waste Management Authority** (hereinafter the "Authority.") The Authority is managed by a Board of Directors and has been reauthorized and extended through December 31, 2035.

The purpose of the Authority is to plan, manage and provide financing for Solid Waste Management needs of all residents of Whitfield County, individual, corporate, and governmental. The Authority is responsible for operating solid waste management

activities for the benefit of the entire county. In addition, the Authority is responsible for planning and engaging in developmental services for future land use as well as closure activities of landfills as the same are filled. The Authority charges users of its services a reasonable and objective fee, applicable to all Whitfield County residents, both individuals and corporate, on an objective and non-discriminatory basis. The City of Dalton and Whitfield County are contingently responsible for any Authority costs not covered by Authority income. The Authority is responsible for its own employees, leasing them from the City of Dalton.

The Authority owns and operates the Old Dixie Highway Landfill, which is the main solid waste landfill within Whitfield County, where it charges all customers, individual, corporate, and governmental, a tipping fee, but allows residents to drop off household garbage and recycling. Additionally, the Authority owns and operates three (3) convenience centers for Whitfield County residents to bring household garbage and recycling.

Whitfield County pays the tipping fees for household garbage deposited by citizens at the convenience centers. Citizens themselves pay a transportation fee for dumping bulky items or remodeling items, and the like, at the convenience centers.

The Cities of Dalton and Varnell and the Town of Cohutta each offer their citizens curbside garbage pickup within their jurisdictional limits. After retrieval, the garbage is then conveyed to the Old Dixie Highway Landfill or, sometimes to the McGaughey Chapel Transfer Station in the cases of the City of Varnell and the Town of Cohutta. In consideration of the current LOST distribution executed August 8, 2022, Whitfield County does not presently charge either Varnell or Cohutta when such municipal waste is deposited at the McGaughey Chapel Transfer Station.

To the extent any local government transfers waste at the South Dixie Landfill, it shall be responsible for all costs of conveyance and all tipping fees.

2. Future Service Delivery Strategy.

The parties hereto agree that the current service delivery arrangements described above are efficient, effective, and responsive to all citizens of Whitfield County. Further, the parties hereto agree that no duplication exists in the provision of solid waste disposal services, as the City of Dalton is the sole provider of said service, only within the corporate limits of the City of Dalton.

The parties hereto agree that should any party undertake any action which may result in overlapping, competition, or duplication in the current service delivery arrangements or in the future service delivery strategy described in this Service Delivery Agreement, that party shall notify the other parties to this Agreement, so as to facilitate continued compliance with the requirements of Georgia law as referenced above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned has executed this Service Delivery Agreement on behalf of the respective party set forth below, pursuant to the authority granted to each of the undersigned in the resolution by which each party approved and adopted this Service Delivery Agreement.

Whitfield County, Georgia

Jevin S. Jensen,
Chairman

Attest:

Blanca Cardona,
County Clerk
(SEAL)

City of Dalton, Georgia

David Pennington III,
Mayor

Attest:

Bernadette Chattam,
City Clerk
(SEAL)

Town of Cohutta, Georgia

Ron Shinnick,
Mayor

Attest:

Pamela Shinnick
City Clerk
(SEAL)

City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia

Kenny Gowin,
Mayor

Attest:

Melinda Griffin
City Clerk
(SEAL)

City of Varnell, Georgia

Tom Dickson,
Mayor

Attest:

Jamie Nance
City Clerk
(SEAL)