

## Staff Report

**Subject:** Water and Sewer Agreement and Lease Agreement – wastewater effluent sprayfield at Savannah Gateway Industrial Hub

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**Department:** Public Works

**Meeting Date:** August 16, 2022

**Item Description:** Approve a Water & Sewer Agreement and Lease agreement with Effingham County Industrial Authority and Savannah Industrial Development, LLC (on behalf of OmniTrax / Broe Real Estate Group) for construction and operation of a wastewater sprayfield at the Savannah Gateway Industrial Hub (SGIH) park on McCall Road and Hodgeville Road.

### Summary Recommendation:

SGIH has requested a reserve in the waste load capacity of the county's wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) in exchange for setting aside land within the SGIH and cost sharing on the construction of a sprayfield. Once constructed, it is anticipated the WWTP capacity could increase approximately 100,000 gallons per day. SGIH has requested a reserve of 30,000 gpd to secure the ability to recruit manufacturing industry to the park.

### Executive Summary/Background:

- The sprayfield area is a 20-acre portion of the 300-foot buffer along the southern edge of the park. The land is still in the name of the ECIDA. ECIDA would lease the land to the County to operate the sprayfield at no cost for 70 years.
- Savannah Industrial, LLC (SGIH) would fund the initial design and engineering cost and reimburse the County for 30% of the total cost of the project, up to \$300,000.
- Savannah Industrial, LLC will receive \$300,000 in credits on reuse and sewer cost recovery fees as the SGIH develops.

### Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1 - Approve a Water & Sewer Agreement and Lease agreement with Effingham County Industrial Authority and Savannah Industrial Development, LLC for construction and operation of a wastewater sprayfield at the Savannah Gateway Industrial Hub (SGIH) park on McCall Road and Hodgeville Road.

2 – Take no action; Request additional information

3 – Deny. The County will pursue other opportunities for effluent disposal.

**Recommended Alternative:** Alternative 1

**Other Alternatives:** Alternative 2

**Department Review:** Engineering, Legal

**Funding Source:** water and sewer cost recovery fees.

**Attachments:** 1. Draft Agreements