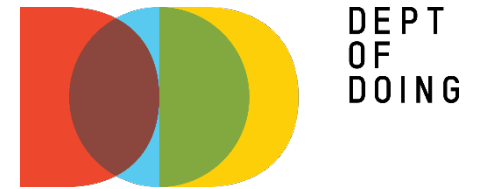


# Annexation Strategies

January 11, 2018



# Presentation Overview

1. Recap of August 24, 2018 GPC Discussion
2. Challenge
  - FSAA Termination
  - How might we develop an annexation strategy?
3. Research
  - Neighborhoods
  - Cost of survey
  - JPA Discussions
4. Outreach and opportunities
5. Discussion

# Recap



Joint Planning





how might we?

develop annexation  
strategies in response  
to the termination  
of the FSAA?



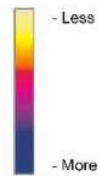
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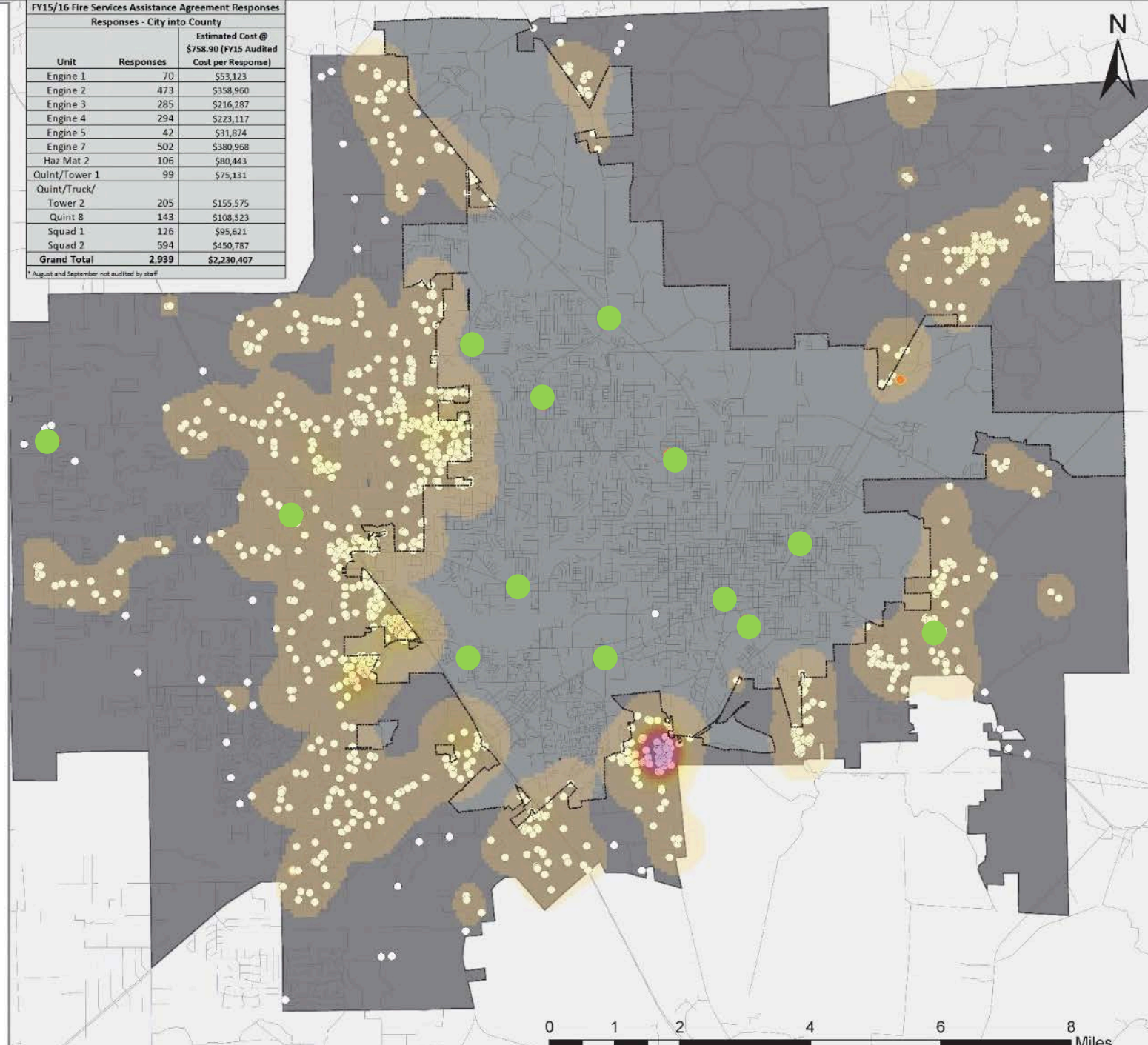
- City Response
- Station
- Alachua County
- Road Way
- Gainesville
- FSAA Area

**Concentration of Responses**



FY15/16 Fire Services Assistance Agreement Responses		
Responses - City into County		
Unit	Responses	Estimated Cost @ \$758.90 (FY15 Audited Cost per Response)
Engine 1	70	\$53,123
Engine 2	473	\$358,960
Engine 3	285	\$216,287
Engine 4	294	\$223,117
Engine 5	42	\$31,874
Engine 7	502	\$380,968
Haz Mat 2	106	\$80,443
Quint/Tower 1	99	\$75,131
Quint/Truck/Tower 2	205	\$155,575
Quint 8	143	\$108,523
Squad 1	126	\$95,621
Squad 2	594	\$450,787
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,939</b>	<b>\$2,230,407</b>

\* August and September not audited by staff



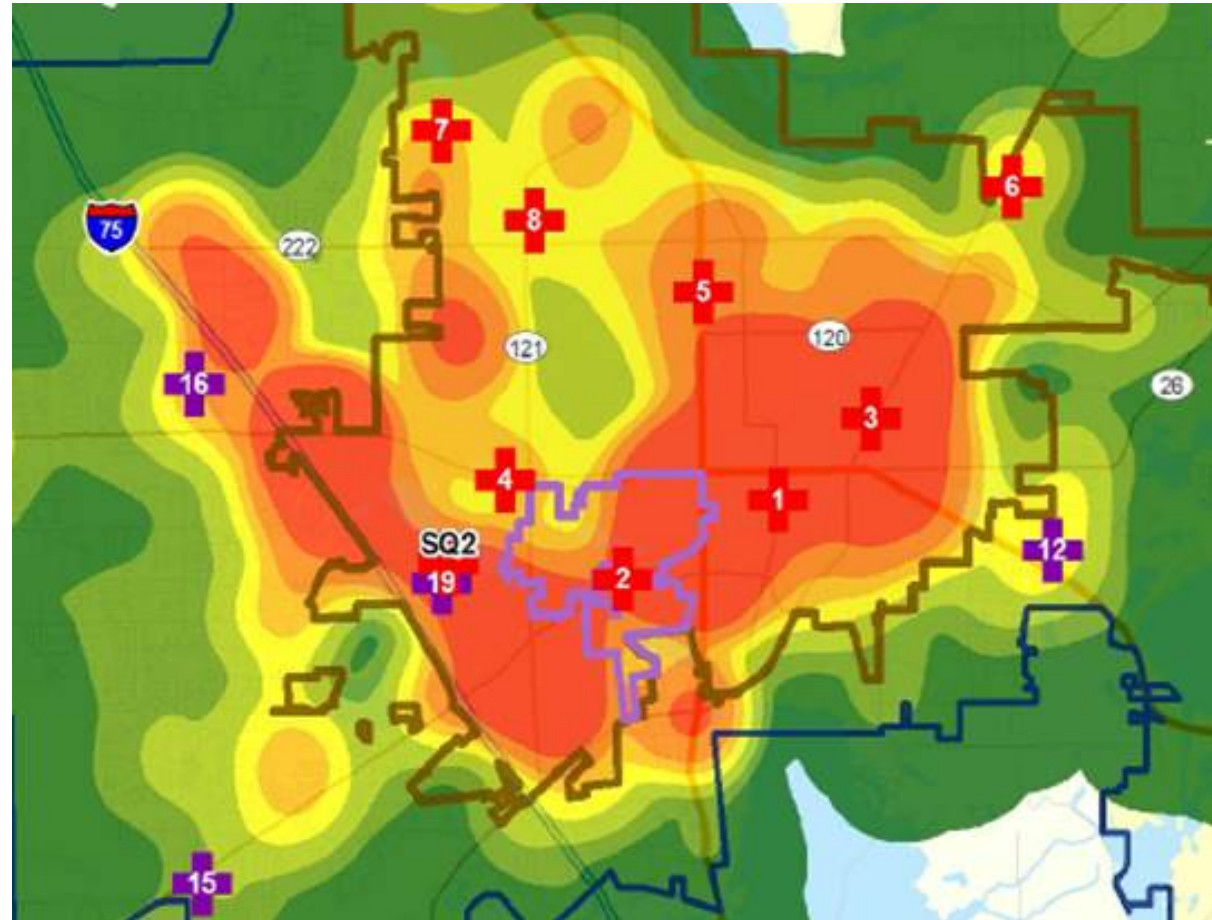
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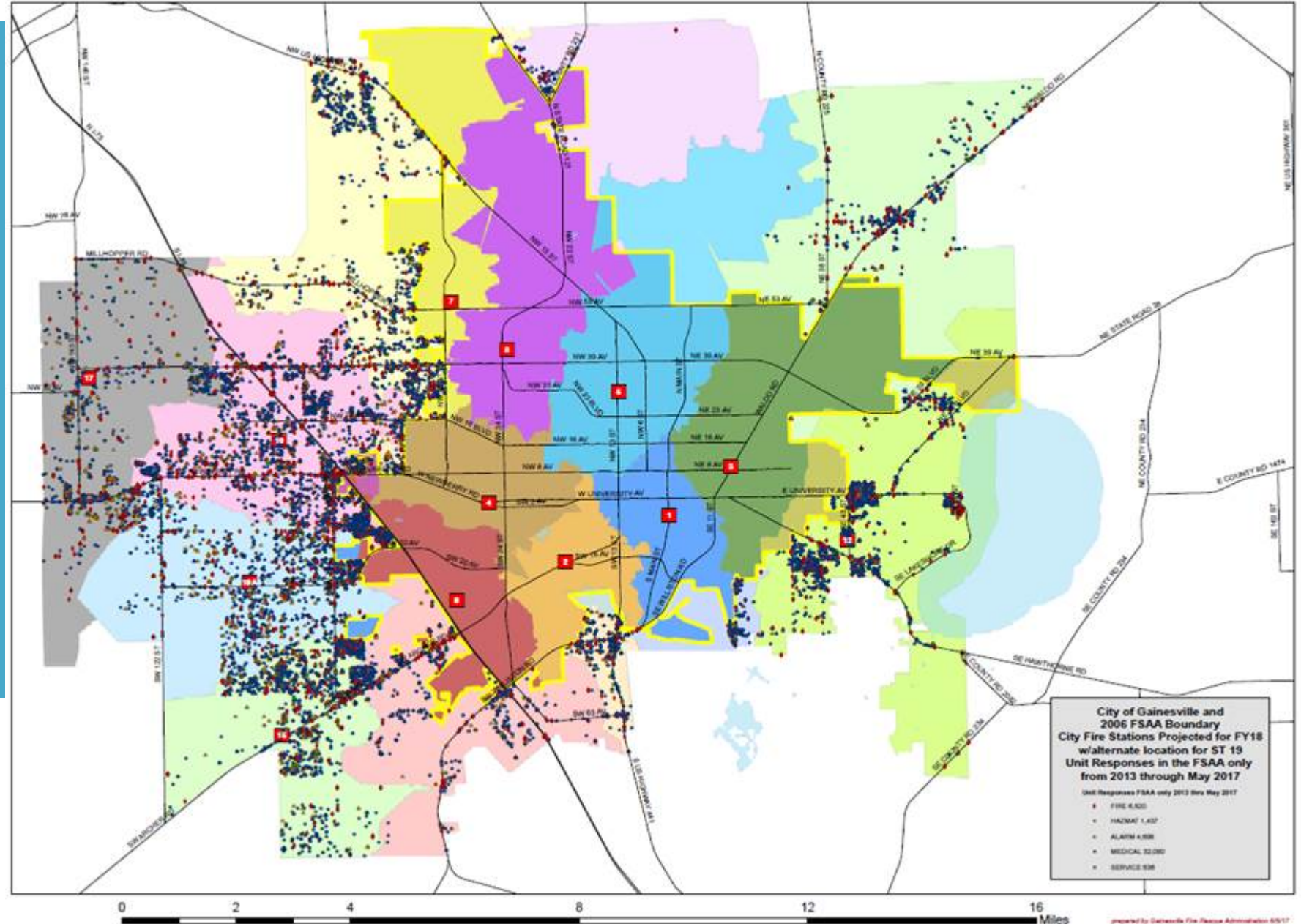
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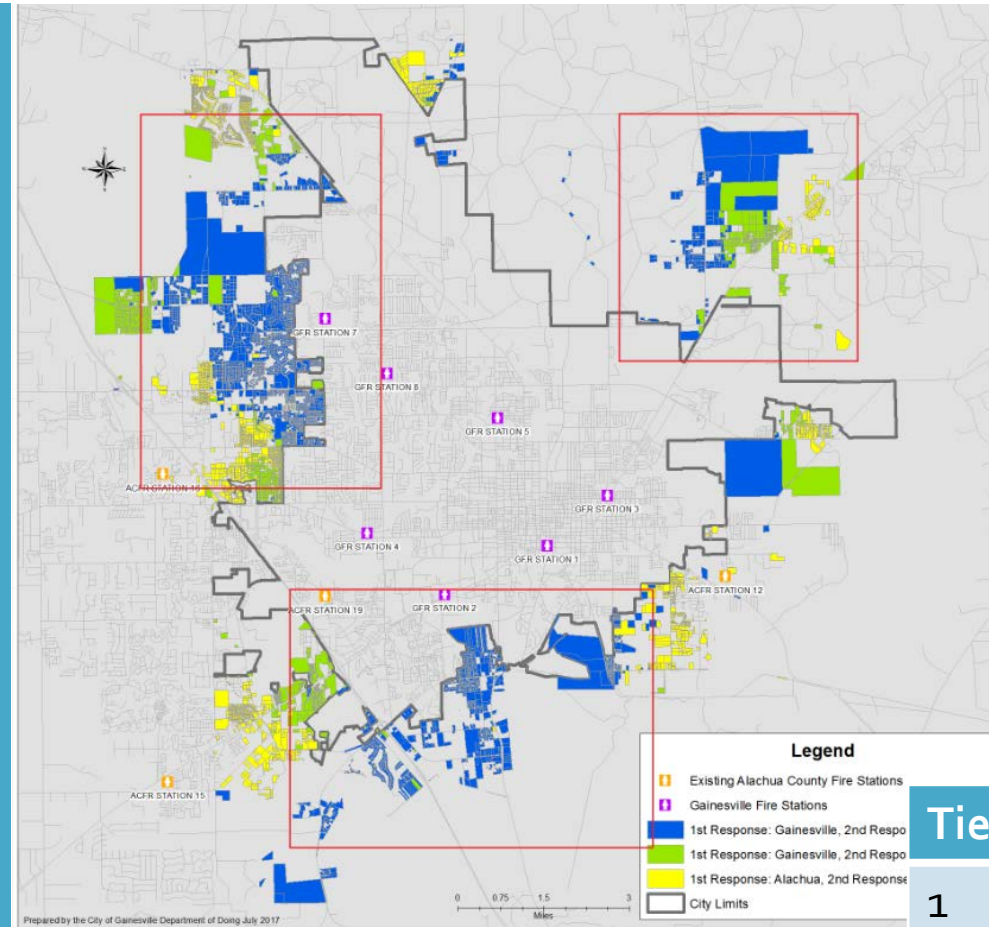
# Demand Map



# Alternate location for Fire Station 19



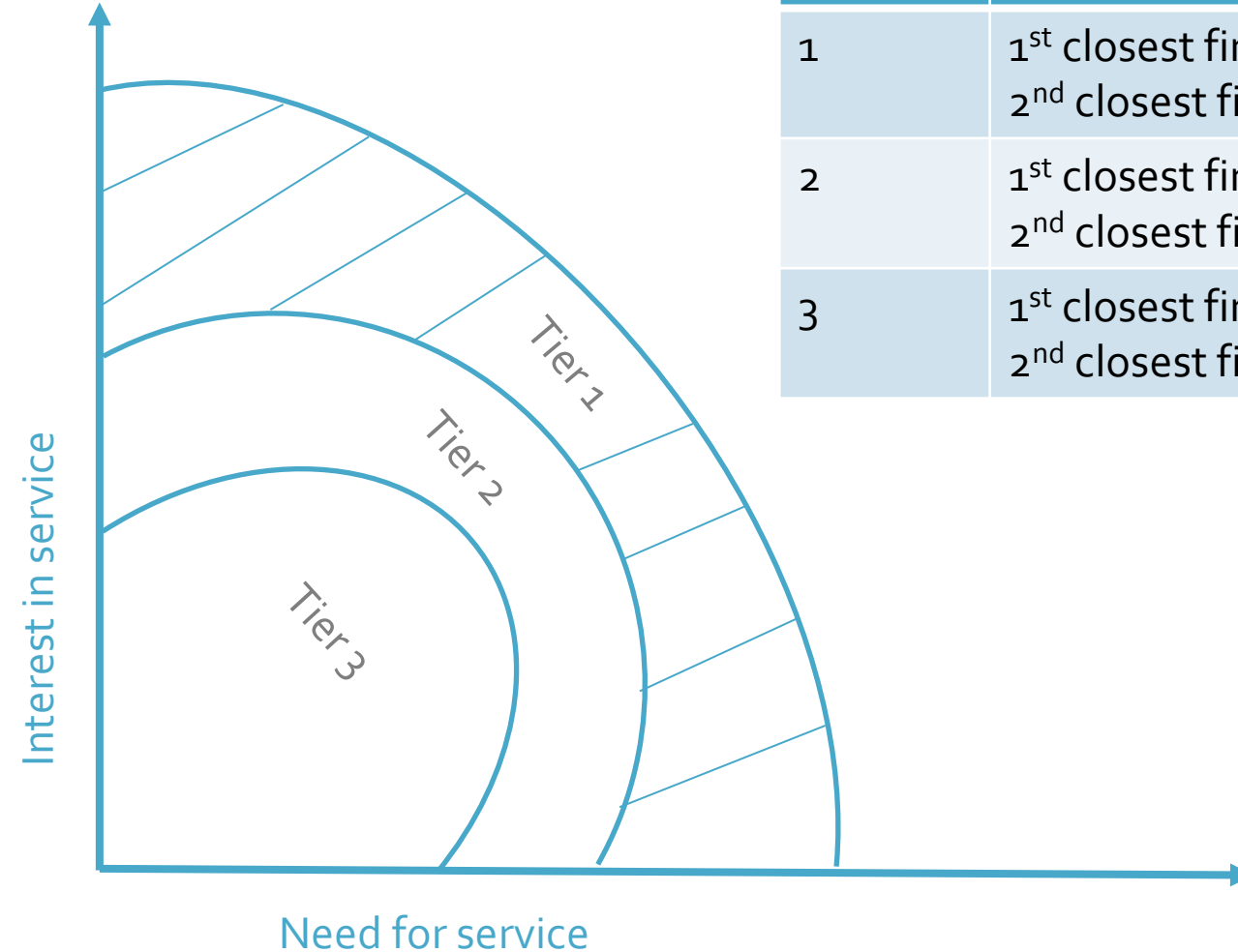
# Areas most impacted by termination of FSAA



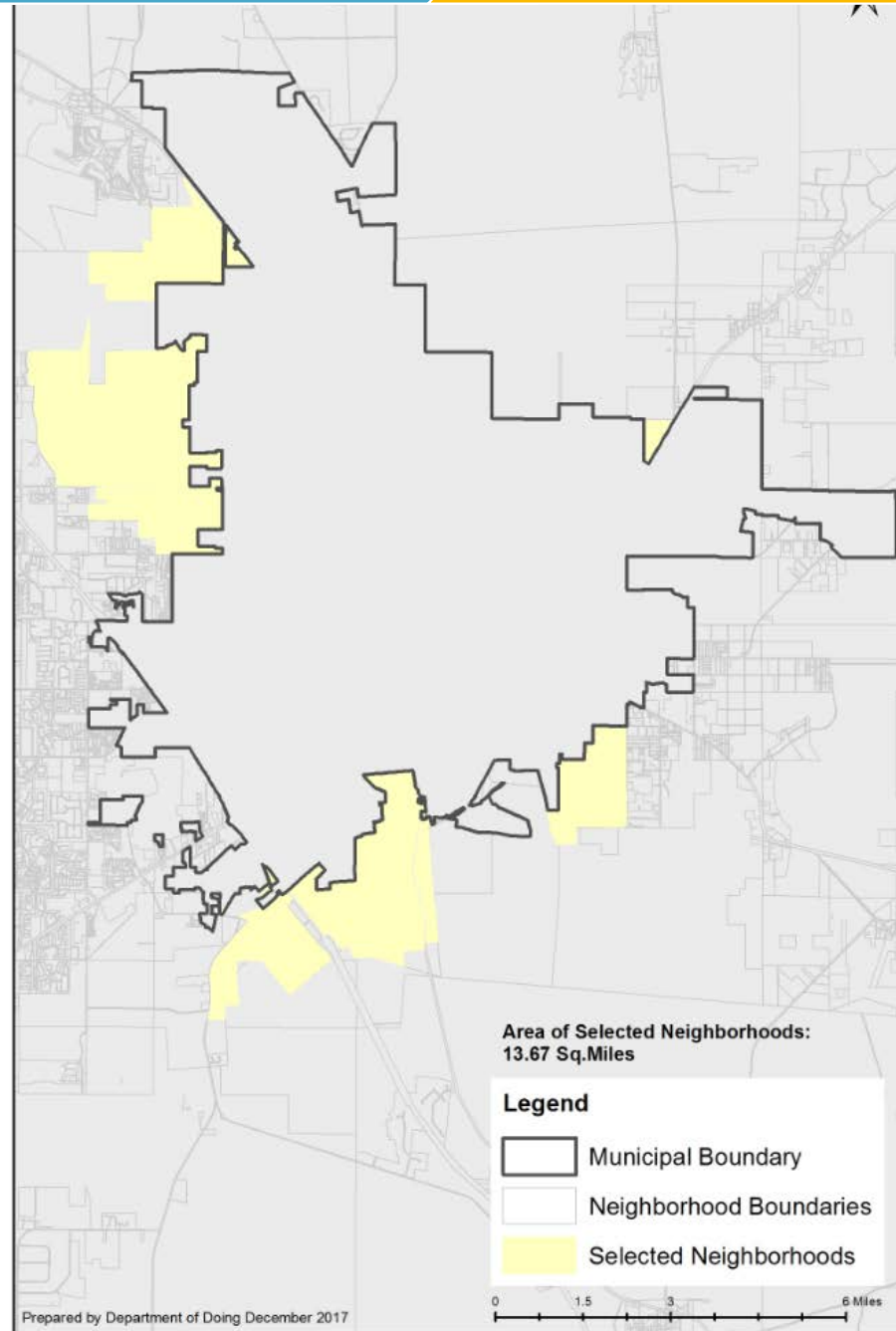
Tiers	Description
1 (Blue)	1 <sup>st</sup> closest fire station – GFR 2 <sup>nd</sup> closest fire station - GFR
2 (Green)	1 <sup>st</sup> closest fire station – GFR 2 <sup>nd</sup> closest fire station – ACFR
3 (Yellow)	1 <sup>st</sup> closest fire station – ACFR 2 <sup>nd</sup> closest fire station – GFR



# Staff Recommended Neighborhoods to Survey



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# Join the City of Gainesville



## How do I join?

You can join through a process called annexation - It's what happens when a property owner or neighborhood incorporates into the city.

Being a part of the city means we provide you with services such as water and sewer, trash collection, bus services, fire service, parks, cultural facilities and police service. Most property owners annex into the city to access these superior services.

## Why join?



**Lower utility bills:**  
No utility surcharges



**Increased voting rights:**  
Vote in both city and county elections



**Urban services:** Unlimited yard trash pickup, mosquito control, street sweeping, free tree planting and more



**Policing and community patrolling** provided by Gainesville Police Department



**Emergency services** provided by Gainesville Fire Rescue



**Lower cost or elimination of surcharges** for access to city parks, pools and recreation sites



**Maintenance of traffic signs, street markings and street maintenance** in neighborhoods



**Maintenance of retention ponds, decreasing flooding potential, and stormwater pipe network**

## Am I eligible?

Land adjacent to the city limits can annex! If you are unsure, give us a call and we will help you determine eligibility.



Eligible



Not Eligible

**A COMPACT**  
Properties are close together

**B CONTIGUOUS**  
Touch the boundary of the City

**C ENCLAVE**  
Doesn't create an Enclave: Bounded on all sides

## What's the process?

Call 352-334-5023 we want to personally answer your calls.

**week 1**

Application is submitted

**week 5**

Application review and City Commission Meetings scheduled

**week 7**

City Commission Meeting 1 of 3

**week 7&8**

Advert runs in the Gainesville Sun

**week 9**

City Commission Meeting 2 of 3

**week 11**

City Commission Meeting 3 of 3

**week 16**

Vote \* only applicable for annexation by referendum

**fun FACT**  
We received around 10 voluntary annexation petitions per year!



Phone: 352-334-5023  
Email: [COGPlanning@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:COGPlanning@cityofgainesville.org)  
Address: 306 NE 6th Avenue  
Thomas Center Building B  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
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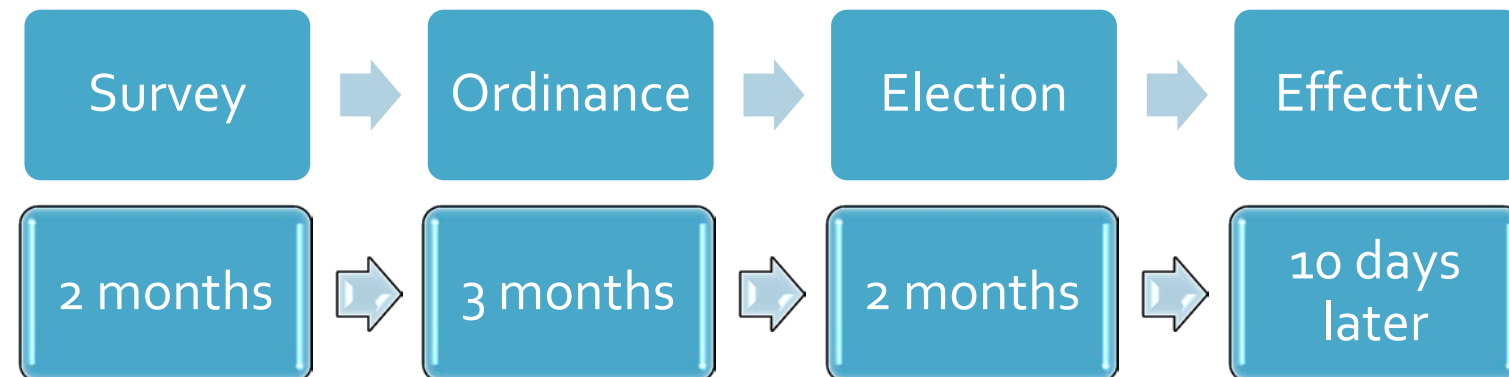


## Proposed Process

- Survey all registered voters in the areas most impacted by the termination of the FSAA (Tier 1).
- Analyze survey responses at the neighborhood level.
- Schedule annexation referendums in the neighborhoods where registered voters express an interest in annexation.

# Timeline

1. Survey (2 months)
2. Annexation Ordinance (2 - 3 months)
3. Election
  - Can be held 30 days after Ordinance adoption, 45 days for areas w/ overseas voters
  - Ideal window for Supervisor of Elections is late May to early July
4. Effective date
  - Annexation would become effective ten days after referendum passes

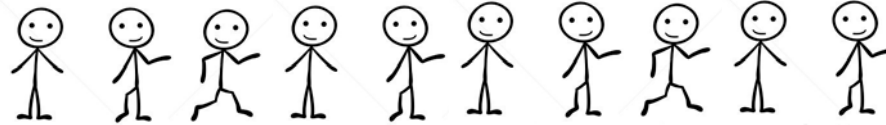


# Resource allocation:

## SW 20<sup>th</sup> Ave Example



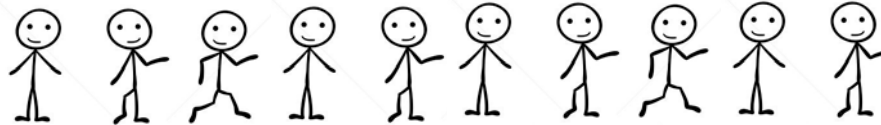
• Strategic Planning Division ~ 4.5 FTEs for 6-8 months spending 100% of time on annexation



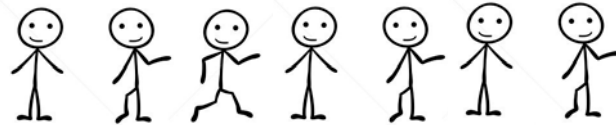
• Annexation team ~ 11 FTEs for 5 months spending 40% of time on annexation



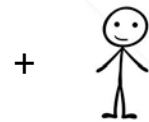
• Communications team ~ 3 FTEs for 5 months spending 30% of time on annexation



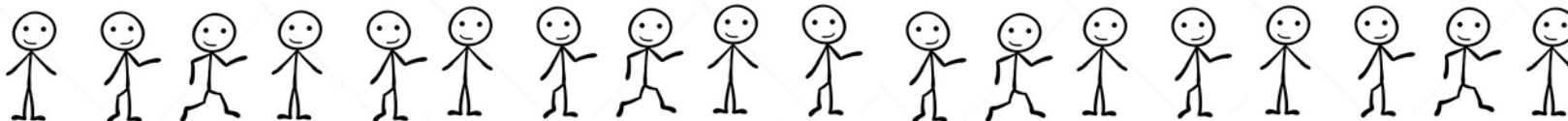
• Leadership team ~12 FTEs for two months spending 10% of time on annexation



• City Commission ~ 1 Mayor and 6 Commissioners for one day holding signs



+ • Design Consultant ~ 1 Graphic Design contract



+ Cost of Survey (\$20K-30K)  
+ Cost of Election

## Decision Points

- Direct staff to survey registered voters in the areas most impacted by the termination of the FSAA.
- Direct staff to work with the Supervisor of Elections to schedule referendums for the interested neighborhoods.
- Remove Annexation Strategies (#160776) from the GPC Referral List.