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Water/Wastewater Connection Program Guidelines



City Commission Referral

- May 7, 2015 City Commission meeting
- Budget Direction to fund the Water/Wastewater Connection Program and refer to CDC for further refinement
- Develop a General Government managed Water/Wastewater Connection Program funded by re-instituting the 25% Utility Tax surcharge on new construction hook-ups

City Commission Referral

- Fund Water/Wastewater Connection Program at approximately \$250,000
 - The total collected
 - Twice the historical level
- Reinstate the 25% surcharge on water and wastewater connection charges in the unincorporated area (Effective Oct 1, 2015)
- Transfer the entire surcharge (separate from the General Fund Transfer) to the Water/Wastewater Connection Program fund in General Government for administration

City Commission Referral

- Any property owner in the GRU service area would be eligible for the program
- Develop guidelines/criteria for use of program funds, including non-profits
- Consider a per customer cap
 - Evaluate annually

Purpose

- Assist property owners within the GRU service area with the costs associated with the extension of, construction of, and connection to the City's central water, wastewater, and/or reclaimed water systems

Funding Priorities

- **Water Connections**

- Based on number of property owners in area agreeing to connect (case-by-case)
- Depending upon engineering analysis

- **Wastewater Connections**

- Depending upon engineering analysis

- Priority given to units with health, safety and/or environmental issues

Items Associated w/Connections

- Water & Wastewater Extensions
- Connection Fees
- On-Site Plumbing Modifications

Water & Wastewater Extensions

- Water Extensions

- Extend water lines to owner's property boundary

- Wastewater Extensions

- Extend wastewater lines to owner's property boundary

Connection Fees (FY 2016)

- **Water Connections:** **\$1,756**
- **Wastewater Connections:** **\$3,935**
 - *Property owners required to pay connections fees*
 - *Exception: program will pay 25% surcharge fee, if applicable*
 - *Exception: program will pay the total connection costs for income eligible households up to (TBD)% Median Family Income*
 - *Fees subject to change (per CCOM approval)*

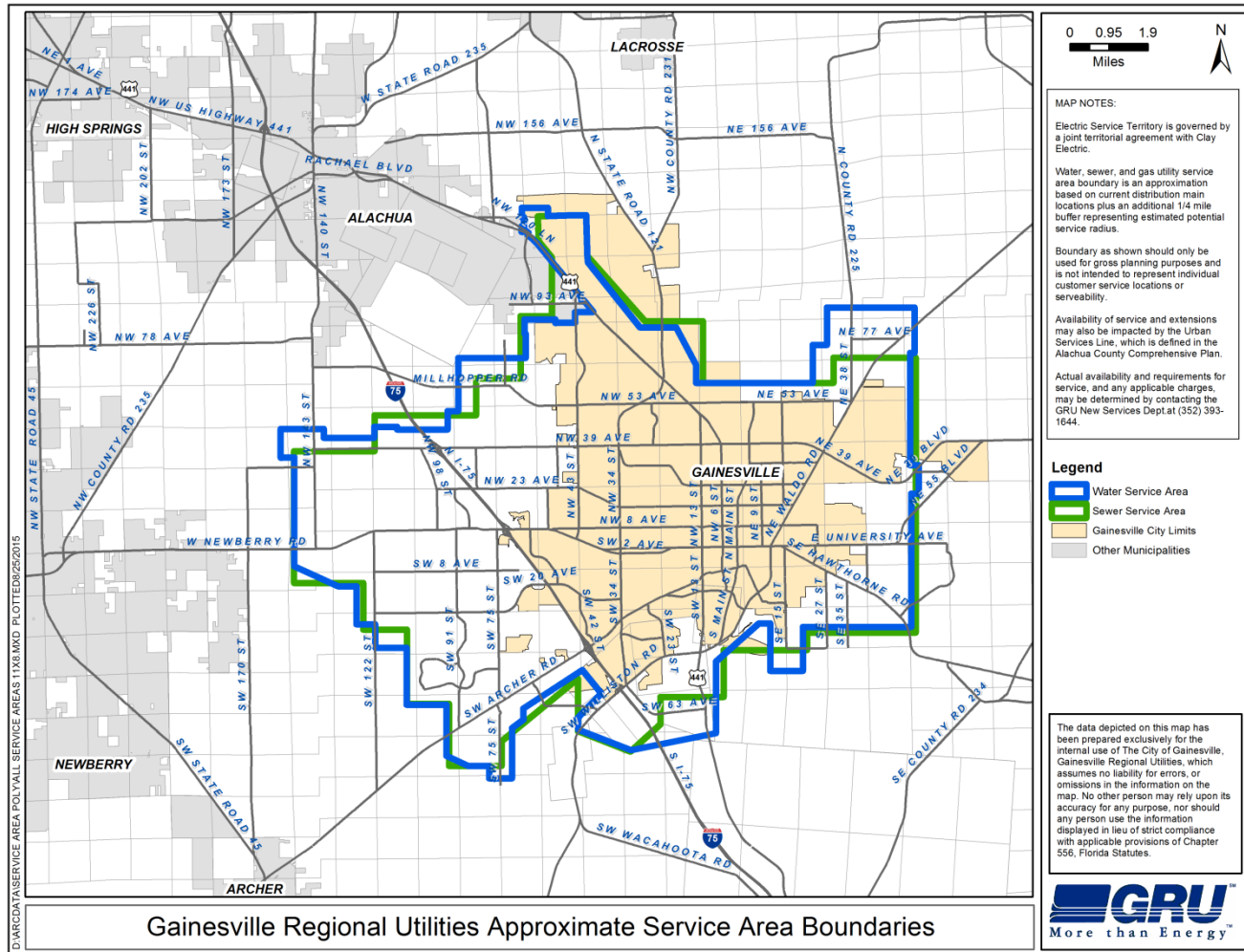
On-Site Plumbing

- Installation of plumbing to connect services to central water/wastewater systems
 - Well Abandonment or Backflow Preventer
 - Septic Tank Abandonment
- *Property owners required to pay for on-site plumbing modifications.*
- *Exception: program will pay the on-site plumbing costs for income eligible households up to (TBD)% Median Family Income.*

Eligible Applicants

- Property owners within the GRU service area (See Attached Map)
- Property Taxes and Mortgage must be current, if applicable
- Prioritization of Requests:
 - Public Health and Safety
 - Environmental Issues
 - Efficiency/Cost Effectiveness

GRU Current Service Area



Eligible Properties

- Single-family homes
- Subdivisions
- Multi-family units
- Non-Residential (nonprofit organizations or government entities) used primarily for charitable services to benefit special needs populations in the community
 - Special Needs Population include, but are not limited to: the elderly; physically disabled persons; persons with HIV/AIDS; youth; survivors of domestic violence; mentally disabled persons; and/or individuals with a history of chemical dependency

Proposed Annual Program Budget

- **Estimated Total (\$250,000):**
 - Neighborhood Extensions (55%) (approx. \$140,000)
 - Subdivisions, Multi-Family & Non-profits
 - Single Units (20%) (approx. \$47,500)
 - Individual properties requesting extensions
 - Affordable Housing Projects (15%) (min. \$37,500)
 - Program Delivery (10%) (min. \$25,000)
 - Administration, Operating, Marketing/Advertising, etc.

**Funds may be reallocated within the set-asides based on program needs.*

Maximum Funding Caps

- **Water Extensions: \$7,500**
- **Wastewater Extensions: \$15,000**
- ***Some restrictions apply:***
 - *Depending upon engineering analysis*
 - *Property owners required to pay extension costs exceeding the maximum funding cap*
 - *Exceptions on case-by-case basis, subject to City Commission approval*

Income Chart

**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
 (HUD) INCOME LIMITS FOR GAINESVILLE MSA**

NEW FOR 2015

CITY OF GAINESVILLE

FAMILY SIZE (Persons)	EXTREMELY LOW (30% MFI)	VERY LOW INCOME (50% MFI*)	LOW INCOME (80 % MFI*)	MODERATE INCOME (120% MFI*)	MODERATE INCOME (140% MFI*)
1	\$13,450	\$22,350	\$35,750	\$53,640	\$62,580
2	\$15,930	\$25,550	\$40,850	\$61,320	\$71,540
3	\$20,090	\$28,750	\$45,950	\$69,000	\$80,500
4	\$24,250	\$31,900	\$51,050	\$76,560	\$89,320
5	\$28,410	\$34,500	\$55,150	\$82,800	\$96,600
6	\$32,570	\$37,050	\$59,250	\$88,920	\$103,740
7	\$36,730	\$39,600	\$63,350	\$95,040	\$110,880
8	\$40,890	\$42,150	\$67,400	\$101,160	\$118,020

*Fiscal Year 2015 Median Family Income (MFI)=\$63,800 CDBG/HOME
 Effective 3/6/2015

Terms/Recapture

- **Assistance provided in the form of a grant and not subject to recapture.**
 - Exception: Affordable Housing Developments may require other restrictions to maintain project affordability over a specified compliance period.

Recommendation

- The CDC review the Water/Wastewater Connection Program Guidelines and take appropriate action concerning the development of the program.