



General Policy Committee  
Current Policies for Providing  
New GRU services  
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# Outline

- Water & Wastewater
- Electric
- Natural Gas

# W/WW Extension Policy

- GRU extends W/WW services within City limits & in unincorporated areas within the urban cluster
- Growth pays for itself
  - Developers pay cost extending service
  - Connection charges

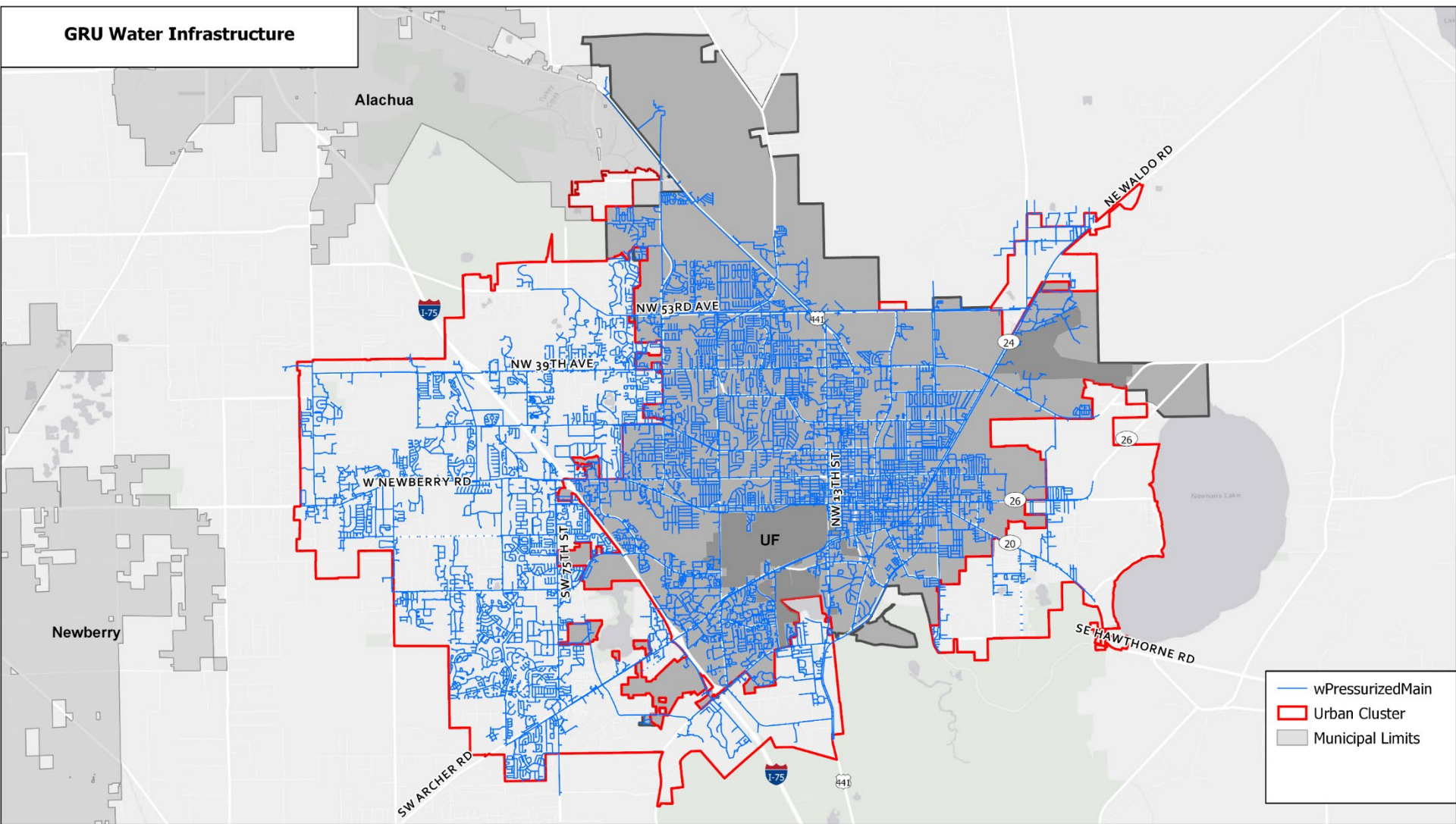
# Urban Cluster Line

- Alachua County Code
- Defines area GRU can extend water & sewer outside of City limits
- Intended to limit sprawl
- Prevents high density development in unincorporated area outside of cluster line
  - Allows low density development served by wells & septic tanks

# Boundary Adjustment Act

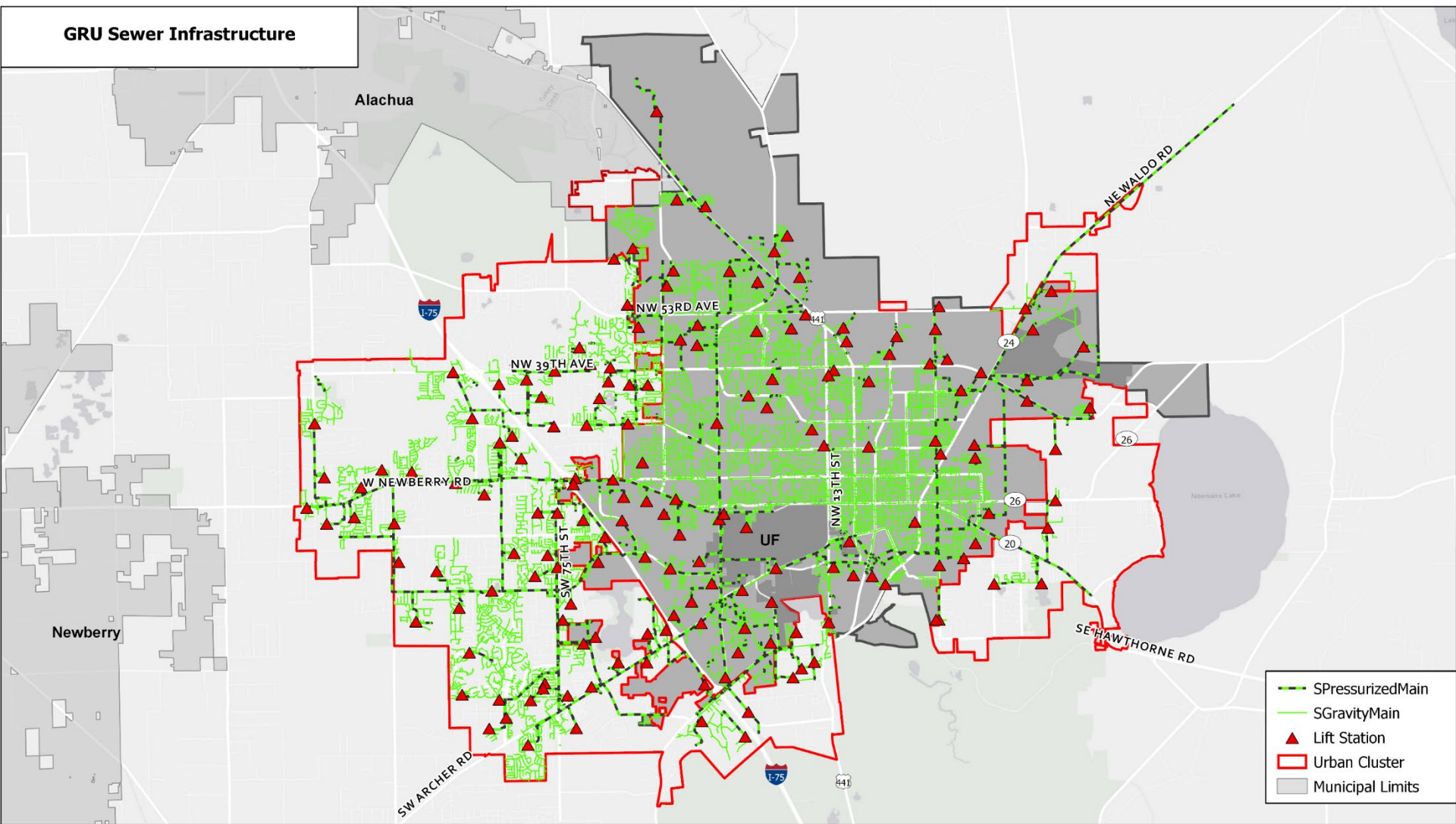
- Formerly in State Statute – now sunsetted
- Defined Areas that each city in Alachua County can annex
- Annexation no longer governed by Boundary Adjustment Act

## GRU Water Infrastructure





## GRU Sewer Infrastructure



# Current Challenges

- Limited developable property within urban cluster
- Low density development with wells and septic tanks outside urban cluster
- Significant available land in surrounding communities and ability to annex





# Concerns with Restricting GRU W/WW Extensions in Urban Cluster

- Legal concerns
- Service available by other means
  - Other service providers – private or municipalities
  - Package plants
  - Septic tanks and wells
- Promotes low density development with wells and septic tanks
- Pushes new development to surrounding communities
- Loss of Revenue

# Electric

- While the Public Service Commission (PSC) does not fully regulate publicly owned municipal or cooperative electric utilities, the Commission does have jurisdiction, with regard to rate structure, **territorial boundaries**, bulk power supply operations and planning, over 35 municipally owned electric systems and 18 rural electric cooperatives.

<http://www.psc.state.fl.us/AboutPSC/Overview>



# Gas

- Provides opportunities to increase revenues.
- Provides opportunities to tie into additional fuel sources, therefore increasing system reliability.
- Additional fuel sources allow for more competitive customer rates and adequate fuel to accommodate winter peak seasons.
- Gas expansion alone, without concurrent or existing electric and water utilities is less likely to result in undesirable sprawl.
- Historical expansion has been within policy.

GRU Gas Service Area

