

Foreword

This document was developed to assist Gadsden County, Florida in identifying water and wastewater utility needs; now and in the future. With the utility survey complete and various utility needs identified, this plan includes several strategies and recommendations with an estimated cost to implement the recommendation. Also included is a time line of specific major tasks necessary to implement the recommendations presented.

Planning literally means the creation of a plan; it can be as simple as making a list. The term “planning” has acquired a technical meaning, however, to cover the area of government legislation and regulations related to the use of resources.

Planning involves defining objectives and developing strategies to reach those objectives. This utility report looks at the grand scale, “the big picture”, as well as the “long range plan”, and projects current activities and programs of the County and the seven purveyors, and proposes future actions that will best benefit the community as a whole. This plan is intended to present options to the County that would create a more desirable future result by influencing the decision process; adapting current programs and actions to have a more favorable outcome. This plan provides several recommendations for the Gadsden County Commission related to future growth of utility infrastructure within the unincorporated areas of the County as follows:

Financial strategies

Governance options

Proposed infrastructure improvements

It should be acknowledged that Gadsden County is fortunate to have support from its State legislative delegation, in the form of a legislative appropriation to fund this study and assist in funding utility infrastructure improvements in the County. The citizens of Gadsden County are also equally fortunate to have a Commission and Staff dedicated to the needs of their community now and in the future.

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