# gwinnettcounty

# 2011 Strategic *Business* Plan Department of Water Resources



#### 2011 Budget Request – Water & Sewer Operating Fund

	 Total
2010 Adopted Budget	\$ 194,892,011
2010 Post Adoption Changes	\$ 51,466,000
2010 Total Adoption Budget	\$ 246,358,011
Reconciliation Adjustments	\$ (2,128,002)
Recon Adj to R&E	\$ 4,678,246
2010 Reconciliation Base	\$ 248,908,255
2011 Base Budget	\$ 201,063,680
2011 Trans – R&E	\$ 63,556,334
2011 Total Requested Budget	\$ 264,620,014
Difference in budget from 2010	\$ 15,711,759

### 2011 Budget Request – Stormwater Operating Fund

	Total
2010 Adopted Budget	\$ 10,477,858
2010 Post Adoption Changes	\$ 18,691,432
2010 Total Adoption Budget	\$ 29,169,290
Reconciliation Adjustments	\$ (1,356,420)
Recon Adj to R&E	\$ 7,460,273
2010 Reconciliation Base	\$ 35,273,143
2011 Base Budget	\$ 10,837,530
2011 Trans – R&E	\$ 18,291,549
2011 Total Requested Budget	\$ 29,129,079
Difference in budget from 2010	\$ 6,144,064

# gwinnettcounty

# 2011 Strategic *Business* Plan Department of Water Resources



### A Message from the Director

The Department of Water Resources'
Strategic Business Plan defines the vision, mission, values and goals for our organization and our overall business strategy

Our fundamental role is to protect public health



### **Analysis Results**

### S Strengths

Triple AAA Rating

Credibility with Regulatory Agencies

**Business Focused Organization** 

**Industry Leader** 

Loyal Staff with Dependable Knowledge

Capacity



### **Analysis Results**

#### W <u>Weaknesses</u>

Maturing Infrastructure / Funding Rehabilitation Needs

**Debt Service** 

Limited Resources for Training / Skill Development

- Bench Strength



Limited Resources for Public Outreach

### **Analysis Results**

### **Opportunities**

Continue to Optimize Costs, Improve Performance and Efficiencies

Improve Public Outreach

Continue Developing Asset / Data Integration

Organizational / Staffing Realignment



Environmental Initiatives – Gas-to-Energy / FOG 🛑



### **Analysis Results**

#### T Threats

Water Wars



Stormwater Funding

Overall Economic Environment

Increasing Cost of Operations / Maintenance

Weather Extremes

Revenue Variability



#### Threat

#### **\*** WHAT WAS THE RULING

On July 17, 2009, U.S. District Court ruled the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers failed to comply with its statutory obligations and water supply is not an authorized purpose of Lake Lanier

#### **❖** UPDATE

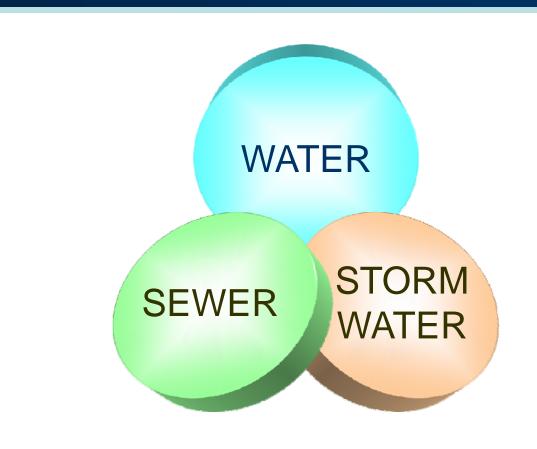
Phase 1 - Appeals filed in 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit

Interstate negotiation and Congressional action remain options

Phase 2 - Denied all of FL's claims

### core services

#### Water Resources



October 2010

### core services

### 2011 Objectives

The Ten Attributes of Effectively Managed Water and Wastewater Utilities

"Charting a course for wise management of water systems and precious water resources."

Benjamin H. Grumbles U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2007



# water resources

### 2011 Budget Summary



#### Water & Sewer

#### Water & Sewer Budget Increase

Operating Revenue Increase

Transfer to R&E



**Debt Service** 

Operating Expense

**Personal Services** 

Bad Debt Expense

Water Wars Litigation

**Utilities** 

<u>\$16.1M</u>

\$ 7.9M

\$ 3.2M

\$ 5.0M

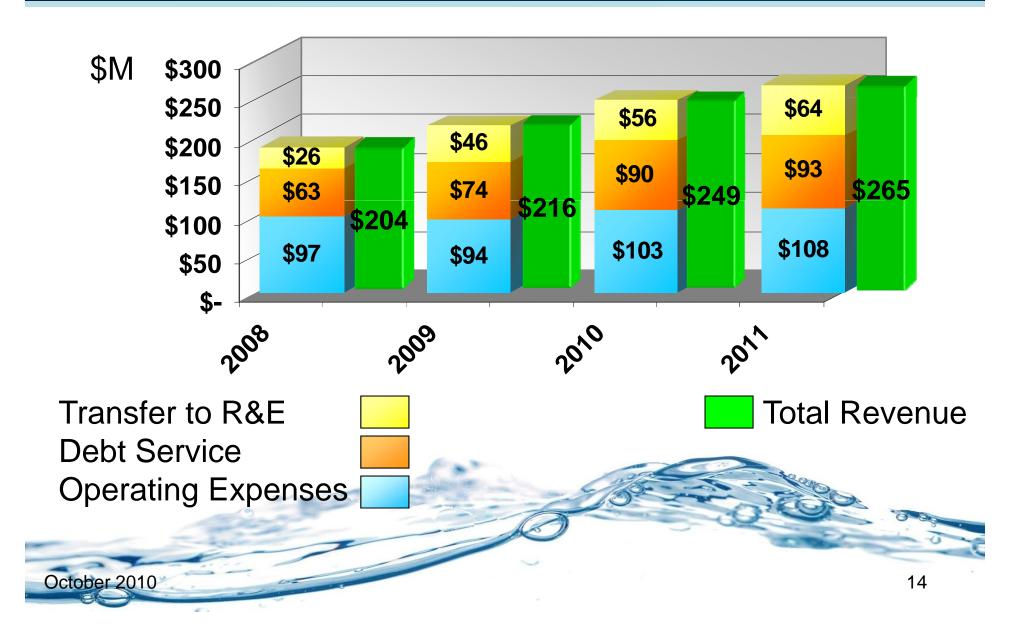
\$2.5M

\$1.0M

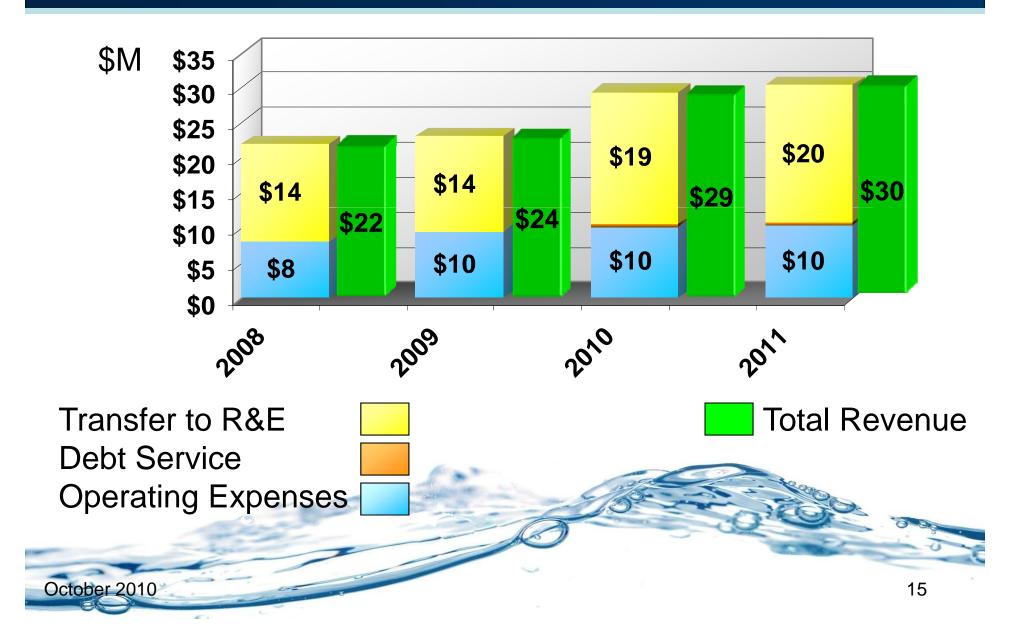
\$0.5M

\$0.5M

#### Water & Sewer



#### Stormwater



### Staffing

Water & Sewer	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total Authorized	563	552	538	528
Stormwater				
Total Authorized	60	60	59	59
DWR Total Authorized	623	612	597	587

October 2010

### Staffing

#### Retirement by the Numbers

Filled Positions	548
------------------	-----

Eligible to Retire	65	12%

### engage gwinnett

#### **DWR** Initiatives

The department should engage a collection agency to improve its water and sewer fee collections

- ✓ Penn Credit collection agency was hired in 2009 to collect past due water and sewer receivables
- ~ \$1M collected to date



### engage gwinnett

#### **DWR** Initiatives

- ➤ We fully support the department's plan of avoiding future bond funding by financing all future capital projects on a "pay as you go" basis
- √ 2009 last Water & Sewer debt offering
- ✓ Fund Yellow River WRF Crooked Creek WRF; and Re-use Line to Lake Lanier
- ✓ All future CIP will be funded through operating revenue



### engage gwinnett

#### **DWR** Initiatives

- > The department needs to develop a plan for funding the cost of repairing and replacing portions of the storm water infrastructure that are expected to fail within the next 10 years. The Work Group recognizes this means incurring significant additional costs
- ✓ A financial pro-forma has been developed
- ✓ Funding levels have been identified to support service levels for the next 7 years
- ✓ Funding alternatives are being explored



### rates

#### **DWR** Initiatives

#### **Current Water and Sewer Rate Resolution:**

Water Effective Jan 1, 2011 \$5.5M

Sewer Effective Jan 1, 2011 \$9.3M

Total Rate Increase \$14.8M

Other Fees and Charges \$1.3M

2011 Water & Sewer Revenue Increase

\$16.1M



#### **DWR** Initiatives

#### ★ Initiatives

Large meter
Testing, repair & replacement

Small meter
Replacement schedule
10 to 15 years

Sewer manhole
Inspection/repair in flood plain
Reduction of inflow



Annual cost savings ~ \$ 1M

Annual cost savings ~ \$400 k

Reduced treatment costs

~ \$300 k per event

#### **DWR** Initiatives

#### ★ Initiatives

Power costs
Renegotiated rates and off peak treatment

Gas-to-Energy, Capture methane gas, generate electricity, Hill Plant, 2011

FOG / High Strength Waste Receiving station, Hill Plant, 2011

#### Results

Annual energy savings ~ \$ 1M

Annual electricity savings ~ \$400 k

Gas generation tipping fees ~ \$450 k per year

#### **DWR** Initiatives

★ Initiatives

Results

Water Production Derceto system Annual electricity savings ~ \$325 k

Water tank and booster pump decommissioning

Annual cost savings ~ \$200 k

Stormwater sale of 4,647 stream mitigation credits

Stormwater revenue \$415 k

#### **DWR** Initiatives

#### ★ Initiatives

\* Results

Hydraulic modeling In-sourcing

Internal modeling saved ~ \$400 k on one project vs. original solution

Pump Station Phase Out Program, begin in 2011

Annual costs savings ~ \$250k by 2015

Plant Maintenance
Effectiveness program,
complete by 2012

Annual savings ~ \$500k in 2012

#### **DWR** Initiatives

#### ★ Initiatives

Results

Surplus vehicles Realignment of crews,
trailers & backhoes

Annual fuel / maintenance cost savings \$100 k

ARRA Stimulus Funding - for Operating Cost Improvements

Received \$10.5M grant and \$8M in low interest loans (2%)

Central Warehouse Inventory, *LEAN* project

Annual cost savings ~ \$200k

#### **DWR** Initiatives

#### ★ Initiatives

\* Results

Closure of Jackson Creek WRF, End of 2011

Annual cost savings ~ \$900k, 2012

Customer service work orders, electronic delivery to meter reading vendor

Annual cost savings ~ \$150k

Customer service automation, 14 temp positions eliminated in the past 12 months

Annual cost savings ~ \$475k

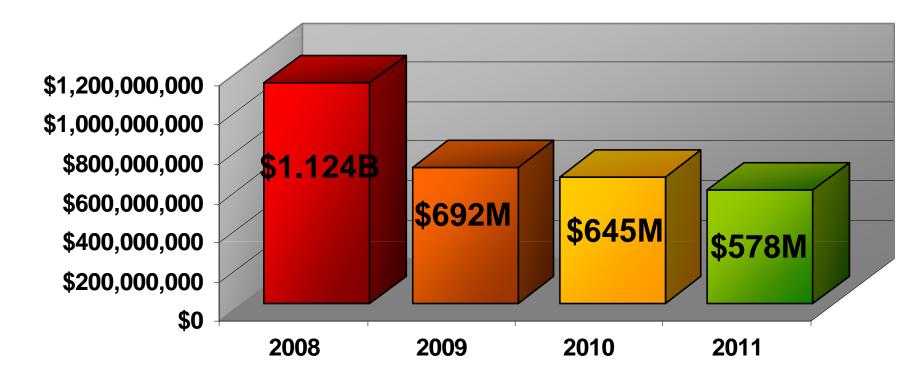
# water resources

### 2011 Capital Budget



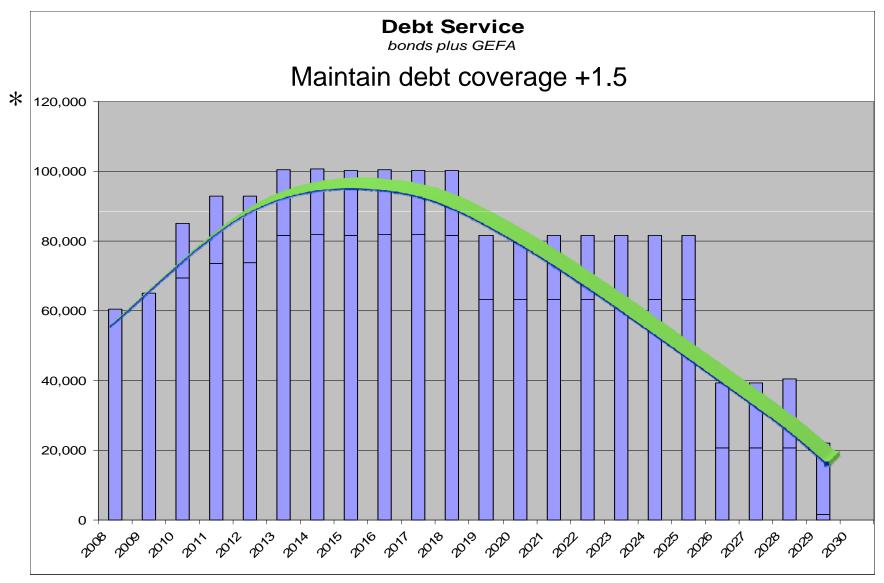
trends 2011

#### Water & Sewer



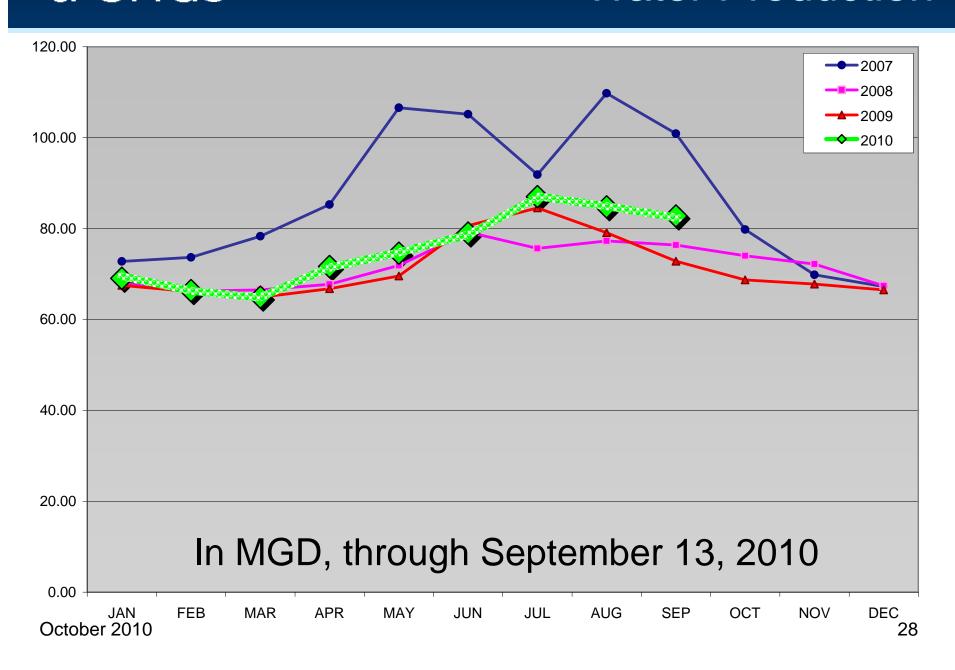


trends Debt



trends

#### Water Production



### summary

### Water Resources

- ✓ Reduce CIP from \$1.1B to \$578M
  - 51% savings
  - Shift from new construction to maintaining infrastructure
- ✓ Cost savings initiatives in 2010
  - **❖** \$ 10.5 M



### summary

### Water Resources

- ✓ Wastewater Consolidation Continues
  - Reduction of 15 positions
  - Reduce another 10 positions by end of 2011
- ✓ Supports our 2011 Budget Targets
  - Supports Debt Service
  - Supports Pay-As-You-Go
  - Supports Operating Expense Levels



## strategic business plan

#### Questions?

