



## Water Resources Department Project Review and Approval Process

1. The Department recommends an early visit to discuss significant connections or extensions to the County's water and wastewater infrastructure.
2. Applications for the extension of water and / or wastewater lines and facilities should accompany any rezone application or preliminary plans. Concept or preliminary plans can be reviewed and discussed with the Department along with preliminary water and wastewater availability.
3. With completed applications, the Department will determine if there is adequate water and wastewater treatment and transmission capacity to serve the project / development and issue Letter of Availability to the Owner / Developer or design professional.
4. The Owner / Developer shall prepare and submit to the Planning Department for review, water and wastewater infrastructure plans designed under the oversight of a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Georgia. (The Planning Department serves as the primary point of contact for review of plans.)
5. The Department's Engineer will review the plans and applications for compliance with the Department's Water and Wastewater Standards and Specifications.
6. If corrections are required, the Department will return the plans to the Owner / Developer (through the Planning Department) with a check list of review comments and required changes.
  - a. The Owner / Developer will correct the plans as required and resubmit.
  - b. If no further corrections are required, see Step number 7.
7. Once approved, the Department will return plans to Planning Department "For Construction". Approval is valid for one year. It is required that the Georgia Licensed Utility Contractor and Owner / Developer visit with the Inspector before initiating construction.
8. The Department Inspector will routinely inspect for conformance to approved Plans and County Standards. (See Required Inspections for Water and Sewer facilities.)
9. At completion of the line installation, testing of the lines and start-up of systems will be conducted by the Owner / Developer and observed / approved by the Inspector upon successful test.
10. The Owner / Developer will submit "As-built" drawings, cost information, and product documentation to the Department.
11. The Department will verify that all easements are granted and fees paid.
12. The Department will sign the Final Plat whereby all new facilities are donated to the County and all easements and stipulations are recorded. A 1-year operation and maintenance period begins on this date.
13. The Project is complete after a 1-year period of satisfactory performance.