



# FULTON COUNTY BOC MAYORS MEETING

June 3, 2022

# OVERVIEW

## **Covid-19 Update**

- Incident Response Update
- Vaccination Response
- Rental Assistance
- Project ORCA

## **LOST Update**

## **Wastewater Rate Study Review**

## **May 24th Primary Elections Overview**



# **COVID-19 Update**

# INCIDENT RESPONSE REVIEW

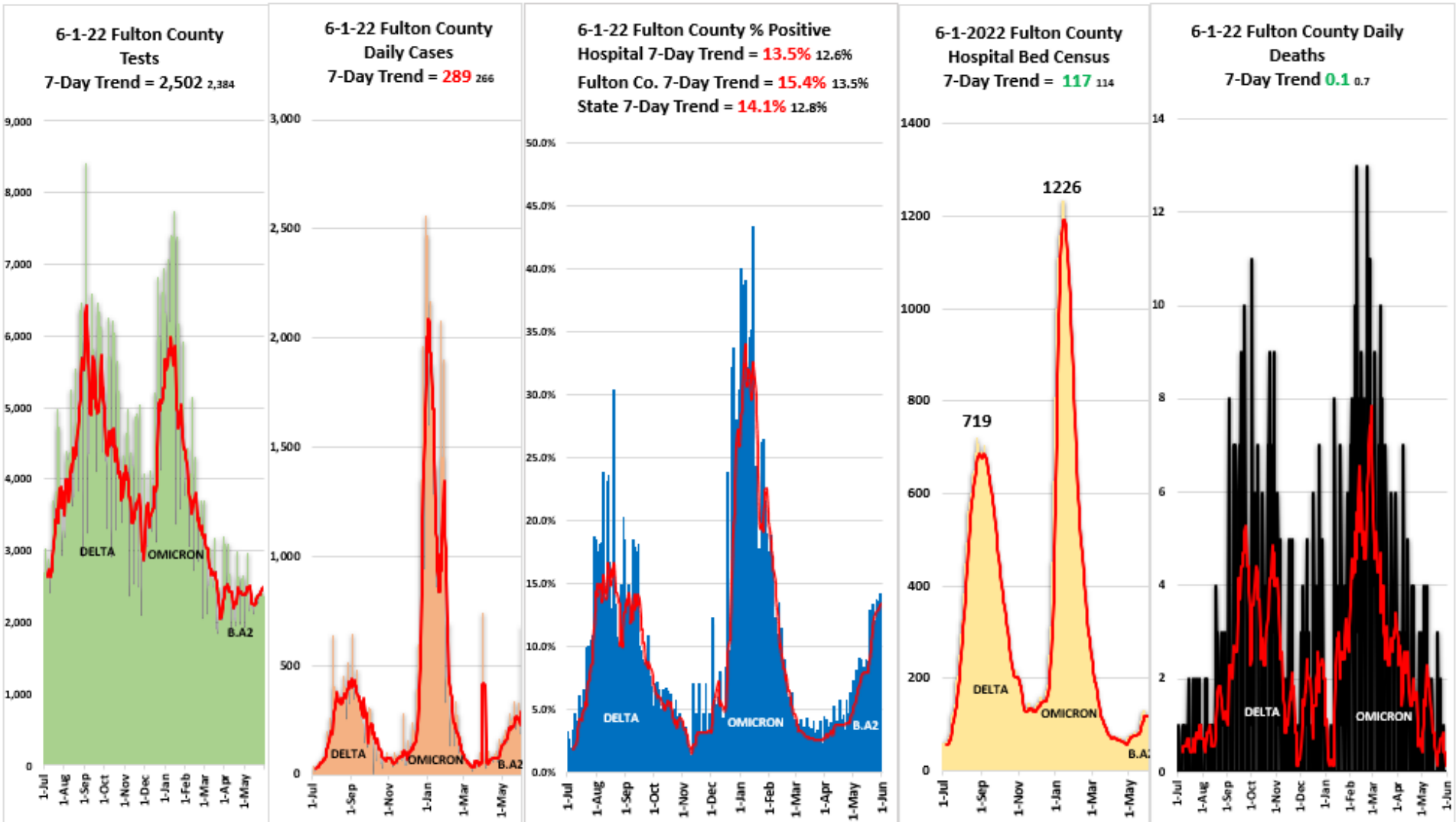
- ❖ Covid Deaths Fulton County: There have been more Covid deaths attributed to OMICRON (430) than Delta (232) last summer, (92% of those deaths were from the unvaccinated population).
- ❖ Cases, % positives and now Hospitalizations have steadily increased since last Mayors meeting.
- ❖ \*Reported case counts are thought to be at least 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the real case count. due to milder symptoms **for the vaccinated population** and the difficulty in tracking at home testing.
- ❖ BA.2.12.1 variant now accounts for 62% of all new cases while 30% are from a the sub-variant BA.2 & OMICRON is now **8%**
- ❖ BA.2.12.1 is more transmissible than its predecessors
- ❖ Vaccine: 1st Booster now available for 5 and over. 2nd booster for those over 55 and four months since 1st booster.

# ● Fulton County COVID-19



7-day average for cases is **289**, 7-day average for % positive is **15.4%**,  
7-day average, hospitalizations is **117**, 7 day average, for deaths is **0.1**

Fulton County Dashboard totals for 6-1-2022: Tests = 2,414 / Cases = 680 / % Positive = 15.4% / Hosp COVID19 Census = 121 / Deaths = 0



# Wastewater Partnership



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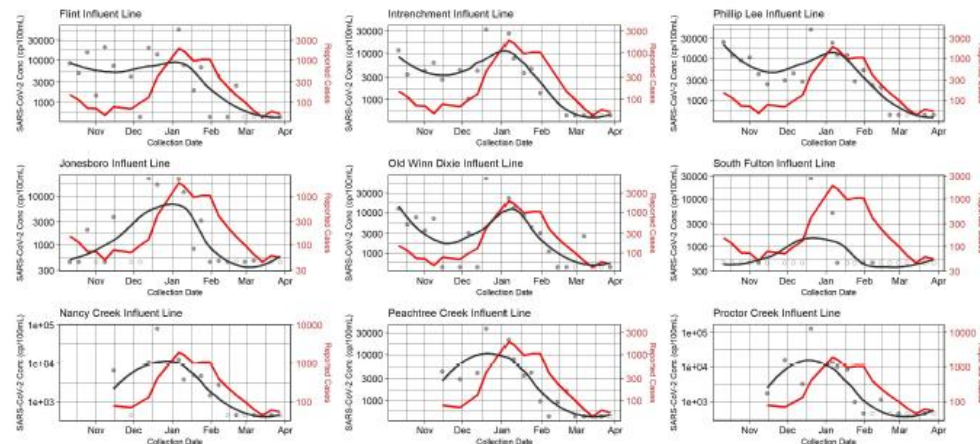
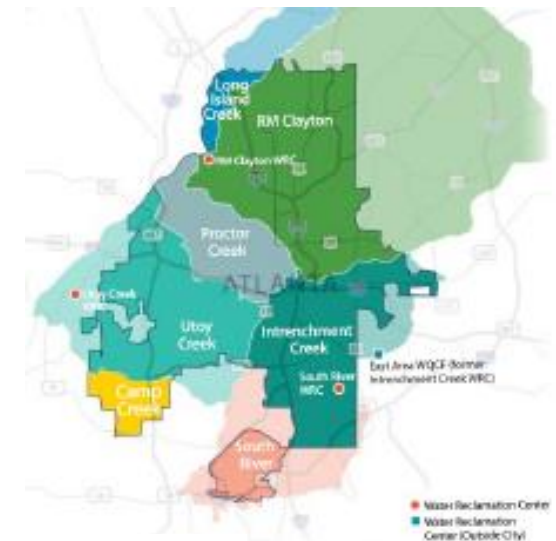
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- ❖ Shows trends in COVID-19 cases over time
- ❖ Identifies introduction of new threats
- ❖ Shows where COVID-19 prevalence is high
- ❖ Complement existing clinical surveillance
- ❖ Identify and monitor high risk areas
- ❖ Communicate results for response action levels
- ❖ Enhanced public awareness



\*Cases for all Fulton county

# VACCINATION RESPONSE



Continued partnership with Fulton County and Atlanta Public Schools: Back to school events with both school systems in July !



Vaccines administered at Fulton County fixed & mobile sites to date

- **535,606** 1st / 2nd fixed site doses
- **17,275** boosters
- **42,636** mobile doses

## New Vaccination Locations



### **Neighborhood Union Health Center**

186 Sunset Ave NW # 186, Atlanta, GA 30314

Monday & Tuesday 9 AM to 4 PM

### **North Fulton Regional Health Center**

3155 Royal Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30022

Monday - Friday 9 AM to 4 PM

## INCENTIVES

**Offered for 1st & 2nd doses at all BoH / FC fixed & mobile locations**

## BOOSTERS

- **1st Booster** now available for anyone 5 and over
- **\*2nd Booster** now available

\* (over 50 & 4 months since last dose)





# COVID-19 TESTING CAPACITY

A 3rd round of the FREE Federal home test kit program is now available.

<https://www.covid.gov/tests>



Developed a new testing model - PCR testing kiosks

- Public / Employee / Family Use
- Kiosks dispense a self swab test kit & a sample collection box is co-located
- Results will be delivered in 48 to 72 hrs
- No copayment when using medical insurance
- Private pay options
- Fulton County's first three units are located in the government center, the courthouse and Rice Street





# **FULTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

Rental Assistance Update

# Emergency Rental Assistance

## PROGRAM UPDATES as of May 31, 2022

<b>\$25MM Reallocation</b>	<b>Additional Funding Requests</b>	<b>SAFE</b>
2,759 Households	876 Households	558 Households
\$22MM	\$7.3MM	\$6.1MM





# QUESTIONS



# **FULTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

## Project ORCA Update

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# Project ORCA

## COVID-19 CASE REDUCTION

Mayoral Update  
June 3, 2022



① Background

② Case Reduction Strategy

③ Initial Staffing Plan

④ Process Enhancements: Hearing Capacity

⑤ Case Disposition Progress

⑥ Issues and Risks

⑦ Q & A

# BACKGROUND

Since the beginning of COVID-19, the Fulton County Court System has amassed a significant and unprecedented level of cases. To address this challenge, we will utilize a combination of capacity expansion and productivity enhancement initiatives.

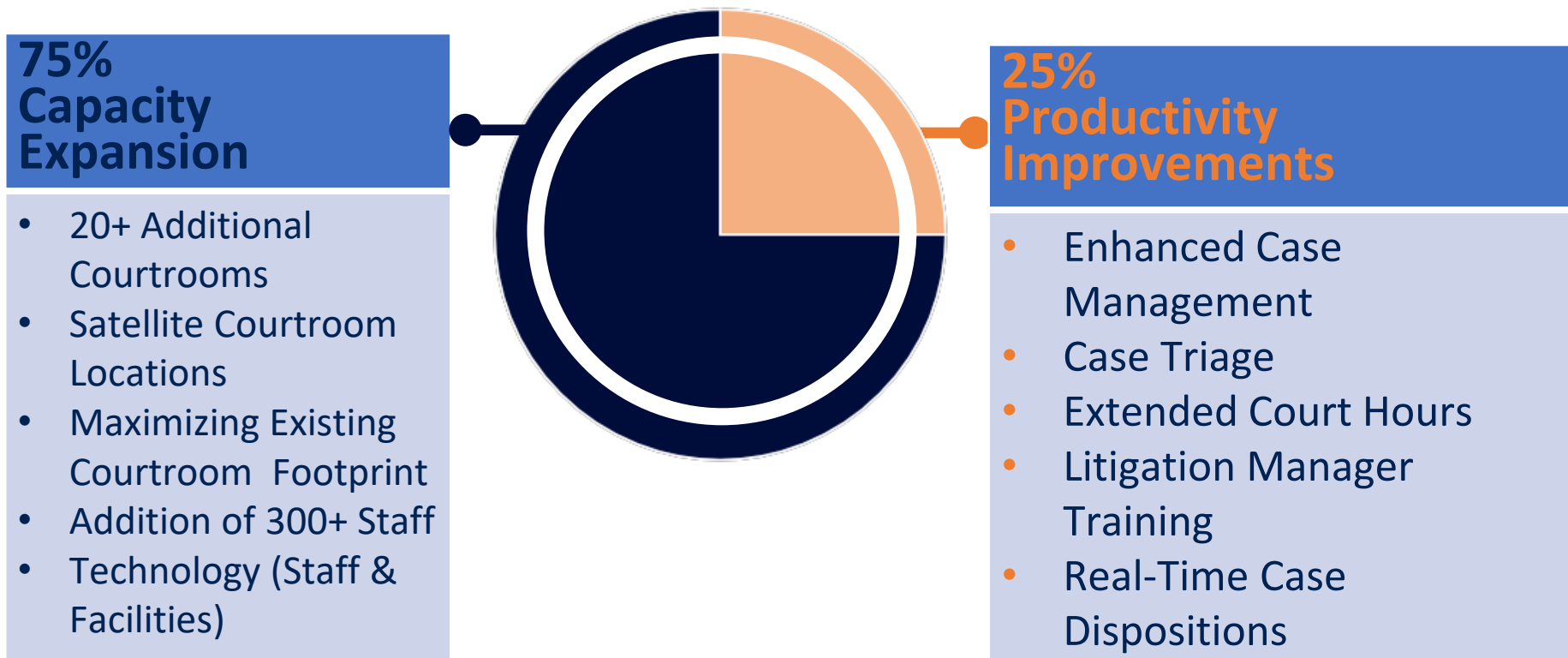
## Case Accumulation Defined

All cases (hearings, filings, applications) that were initiated before and during the pandemic (including those currently awaiting formal charging or filing) that have been impacted due to current limitations at various stages of the case administration process.



# CASE REDUCTION STRATEGY

Addressing case accumulation will require additions to capacity and improvements in current processes.



# INITIAL STAFFING PLAN

	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL S
Superior Court	17	12	8	0	0	0	38
State Court	10	12	10	0	0	0	32
Magistrate Court	3	3	2	0	0	0	8
Juvenile Court	1	7	4	3	0	0	15
Probate Court	1	2	3	1	0	0	7
District Attorney	12	20	12	15	15	0	74
Solicitor General	7	24	0	0	0	0	31
Public Defender	6	6	6	5	4	0	27
Sheriff	12	12	18	8	0	0	50
Marshal	8	8	8	4	0	0	28
COSMC	5	5	3	0	0	0	13
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>323</b>

# PROCESS ENHANCEMENTS

## *HEARING CAPACITY*



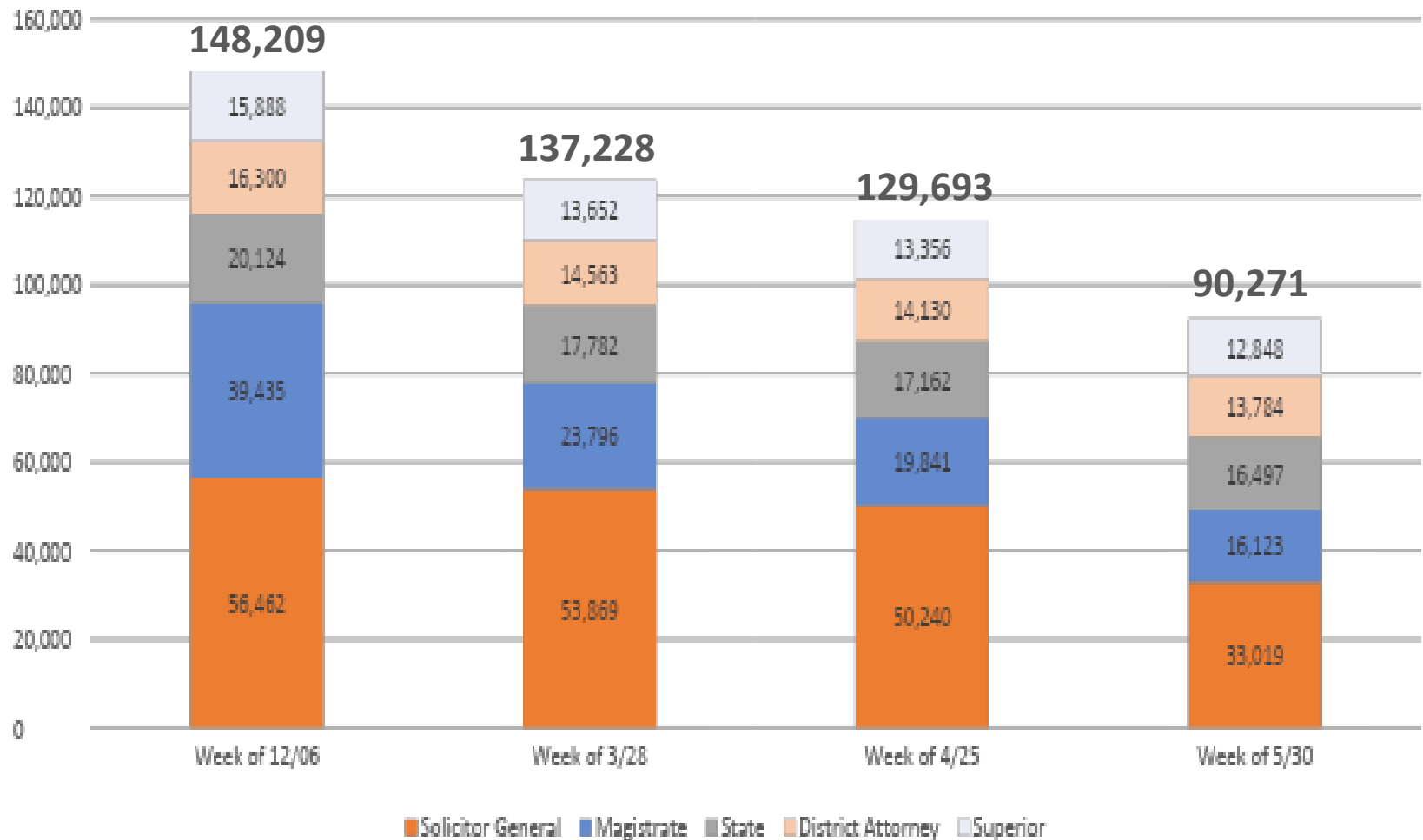
## Snapshot of Daily Virtual Hearings

We have maximized technology and space across Superior, State, Magistrate and Juvenile Courts.

- 56 ZOOM rooms
- 30-40 virtual hearing sessions daily
- 300 hours daily
- 350 - 450 cases daily

# CASE DISPOSITION PROGRESS

Disposition Status by Office



# CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY

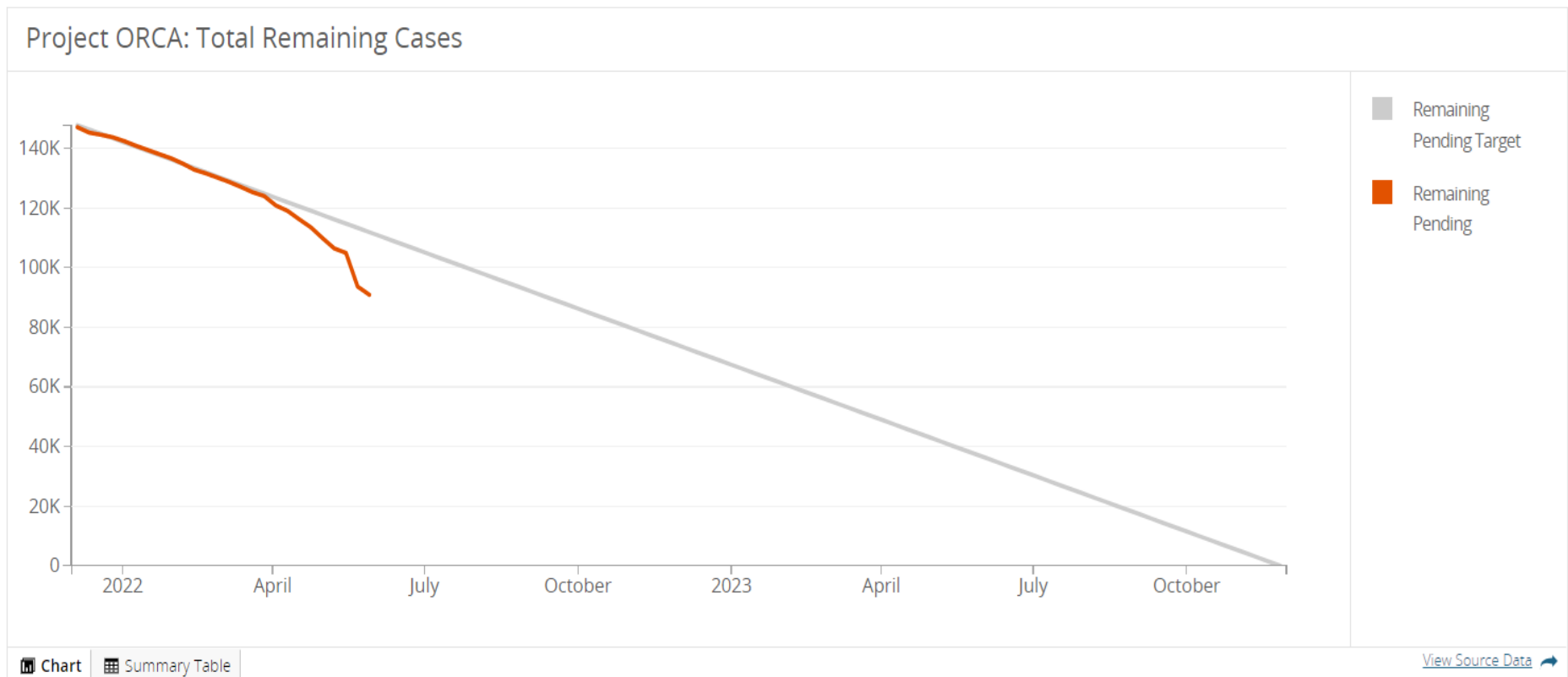
## PROJECT ORCA CASE DISPOSITION AS OF 5/30/2022



Office	May			Project To Date		
	Target	Actual	Variance	Target	Actual	Variance
Superior	636	493	(143)	3,815	4,895	1,080
District Attorney	652	350	(302)	3,912	2,582	(1,330)
State	805	752	(53)	4,828	5,437	609
Solicitor General	2,258	18,466	16,208	13,505	24,920	11,415
Magistrate	1,577	2,916	1,339	9,458	23,547	14,089
<b>Overall</b>	<b>5,928</b>	<b>22,977</b>	<b>17,049</b>	<b>35,518</b>	<b>61,381</b>	<b>25,863</b>

# CASE DISPOSITION PROGRESS (TRENDLINE)

How to read the graph below: If the orange line is **above** the gray line that means that the court is **behind** and will finish processing cases after the deadline; and if the orange line is **below** the gray line that means the court is processing cases in a **timely fashion** and should finish the backlog before the deadline.





# ISSUES & RISKS



Justice Partners continually discuss and review strategies to account for and mitigate the impact of the following issues and risks:

- ✓ Increase in violent crime
- ✓ Increase in jail population
- ✓ Impact of increased violent charges
- ✓ Sheriff and Marshal recruitment
- ✓ Uptick in COVID cases



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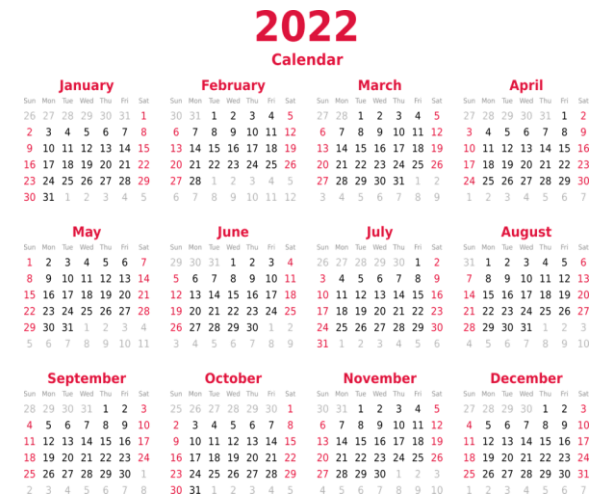


**FULTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT**  
Local Option Sales Tax (L.O.S.T) Update

# REMINDER OF THE TIMELINE:

## REMINDER - Municipalities needed to notify Fulton County of their LOST renegotiation team members and contact information by May 16, 2022

- By Wednesday, June 15, 2022 – BOC to approve resolution calling for commencement of negotiations, naming negotiation team
- By Thursday, June 30, 2022 - Fulton County to:
  - send letters to municipalities to call commencement of renegotiation
  - notify the State Revenue Commissioner
  - distribute consultant's report to municipalities



# Proposed Schedule for LOST Renegotiation

- Beginning on Friday, July 15, 2022 - weekly renegotiation team meetings via Zoom through the 60-day renegotiation period:
  - Friday, July 15, 2022 from 10 a.m. to noon
  - Friday, July 22, 2022 from 10 a.m. to noon
  - Friday, July 29, 2022 from 10 a.m. to noon
  - Thursday, August 4, 2022 from 10 a.m. to noon
  - Friday, August 12, 2022 from 10 a.m. to noon
  - Friday, August 19, 2022 from 10 a.m. to noon
  - Friday, August 26, 2022 from 10 a.m. to noon





# **FULTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

## Wastewater Rate Study



# Fulton County Water/Wastewater 2022 Rate Study Review

Fulton County Department of Public Works



# Executive Summary

- South Fulton Capacity Study projections are proving accurate
  - Demand for projects and system expansions are needed
- Continued revenue/expenses imbalance will create a decrease in capital balance and unsustainable
- In order to prevent a depletion of funds and maintain a steady balance to allow Fulton County to continue providing its services as well as fund the projects raised in the capacity studies, a rate increase of 5% is proposed for the next 3 years



# Capital Improvement Program

## Funded Through Previous Rate Adjustments

- Little River WRF Replacement
- Bonding for Big Creek WRF Expansion
- Johns Creek Reuse Water Line
- Cobb County Diversion Line
- Camp Creek WRF modernization
- Water Tank painting
- Inflow & Infiltration Response
  - Riverside/Azlea Drive
  - Pine Valley Road
  - Morning Creek

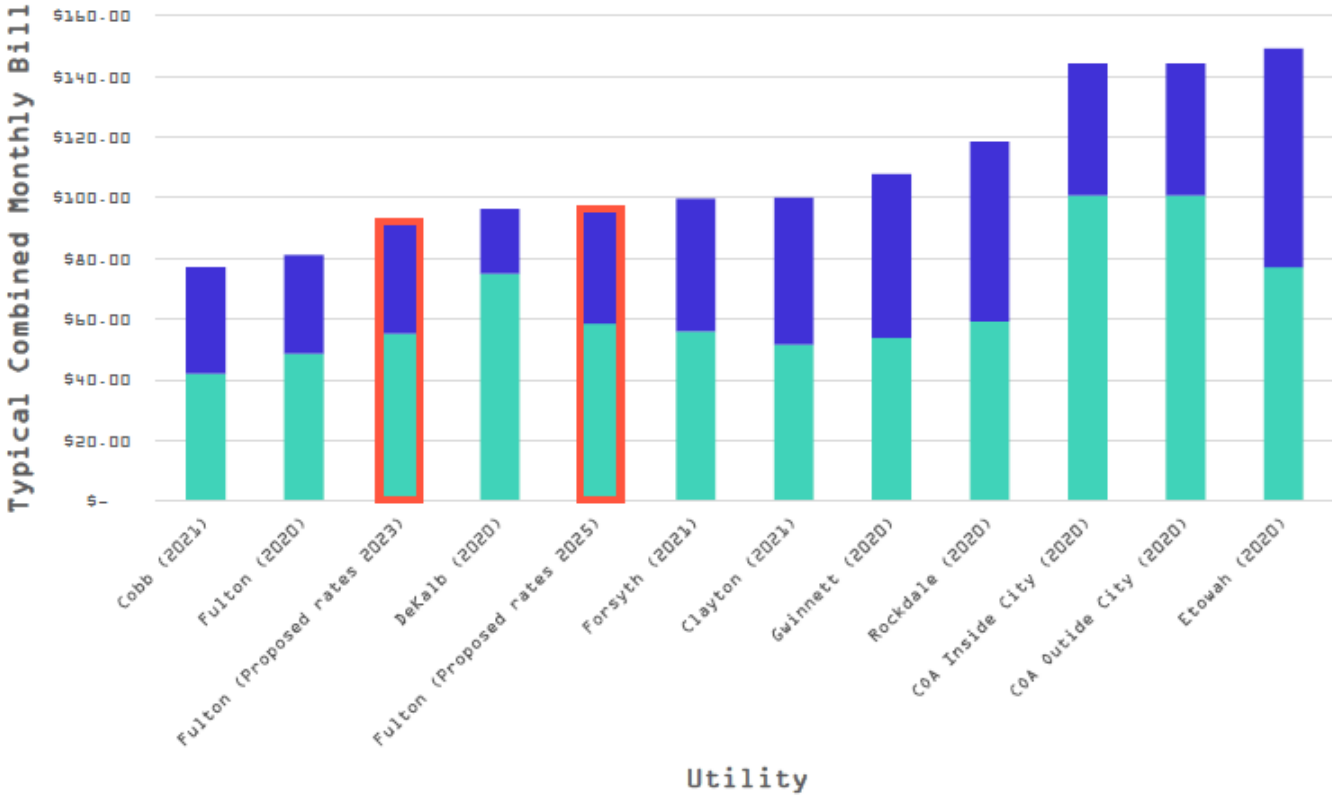
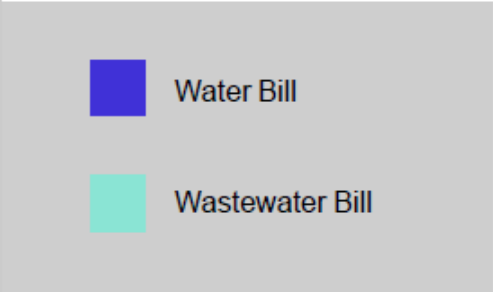
Total Infrastructure Investment = \$490 Million

## Planned Projects with Proposed Rate Adjustment

- Atlanta Newnan Pump Station and Force Main
- Friendship Pump Station and Force Main
- Campbellton Pump Station and Force Main
- Camp Creek, Deep Creek, and Ono Road Pump Station capacity improvements
- Preliminary Camp Creek WRF Expansion Conceptual Engineering
- Inflow & Infiltration Response
  - Marsh Creek
  - Camp Creek Interceptor

Total Infrastructure Investment = \$475 Million

# Average Bill Competitive Assessment



# Next Steps

- 1 Last of the Previously Approved 5% Rate Increase – January 1, 2022**
- 2 Request Approval to Conduct Public Meetings on New Proposed Rate Increase – June 1, 2022 Regularly Scheduled BOC Meeting**
- 3 Update Mayors on Proposed Rate Increase – June 3, 2022**
- 4 Conduct Public Meetings –  
North Fulton – June 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 pm  
South Fulton – June 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 pm**
- 5 Present Final Rate Recommendation –  
August 3, 2022 Regularly Scheduled BOC Meeting**
- 6 Implement New Rate Increase – January 1, 2023**
- 7 Revisit Rate Analysis to Include Camp Creek WRF Expansion – Spring 2025**





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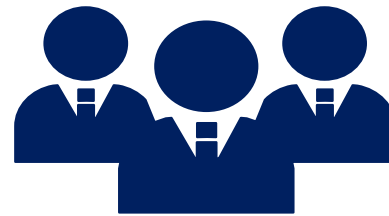


# **FULTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

May 24th Elections Overview



# ELECTIONS REVIEW AND DEBRIEF



General Primary May 24, 2022

# OVERVIEW

## REDISTRICTING

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Challenges

Improvements

## ADVANCE VOTING

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## ELECTION DAY

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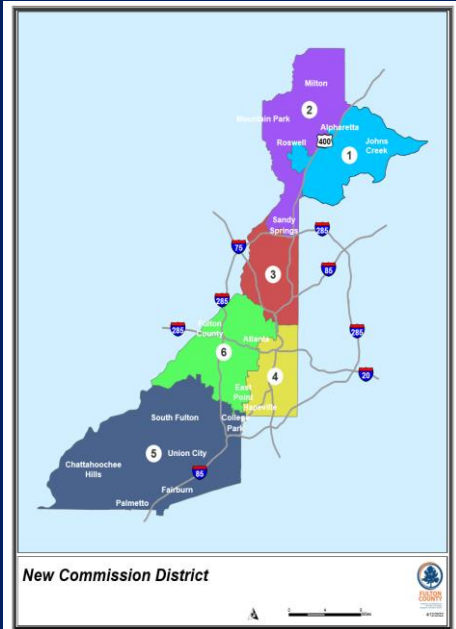
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## RUNOFF PREPARATION

## ON THE HORIZON

# REDISTRICTING



## SUCCESSSES

- 373 precincts redistricted
- Contracted with Blue Raster to enhance layer of check and balance

## CHALLENGES

- Short window of redistricting process

## FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS

- Develop routine schedule for street maintenance updates
- Continue contracted services through General Election cycle
- Planned mailers to voters with updated precinct districts for November election cycle

# ADVANCE VOTING

## SUCSESSES

- 30 locations opened timely every day
- 90,000+ voters processed during advance voting
- 5,500+ absentee by mail ballots processed
- 270+ workers successfully recruited and trained

## CHALLENGES

- No show/drop out of advance voting workers
- COVID-19 breakouts

## FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS

- Streamline training
- Increase quantity of reserve workers
- Survey Advance Voting workers for input on improvements

# ELECTION DAY



## General Primary Election May 24, 2022

### SUCSESSES

- 248 poll sites opened on time
- 89,000+ Election Day voters
- 2000+ Election Day poll workers recruited

### CHALLENGES

- 2 polling locations opened late
- Delay in vote tally on Election night
- Recruitment and no show election day workers due to the holiday

### FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS

- Increased Regional Coordinator staff with smaller poll worker recruitment regions
- Survey Election Day poll workers for input on improvements
- Reorganize and increase staff for memory card transport to tabulation center

# RUNOFF PREPARATION

## What's Next? -General Primary Runoff Election – June 21, 2022

### STATEWIDE RUNOFF – JUNE 21, 2022

Advance Voting Locations: 30 (pending changes)

Election Day Locations: 250

Advance Voting: Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> (including Sunday)

Logic & Accuracy Testing: Starts Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> until complete

Absentee Ballot Processing: Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

# ON THE HORIZON



## Elections Warehouse Update

### TEMPORARY SPACE

- Warehouse space remains unchanged until the conclusion of the runoff election.
- Temporary warehouse space is being secured in a centralized location;
- currently in negotiation; contract expected to be finalized in early June.

### PERMANENT SPACE

- Permanent warehouse space is under construction.
- Projected occupancy date is December 2022.





## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS