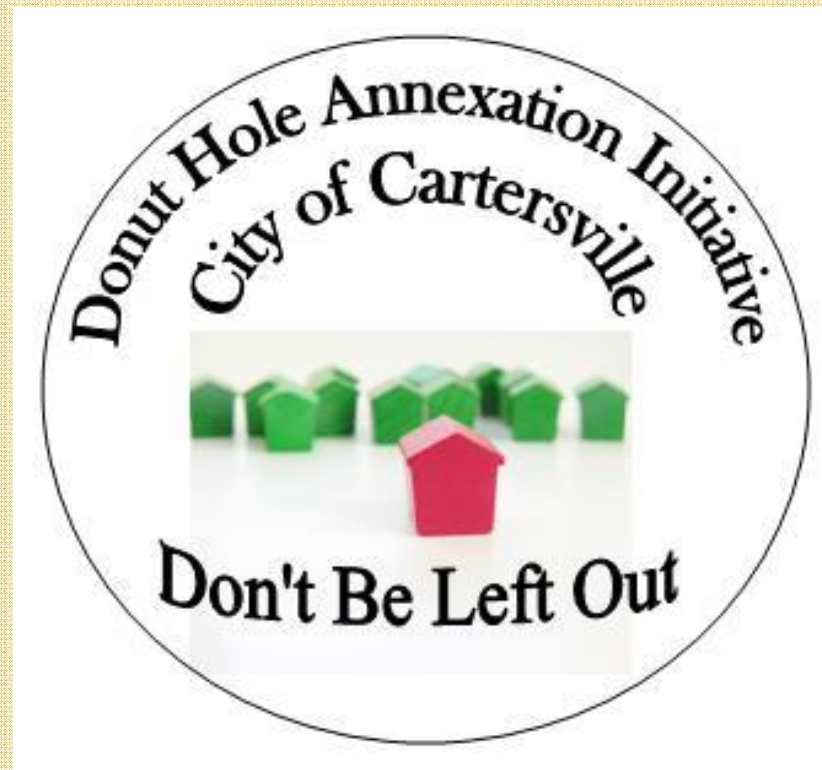




# City of Cartersville Annexation Initiative

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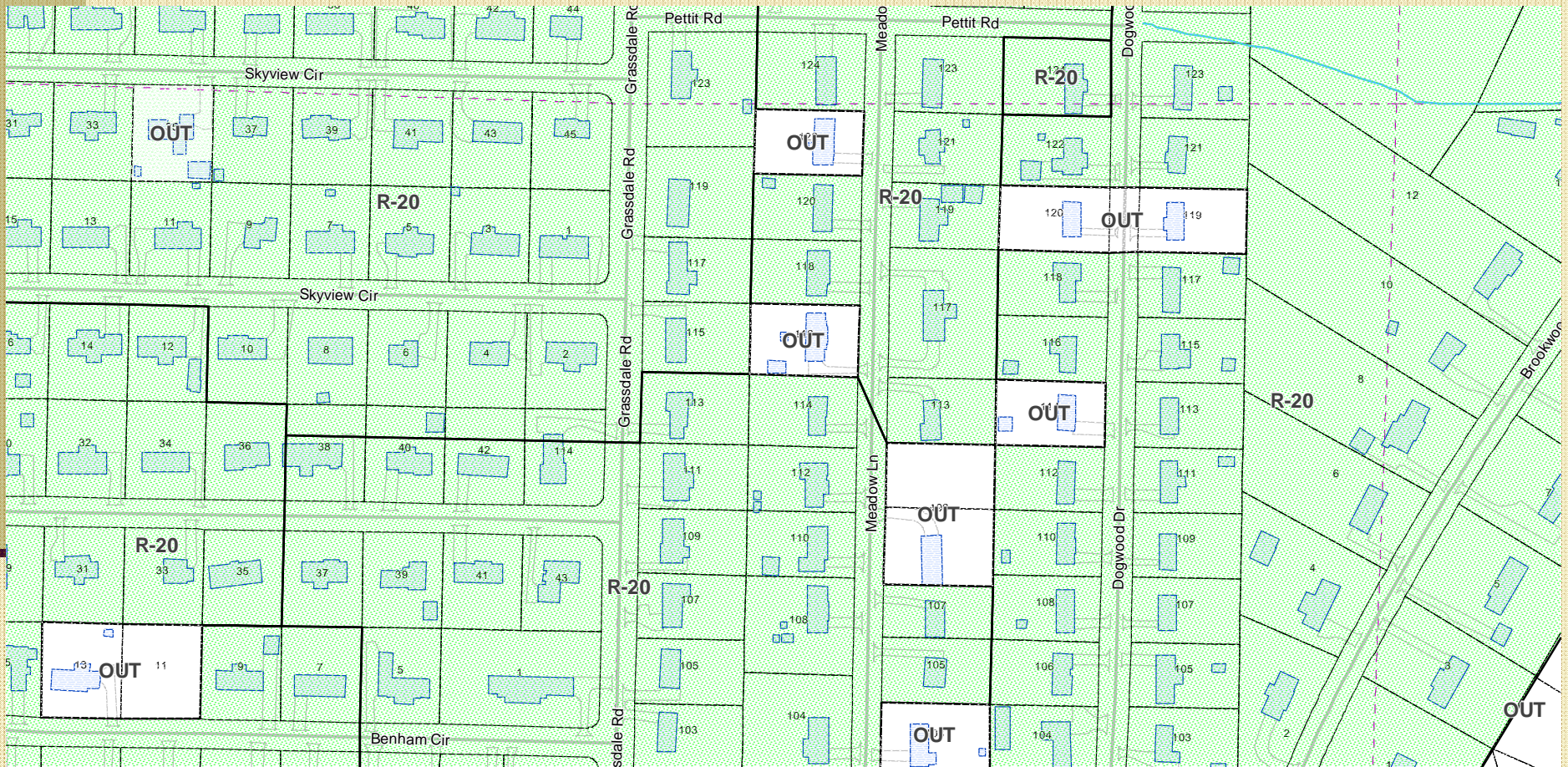
# Project Overview

- Voluntary program - “donut hole” property owners in the County, surrounded by lots in the City, may annex into the City for consistent Police and Fire coverage.
- Free to annex – normal \$400 fee waived. City staff would work with property owners to complete paperwork – process takes two months.





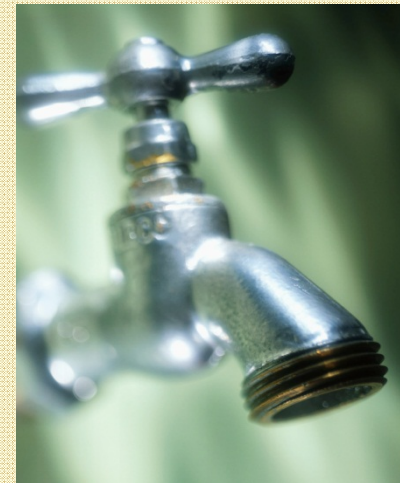
# Example of "donut hole" area





# Benefits of being in the City

- Decreased City Water bill
  - Residents in the County who use City water pay almost twice as much as City residents.
  - Example: family of 4 in the County pays about \$32 a month. Same family in the City pays about \$16.50 a month. **Yearly savings \$186.**





# Benefits of being in the City

- Decreased Homeowners Insurance bill
  - Better Fire Protection Class
    - County is Fire Protection Class 5
    - City is Fire Protection Class 3 – BETTER
    - Lower number could save homeowner 10%-15% per year on insurance





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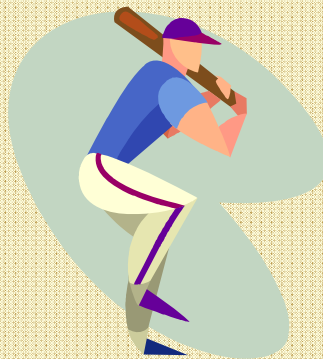
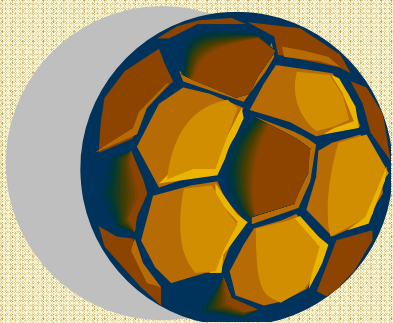
- Fire and Police service
  - Cartersville Fire responds to City properties as priority calls, which could provide a higher level of quality response.
  - Cartersville Police could provide more consistent and responsive service since adjacent properties are already served by Cartersville Police.





# Benefits of being in the City

- Decreased fees for recreational programs
  - City residents pay lower fees for organized recreational programs.
  - City residents pay lower fees for participation in activities related to the Senior Aquatic Center.





# Costs of being in the City

- Increased Property Tax bill
  - 2012 Millage rate
    - City 28.91
    - County 25.88
  - NOTE: Individual property tax exemptions may apply.







# Costs of being in the City

- Stormwater Utility monthly fee
  - County does not have a monthly stormwater fee
  - City single-family residential properties pay \$3.75 per month.





# Neutral Factors

- Electric service would not change – City electric rate would be the same, City does not control Georgia Power / Greystone Power rates
- Garbage service (trash and recycling included) is optional and \$19 per month (\$17 for seniors)
- Gas service would not change – no difference in City gas rate, City does not control Atlanta Gas rates
- Sewer service would not change – City sewer customers could lower monthly bill 40% by annexing – County sewer rate would not change