



**CITY OF GAINESVILLE**

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**PURPOSE: Proposed Annexation of Unincorporated Islands**

**RE: Address:  
Tax Parcel #:**

Dear Property Owner,

Our records indicate you are the current owner of the property identified by the above address and tax parcel number. This property has been identified as an unincorporated County island, which means the property is currently in the jurisdiction of unincorporated Hall County although it is surrounded by properties located within the city limits of Gainesville. In an effort to maximize service delivery efficiency and minimize service delivery confusion, the City of Gainesville is considering annexing all unincorporated islands, which would include the above referenced property. Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A) § 36-36-90 through (O.C.G.A) § 36-36-92, this Article authorizes the unilateral annexation of unincorporated islands.

The table below provides a comparison of your property taxes. The column labeled "County" is the total amount of property taxes you are currently paying. The column labeled "City" is the total amount of property tax you would pay if the property is annexed.

TAX COMPARISON		
	COUNTY	CITY
Appraised Property Value	\$	\$
TOTAL Estimated Taxes	\$	\$

**CITY BENEFITS:**

- Excellent fire and police protection. The City of Gainesville has a better ISO rating of 2 versus Hall County's ISO rating of 5 which provides approximately 10% lower homeowners' insurance rates;
- Up to a 50% reduction in water rates and a 4% reduction in sewer rates;
- Residential properties would receive twice per week garbage collection and curbside leaf and limb pick-up along with recyclable collection; and
- Residents would receive discounts on programs offered by Gainesville Parks and Recreation.

**MEETING INFORMATION:**

The city will conduct two General Information Meetings to help answer any questions you may have. Representatives from various city departments will be available.

**Meeting #1 - Monday, November 10 - 5:30 p.m. - Georgia Mountains Ctr.**

**Meeting #2 - Monday, November 17 - 5:30 p.m. - Gainesville Civic Ctr.**

**COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:**

Any comments may be presented at either of the General Information Meetings. Please contact Rusty Ligon, *Planning Director* or Matt Tate, *Planning Manager* at 770-531-6570 if you have any questions regarding the General Information Meetings.