



CITY OF VALDOSTA, GEORGIA DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES

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Special points of interest:

- The city operates a water treatment and ozone generation and treatment facility. One of the few in the south east.
- The city and the department are experiencing tremendous growth that is being accompanied by \$100m in construction and expansion.

ABOUT VALDOSTA, GEORGIA

The Valdosta/Lowndes County area has always been a popular gathering place. Beginning with the Creek and Seminole Indians, the Spanish missionaries and the American pioneers, the fertile and beautiful land of this area has enticed people to make their homes here.

Lowndes County was established in 1825. Its first county seat, Franklinville, was established in 1828. In 1837, the city of Troupville became the county seat. When the Gulf and Atlantic Railroad decided to put a right-of-way four miles south of Troupville, the citizens of Troupville made an interesting move to ensure the future prosperity of their town--they picked it up and moved it four miles.

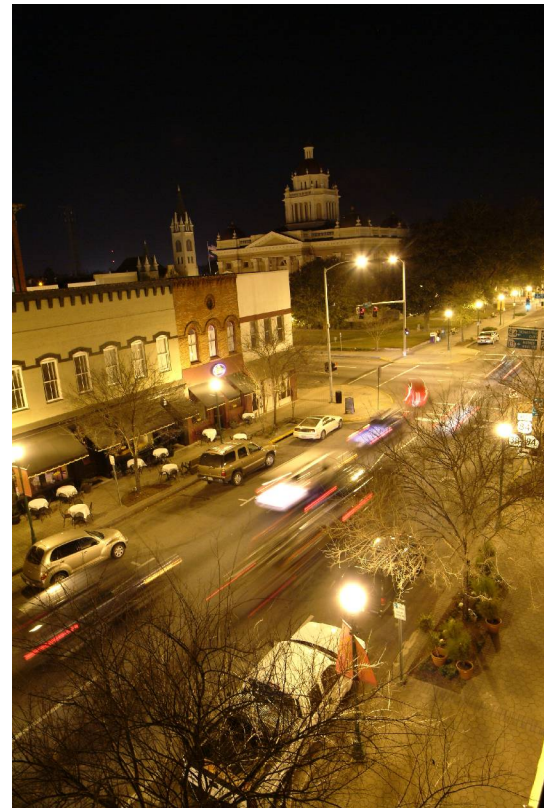
The town was then renamed Valdosta, in honor of "Val d'Aosta," the plantation home of former Governor George Troup. In 1860, Valdosta was incorporated as the new seat of county government.

Valdosta's history has been closely tied to the soil. The sandy loam allowed the city to become the inland capital for Sea Island cotton. When cotton crops were devastated by the boll weevil in the early 1900s, other crops such as

pecans, peanuts, and tobacco rose in popularity.

Valdosta's business district experienced tremendous growth from 1890 to the late 1920s, and most of the city's historic public buildings were constructed around this time. The Valdosta Heritage foundation is dedicated to saving and restoring the remaining historic buildings, homes, and districts of the city. Valdosta now has three National Register Historic Districts--Downtown, Victorian Fairview, and Patterson Street.

The determination of the little town that moved to the railroad is still evident today in the city that is moving into a prosperous future. Agriculture continues to be a driving force. Pine trees, now the area's most important raw material, are grown and harvested for a variety of uses. And the city's location and success keep



attracting more business and industry, including nationally-known brands such as SAFT America. All of this and a remarkable quality of life combine to make Valdosta "South Georgia's Regional City."

DEMOGRAPHICS

Valdosta, Georgia is located midway between Atlanta, Georgia and Orlando, Fl. Just minutes from the Georgia/Florida Border, Valdosta is a regional business hub for South Georgia and Northern Florida. Valdosta is a Main Street City, and is proud to boast a progressive metropolitan city with small town southern charm. In 2000 Valdosta was designated a Metropolitan Statistical Area. This area includes four counties, with Valdosta, Lowndes County being the Metro seat. Valdosta is a growing community, and extremely progressive when it comes to business.

Facts about the Utility Department

Delivers over 3 billion gallons of drinking water per year and receives over 3 billion gallons of wastewater and returns it to the environment.

Provides water service to 18,000 water customers and waste water to 17,000 customers and storm water services.

Removes 3500 tons of solid waste from wastewater and makes beneficial use of nutrient value by applying the solids to agricultural crops.

Collects and analyzes more than 300 water samples a day to guarantee quality and safety.

Cleans and maintains almost 50 miles of ditches, canals, streams, and maintains approximately 300 miles of water mains, 250 miles of sanitary sewers mains and storm drainage pipes, thousands of fire hydrants, manholes, storm water catch basins and other structures.

Health Care : Lowndes County is home to two hospitals which offer a total of 364 beds. There is 1 psychiatric hospital with 48 beds, and 5 nursing homes in the area. The City of Valdosta and Lowndes County also boast 190 M.D.s and 38 dentists.

Education: Lowndes County offers 11 county public schools with over 700 teachers and over 9,200 students. There are also 9 city public schools with 462 teachers and over 7,100 students. Thirteen area private schools add 1,603 students in 2000. In addition, Valdosta State University, the center of higher education in South Georgia, boasts an enrollment of over 10,000 students. Other secondary education opportunities include Georgia Military College serving 800 students, and Valdosta Technical College with 2,500 students.

Population

City of Valdosta: 44,146
Lowndes County: 95,395
Valdosta Metro Area: 123,021
Valdosta State University: 10,500 (students) 1,400 (employees)
Moody Air Force Base: 26,400 (military, civilians, family, and retirees)
Growth (1990-2000): 21%

THE GOVERNMENT

Valdosta is operated under a Council/Manager form of government with an elected Mayor and seven elected council members. Mayor/Council meeting schedules are located elsewhere in our website. Valdosta relies on our City Manager for all the daily operational functions while the Mayor/Council is charged with setting policy.



About the Water, Sewer and Drainage Department

As the provider of drinking water, sanitary sewerage service and drainage service for all Valdosta citizens, the Water, Sewer and Drainage Department constantly strives to improve its delivery of service to all customers. During the past year, significant progress was made in planning, developing and constructing new systems and facilities to improve all three services and allow for the continued growth of the city through the first quarter of this century as described by the system master plan.

At the beginning of 2005, the single largest capital improvement project in the history of the city, at a cost of \$19.2 million, had started to upgrade the Water Treatment Plant. Upon completion in early 2007, the plant will provide 22.5 million gallons of water per day with the most efficient equipment and latest technology available.

Additionally, treatment process improvements had been completed during the previous year, resulting in our customers receiving water that continued in 2005 to meet and exceed all required standards, and that was clean with good taste and looks.



Water Treatment Plant— Opened 9/2007

Also, although the water system already had the highest Insurance Services Organization rating possible for delivery of water for fire protection, a contract was awarded and completed to replace an additional five miles of substandard water mains and upgrade fire protection in several areas of the city and the Water Department worked with numerous developers to expand the system into new growth areas.

In 2005, the city's two wastewater treatment facilities that were constructed in 1979 have continued to successfully remove pollutants from water used by city customers, and discharge clean water back into the environment. During this year, the city selected two consultants and began the planning process to allow expansion and upgrade of the plants as well as to construct new outfalls and lift stations to serve new growth around the city.

ABOUT THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES

Plans, directs and controls all departmental activities, sets departmental goals and objectives in order to provide water, sewer, and drainage services to the City of Valdosta.

- Directs all phases of utility management including long-range planning for growth of the department and expansion of the system in order to meet future needs of the city.
- Plans, develops and implements programs and monitors outcomes to ensure successful completion.
- Supervises and participates in the preparation of conceptual plans and special projects.
- Resolves customer complaints and responds to requests for information.
- Plans and develops departmental budget and equipment requests.

Requires a bachelor degree in civil engineering and at least 7 years of progressively responsible public utility system experience.

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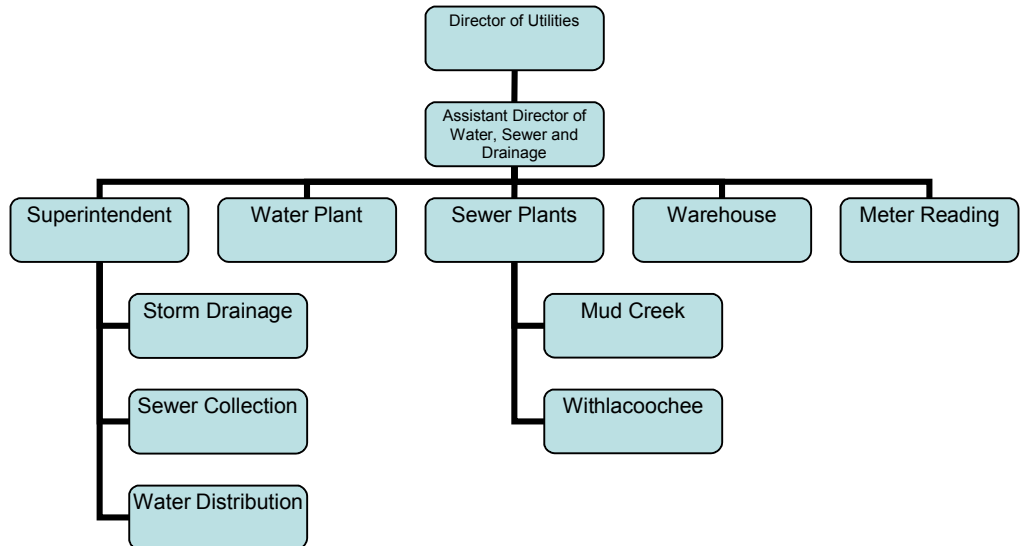
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ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Growth—City system is rapidly expanding system.
- Manage \$100,000,000 in construction scheduled over the next several years.
- All Planning and Design work is conducted in-house.
- Proposed expansion of drinking water plant.
- Management of sophisticated ozone plant—capacity expansion project of \$20,000,000.
- 1 water work plant expansion scheduled.
- Oversee major line expansion projects.

City of Valdosta – Department of Utilities



The City of Valdosta has 103 full-time employees in the department.

TO APPLY:

If you are interested in this excellent opportunity, please submit your resume to:

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