



**NOTICE OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT  
TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS  
DW2016028**

The City of Elberton has made application to the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD) for a loan through the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF). The loan includes the countywide internal infrastructure improvement for water system to service unincorporated areas. The applicant has certified that the project is environmentally sound. As required by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program Guidelines, an environmental review has been performed on the project described below:

Project Name: 2017 Water System Improvement- Madison County Interconnection

Project Location: City of Elberton

Total Project Cost: \$ 2,000,000

Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount: \$ 2,000,000

**Project Description**

The project will provide the internal infrastructure needed for countywide water service to unincorporated areas. Also, the project will provide additional water supply for the region through the connection to Madison County.

**Anticipated Impacts**

As per environmental information documents, the proposed project is intended to improve existing water supply and distribution. The improvement is needed to keep the system in good working order and provide public water service to business and residences along new water main routes. Presently these areas are served by private well which have been yields and questionable water quality due to over usage. The overall impact of the proposed project will be beneficial. There will be no significant adverse secondary impacts associated with this project. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement has been made.

A review of the Engineering Report and Environmental Information Document for the proposed project has been performed by EPD's Drinking Water Permitting and Engineering Program. The review of these Documents explains in more detail why an environmental impact statement is not required. A copy of the Documents is available for public examination upon request at EPD between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the City of Elberton City Hall during normal business hours. The addresses where a copy is available are listed below.

During the development and design of this project, the City of Elberton has solicited public input. A public meeting was held on October 3, 2016 to discuss this project and allow additional public input.

The project has also been submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, State Historic Preservation Office, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for review. No adverse comments have been received. No further environmental review of the project is proposed to be conducted prior to the release of loan funds.

All interested agencies, groups and persons supporting or disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments, within thirty (30) days of the issuance date of this notice to:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division  
ATTN: Rais Khan, Environmental Engineer  
Drinking Water Permitting and Engineering Program  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.E. - Suite 1362 East  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

After evaluating all comments received, EPD will make a final decision regarding approval of the project planning documents. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this Notice.

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Loan Recipient: City of Elberton