

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

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**NOTICE OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT
TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS
DWSRF Loan # 2016025
WSID # GA0103002**

City of Winder 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 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: Construction of 6.7 MGD raw water intake, pump station, and pipeline that will deliver water from Fort Yargo Lake to Highway 53 WTP

Project Location: City of Winder, Barrow County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$ 9,000,000.00

Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount: \$ 9,000,000.00

Project Description

The city intends to construction of 6.7 MGD raw water intake, pump station, and pipeline that will deliver water from Fort Yargo Lake to Highway 53 WTP. The raw water main will extend from Fort Yargo Lake to the Water treatment facility and will be installed with city/county right-of-way and easements.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will address three main components- the raw water main, the intake structure, and the pump station. This project will increase the reliability of City's water system.

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 and at the City Hall, Winder, GA 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 Winder has solicited public input. A public meeting was held on August 29, 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: Lynn C. Ellis, Environmental Engineer
Drinking Water Permitting and Engineering Program
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.E. - Suite 1362 East
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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.

Issue Date: 11/1/16


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Drinking Water

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