

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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June 30, 2022

Mr. Brandon Rakestraw, Director of Public Works City of Dallas 129 East Memorial Drive Dallas, Georgia 30132

RE: GEFA Loan No. CW-2021-008

West Dallas Connector Sewer Extension – Phase I

Notice of No Significant Impact

EPD # 2021-053

Paulding County, Chattahoochee River Basin

Dear Mr. Rakestraw:

Attached is a copy of a *Notice of No Significant Impact (NONSI)* prepared for the above-referenced project. The public comment period for this NONSI is 30 days. **Please ensure that the NONSI is posted at a conspicuous location at the City for public review for 30 days from the date of this letter.**

If you have any questions, please contact me at 470-524-0733 or august.lutkehus@dnr.ga.gov.

Sincerely,

August Lutkehus

Municipal Permitting Unit

Wastewater Regulatory Program

Attachment: Notice Of No Significant Impact

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

The City of Dallas has made an application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD), and the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) for a loan through the State Revolving Fund (SRF). The project consists of the installation of approximately 14,600 linear feet (LF) of 10" and 12" force main and 8" and 24" gravity sewer and a new regional lift station. The applicant has certified that the project is environmentally sound. As required by the Federal Clean Water Act, an environmental review has been performed on the project described below:

Project Name: City of Dallas

West Dallas Connector Sewer Extension – Phase

I GEFA Loan No. CW-2021-008

Project Location: City of Dallas, Paulding County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$11,900,000

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$11,900,000

Project Description

The City of Dallas proposes to install approximately 4000 LF of 10" and 12" force main sewer starting at the proposed 4,700-GPM regional lift station and extending along Lawrence Creek to the existing Pumpkinvine Creek WPCP. The City also proposed to install 4,600 LF of 8" gravity sewer to the Kade's Cove lift station and 6,000 LF of 24" gravity sewer from the proposed regional lift station along S.R. 61. The Kade's Cove lift station will be decommissioned as a result of the extension. The project will accommodate future development in the West Dallas area.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the western area of the City of Dallas. The project will provide reliable sewer service to an area of future residential and commercial development that will encourage economic development in the area

Minor negative temporary impacts may include noise, dust and erosion/sedimentation associated with construction activities. Best Management Practices will be in place during construction.

The project will take place primarily on City property (or right-of-way) and easements and no impacts to existing buildings are anticipated as a result of the project.

The current rates for wastewater are anticipated to increase for existing customers. No anticipated adverse secondary impacts are associated with the project. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement has been made.

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> The reason for the decision not to prepare such a statement is as follows: Project activity is not anticipated to result in adverse environmental impacts beyond those that can be easily mitigated with minimal extra expense or delay in project implementation.

Public Notice

A public information meeting was held on May 25, 2021 at Dallas City Hall to discuss the proposed project. No adverse comments were received during the 30-day advertisement period or during the meeting.

An Environmental Review Record concerning the proposed project has been made by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division that documents the environmental review of the project and provides more detail explaining why an environmental impact statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at the Division's address listed below. A copy of the SRF planning document is available for public review upon request at Dallas City Hall during business hours and at the Division between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

No further environmental review of this 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 30 days of the issuance date of this notice via email to august.lutkehus@dnr.ga.gov or to the following address:

> **Environmental Protection Division** Watershed Protection Branch Wastewater Regulatory Program ATTN: August Lutkehus 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Suite 1152 East Atlanta, Georgia 30334

After evaluating the comments received, a final decision regarding the loan will be made. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this Notice.

City of Dallas Loan Recipient: 129 East Memorial Drive

Dallas, GA 30132

06/28/2022

Issue Date:

Richard E. Dunn

Director

Environmental Protection Division

