

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

Albany Steet Stormwater Upgrades
City of Brunswick (Glynn County)
GEFA Grant No. CWOSG-2022-001

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has conducted a review of the above project in accordance with the State's Environmental Review Process (SERP). EPD has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, no further environmental review is planned. The proposed project consists of the incorporation of a bioretention swale in an existing grassed median and the replacement of an existing stormwater pipe system. The project also includes sidewalk and asphalt paving and installation of stormwater inlets. Existing buildings will not be impacted as a result of this project. All construction will be located on City-owned property and/or existing right-of-ways.

The project will be located in the 100-year floodplain as indicated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) map. However, the scope of work taking place within the floodplain consists of replacement of stormwater lines and upgrades to permeable surfaces and will not impact the floodplain. Additionally, in accordance with the conditions presented in the letter dated March 7, 2024 from the Historic Preservation Division, the project will utilize adequate protective measures to ensure historic resources and features in the project area are not damaged by project construction. Detailed mitigation measures will be described in the construction documents (plans and specifications) for the project.

This project is eligible for a categorical exclusion because it meets the following specific criteria, outlined in the SERP: functional replacement of equipment and minor rehabilitation of existing facilities. Furthermore: the project will not create a new or relocate an existing discharge to surface or ground waters; the project will not substantially increase the volume of discharge or loading of pollutants; the project will not provide capacity to serve a population 30% greater than the existing population; the project will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment; the action will not directly or indirectly affect cultural resources, habitats of endangered or threatened species, or environmentally important natural resource areas; and the action is cost-effective and should cause no significant public controversy.

This determination is effective immediately. This exclusion may be revoked at any time if: 1) the project is altered and no longer meets the requirements of a categorical exclusion, 2) new evidence shows that serious environmental issues exist, or 3) a local, State or Federal law is being or may be violated. The information which supports this decision can be viewed online via the Georgia EPD Online System (GEOS) at: https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/Client/GA_GEOS/Public/Pages/PublicApplicationList.aspx and is available for public review upon request with the Georgia EPD.

If you have any questions about this determination, please contact August Lutkehus of my staff at august.lutkehus@dnr.ga.gov or (470) 524-0733.



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<p>ALBANY STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia</p>	<p>FIGURE 1</p> <p>LOCATION MAP GMC # CSAV214016 DATE: 3/21/2024 DRAWN BY: JEM</p>	<p>6120 Powers Ferry Road NW, Suite 200 Atlanta, GA 30339 T 770.952.2481 gmcnetwork.com</p>	<p>GMC</p>
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