

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

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## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

Sewer Extension for Septic Tank Users City of East Dublin (Laurens County) ARPA Grant No. GA-0010115

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 installation of 3,410 linear feet (LF) of 8-in gravity sewer and 940 LF of 4-in force main, within ½-mile of the existing sewer collection system to serve houses currently equipped with a septic tank system. The project also includes the construction of one 150-gpm lift station. 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.

This project is eligible for a categorical exclusion because it meets the following specific criteria, outlined in the SERP: construction of new ancillary facilities adjacent to existing facilities that do not affect the degree of treatment or capacity of the existing facility. 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 is on file with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division and is available for public review upon request.

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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