



## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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### CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

New Sludge Dewatering Facility  
City of LaFayette (Walker County)  
GEFA Loan No. CW-2025-005

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 construction of a new sludge dewatering facility. Existing buildings will not be impacted as a result of this project. All construction will be located on City-owned property. The project will not be located in the 100-year floodplain as indicated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) map.

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 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](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](mailto:august.lutkehus@dnr.ga.gov) or (470) 524-0733.

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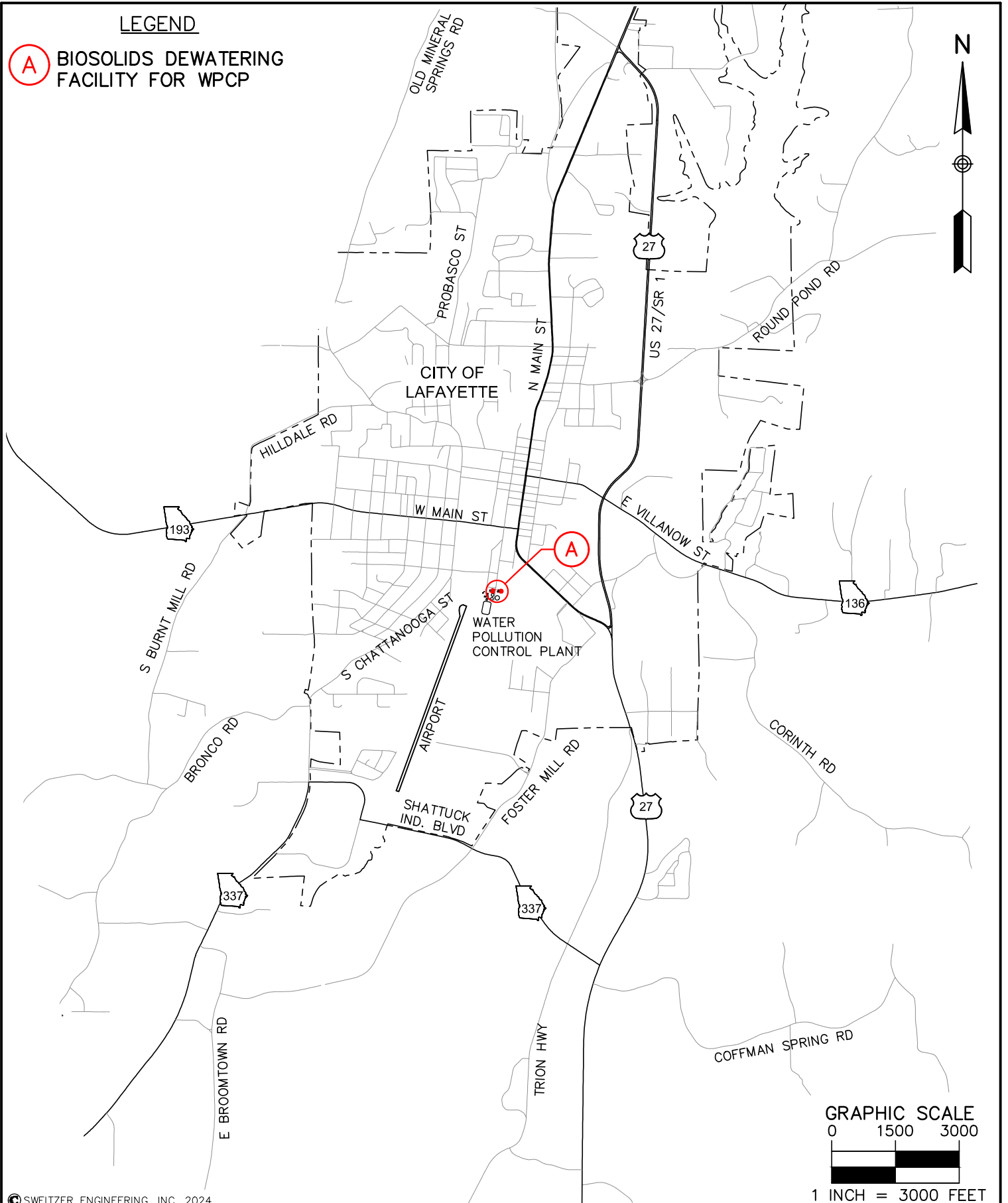
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**LEGEND**

**(A) BIOSOLIDS DEWATERING  
FACILITY FOR WPCP**



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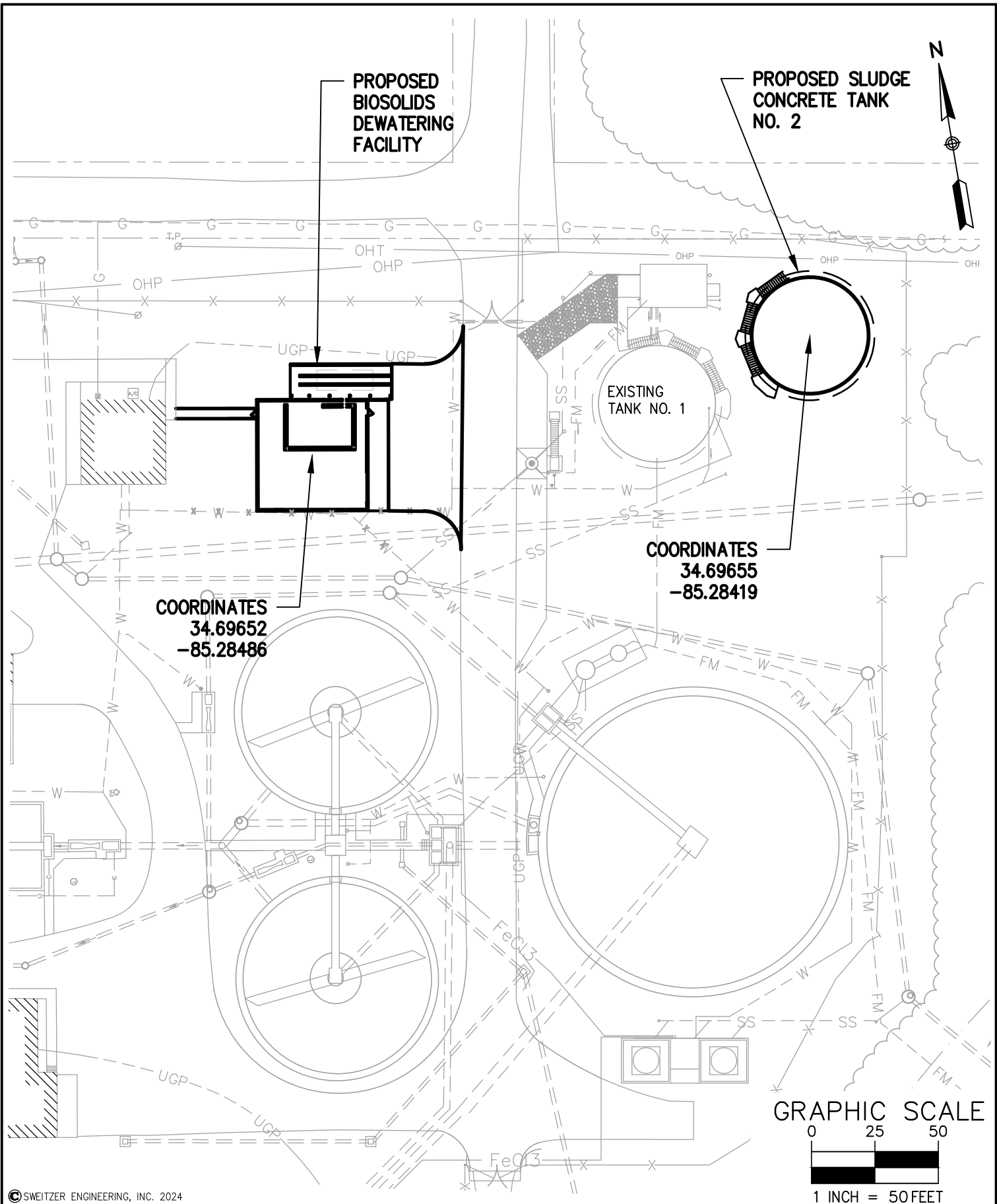
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**VICINITY MAP**

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# **PROPOSED BIOSOLIDS DEWATERING FACILITY**

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