



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION**  
Pelham Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) Upgrades  
City of Pelham (Mitchell County)  
GEFA Loan No. CW-2024-002

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 replacing spray field sprinkler assemblies & support posts, sluice gates, and aerators, installing mechanical bar screens, and dredging of sludge from the aeration and polishing ponds. Existing buildings will not be impacted as a result of this project. All construction will be located on City-owned property and existing right-of-ways.

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 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 Ethan Rhine of my staff at (678) 672-6037 or [ethan.rhine@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:ethan.rhine@dnr.ga.gov).

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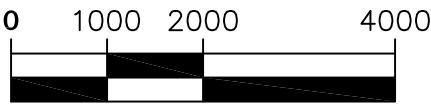
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**PROJECT LOCATION**



**GRAPHIC SCALE (FEET)**



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— CONSULTING ENGINEERS —

**CITY OF PELHAM  
GEFA WASTEWATER  
TREATMENT FACILITY  
IMPROVEMENTS**

DATE: 08/2023  
PROJ NO: W1612-022-01

**PROJECT MAP**

**FIGURE  
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