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**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION**

Tignall Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) Upgrades  
Town of Tignall (Wilkes County)  
ARPA Grant No. GA-0011435

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 installing a new influent structure with a bar screen, dredging the treatment ponds, replacing aerators, and modifying piping. All construction will be located on Town-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: minor rehabilitation of existing facilities and 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.

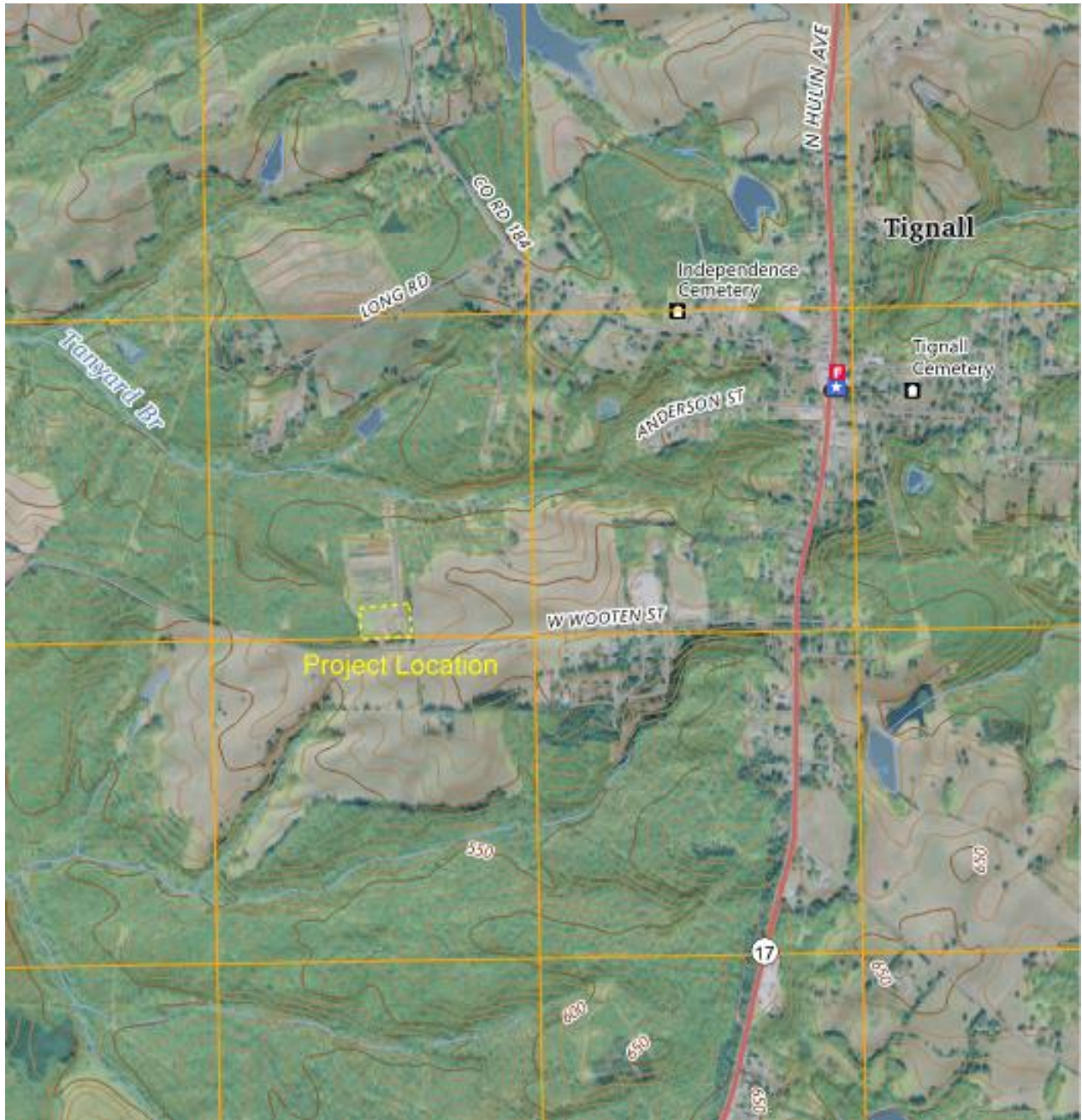
This determination is effective immediately. This exclusion may be revoked at any time if: 1) the project is altered and no longer meets the requirements of a categorical exclusion, 2) new evidence shows that serious environmental issues exist, or 3) a local, State or Federal law is being or may be violated. 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/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/Pages/util/StreamDoc.aspx?id=264266&type=attachment> and is available for public review upon request with the Georgia EPD.

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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**Figure 3.2 Project Location**

