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**NOTICE OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT  
TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS**

The City of Auburn has made an application to the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD) for a grant through the State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF). The grant is intended for the City of Auburn water system improvement project. As required by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program Guidelines, an environmental review has been performed on the project described below:

Project Name: City of Auburn’s 2024 Water System Improvement Project  
Project Location: Barrow County, Georgia  
Project Number: ARPA GA-0007265

**Project Description**

Under this project, the City of Auburn will construct one raw water intake ( Rock Creek Intake #1) , one raw water pump station ( Rock Creek Withdrawal Pump Station), ±780 LF of 12” force main and ±890 LF of 16” force main from Rock Creek to Auburn’s New Drinking Water Treatment Plant (DWTP), one remote 0.8 MGD drinking water booster pump station with 355 LF of 12” drinking water main from Barrow County to Auburn at Kilcrease Elevated Drinking Water Storage Tank. This project also includes the construction of ±860 LF of 8” drinking water line connecting an existing subdivision to the Kilcrease Water Storage Tank.

**Anticipated Impacts**

The proposed project will have minimal impact on the environment as construction will include all necessary and required protection measures including erosion and sedimentation control plan which will address control measures that will be maintained at all times during construction and until disturbed areas are stabilized with permanent vegetation.

Surface water will be temporarily impacted during the construction of the water intake system. The necessary permits will be obtained for the intakes and for all stream crossings through the Army Corps of Engineers. Stabilization and restoration of stream banks will be implemented as part of the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan.

The proposed project takes place in areas that may affect the Tri-Colored Bat, an animal on the Endangered species list. Attempts for the impact to the Tri-Colored Bat will be in accordance with recommendations from U.S. Fish and Wildlife. If at any time a threatened or endangered species is identified in the project area, construction will be halted until a wildlife expert can evaluate the area to ensure that the impact on the protected species is minimized.

Despite the proximity of the project to some historic resources, the project will not have adverse effects on these resources due to previous ground disturbance in the same areas.

A review of the Engineering Report and Environmental Information Document for the proposed project has been performed by EPD's Drinking Water Permitting and Engineering Program. A copy of these documents is available for public examination upon request at EPD between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The addresses where a copy is available are listed below.

During the development and design of this project, the City of Auburn has solicited public input. The project has undergone an Executive Order 12372 Review through the State agencies. The project has also been submitted to the Corps of Engineers, the State Historic Preservation Office, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for review. No adverse comments have been received. No further environmental review of the project is proposed to be conducted prior to the release of loan funds.

All interested agencies, groups, and persons supporting or disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments, within thirty (30) days of the issuance date of this notice to:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division  
ATTN: Duplex Tchinda, Environmental Engineer  
Drinking Water Program  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE - Suite 1052 East  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9000

After evaluating all comments received, EPD will make a final decision regarding the approval of the project planning documents. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this Notice.



Issue Date: 8/8/2024

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