

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION
Bainbridge Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) Improvements
City of Bainbridge (Decatur County)
GEFA Loan No. CW-2021-011

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 replacement of various components at the WPCP including existing valves and gates, pumps at the influent screw lift and raw sewage pump stations, grit system, bar screen, and diffusers in the aeration and digester basins. The project will also include repairs to the air piping and existing belt press and rehabilitation of structural components of the WPCP. Additionally, improvements will also be done to electrical, controls, and HVAC facility. The proposed project will also involve minor renovations to operations and control building in order to increase internal lab space and complete needed repairs to the building. 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: 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 becomes effective after thirty (30) days following its distribution by EPD. 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. A copy of the proposed project documentation is also available for review at Bainbridge City Hall in Decatur County, Georgia.

All interested agencies, groups and persons supporting or disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit comments within thirty (30) days of the publish date of this notice via email to chris.bruegge@dnr.ga.gov or to the following address:

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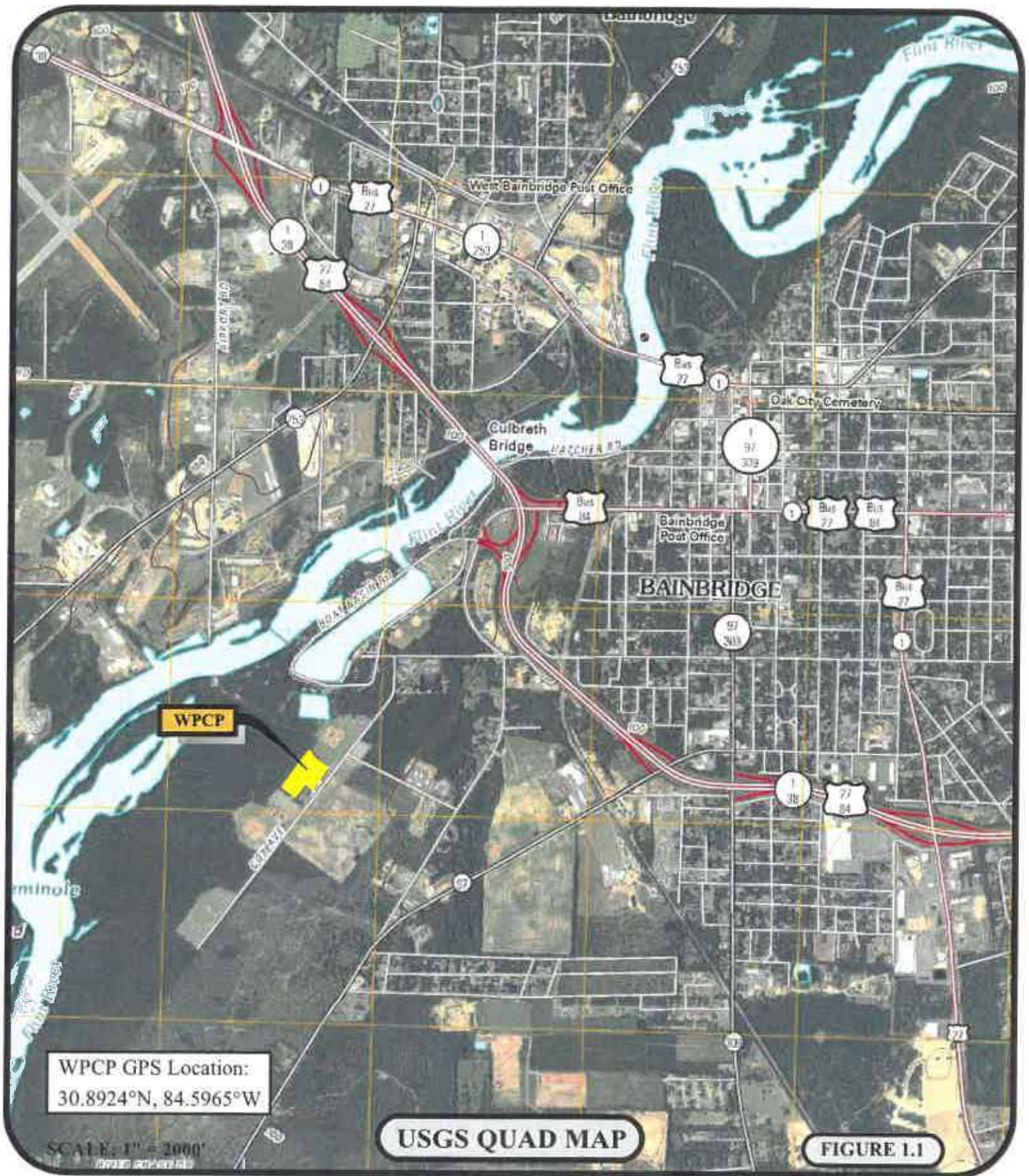
After evaluating the comments received, EPD will make a final decision regarding approval of the project. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after publication of this Notice.

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FOR THE
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT
FOR THE
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE
DECATUR COUNTY, GEORGIA



- BAINBRIDGE
WPCP IMPROVEMENTS**
- A** HEADWORKS IMPROVEMENTS
 - B** RAW SEWAGE PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS
 - C** AERATION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
 - D** BELT PRESS IMPROVEMENTS
 - E** OPERATIONS BUILDING & LABORATORY REPAIRS



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