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

The City of Butler has made an application to the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) and the Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD) for a loan through the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF). The loan will support the construction a new 500,000 gallons elevated water storage tank and replace 13,200 Linear feet asbestos-cement (AC) water mains along several key roads. The applicant has certified that the project is environmentally sound. 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:	Water System Improvements
Project Location:	City of Butler. Taylor County, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$ 7,811,163.40
Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount:	\$2,000,000

Project Description

The City of Butler plans to build a new 500,000-gallon, 169-foot-tall water storage tank on city-owned property near E Main Street and MLK Jr. Road. This tank will replace the two existing tanks that are insufficient in storage and pressure due to their location and size. The new centrally located tank will improve water pressure and ensure adequate capacity during well outages and emergencies. The proposed upgrades will enhance system redundancy and reliability. The City of Butler also plans to replace 13,200 Linear feet of existing asbestos-cement (AC) water mains along Columbus Road, E. Main Street, MLK Jr. Blvd, and through downtown with 6” and 2” PVC and HDPE water mains. This project will comply with EPD mandates, reduce health risks, improve pressure flows, and decrease water loss by eliminating frequent repairs. The new mains will supply potable water to the new tank. All work will be completed on city property.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will have minimal impact on the environment. All project activities will be confined to existing road rights-of-way (ROW) and/or existing easements, and where activities occur outside of the road ROW/easements, including yards, the project site will be returned to its pre-project condition, including sidewalks, curbing, and driveways. The proposed project area will not interfere with the SWST Railroad but will cause temporary daytime noise increases due to construction, returning to normal post-completion. Based on responses from government agencies the proposed project will have minor impact on the environment, cultural resources, and residents within the service area.

A review of the Preliminary 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, City of Butler has solicited public input. The project has undergone an Executive Order 12372 Review through the State agencies. HPD notes the water main replacement area includes the NRHP-listed Butler Downtown Historic District and other eligible historic resources. Nevertheless, HPD concludes the project will have no adverse effect on historic properties if specific protective measures are followed, such as avoiding the SWST Railroad. If the railroad ROWs cannot be avoided, then horizontal boring to protect contributing features will be utilized. Adequate protective measures will be put into place to ensure historic resources and features within or adjacent to the project areas, including but not limited to historic buildings, retaining walls, steps/stairs, railings, and/or granite curbing are not damaged by project activities. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service stated that Project code: 2024-0103046 Project Name: B9501.027 - FY 2024 DWSRF - Proposed Water System Improvements proposed project is unlikely to have any detrimental effects to federally listed species or critical habitat. Proposed Water System Improvements will have No Effect on the species listed in the letter. The Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) listed no adverse comments since no work will occur in areas under Corps jurisdiction during implementation of the proposed project, and no further coordination with this office will be required. No further environmental review of the project is proposed to be conducted prior to the release of loan funds.

If there are no public objections, then this Notice of No Significant Impact (NONSI) will be adopted without further public notice and Georgia Environmental Protection Division Drinking Water Permitting and Engineering program will issue final approval of the project planning document. 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: Tamika Samaroo, Environmental Engineer
Drinking Water Program
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After evaluating all comments received, EPD will make a final decision regarding 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: 1/6/2025

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