



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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

The City of Hoschton has made an application to the ARC administered through Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD) for a loan through the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF). The loan will support a construction of elevated storage water tank. 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 for City of Hoschton
Project Location:	Jackson County, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$1,500,000.00
Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount:	\$1,500,000.00

Project Description

The proposed project includes design and construction of a new 500,000-gallon elevated steel water storage tank to provide additional water storage, pressure, and fire protection for the City of Hoschton. The proposed new tank is currently planned on property located on West Jackson Road across from the West Jackson Fire Department.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will have minimal impact on the sensitive environmental areas, critical habitats and cultural resources. A soil erosion and sediment control plan and best management practices will help reduce erosion and run off. The minor impacts on solid wastes, protected species and noise have been addressed and mitigation measures are provided in the Environmental Information Document.

A review of the 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 Hoschton 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, State Historic Preservation Office, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for review. No adverse comments were received from them. 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 Engineer 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: Disha Thakkar, Environmental Engineer
Drinking Water Program
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE - Suite 1362 East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9000

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: 05/06/2021



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Loan Recipient:

City of Hoschton
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