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

The City of Lakeland 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 for the construction of a new deep well, construction of a new 400,000 gallons of elevated storage tank and related water line construction. The applicant has certified that the project is environmentally sound. As required by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) Guidelines, an environmental review has been performed on the project described below:

Project Name:	Water System Improvements for the City of Lakeland
Project Location:	City of Lakeland, Lanier County, Georgia
Project number:	GA0011103
Total Project Cost:	\$5,122,700

Project Description

Under this project, the City of Lakeland’s existing well located off of pine street will be abandoned and a new well will be constructed on the same site. The city’s two existing storage tanks will be abandoned, and a new 400,000-gallon elevated storage tank will be constructed at the city’s central location. In addition, water main will be installed to provide new tank with adequate supply of water by upsizing and looping City’s existing water mains.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will have minimal impact on the environment as construction will be limited to the existing project site. This project will drill a new municipal well on the same site and properly abandon the existing well that is at its end of its useful service life. This project will also construct a new, 400,000-gallon elevated water storage tank that is at a central location will help with pressure and storage capacity within the City Limits. In addition to the proposed well and elevated water storage tank, water main work will need to be completed to be able to provide the new tank with an adequate supply of water.

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 Lakeland 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 have been received. No further environmental review of the project is proposed to be conducted prior to the release of 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
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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: 1/11/2023



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