

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

The City of Locust Grove has made an application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD), and the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) for a loan through the State Revolving Fund (SRF). The project consists of the expansion of the Indian Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) from 1.5 MGD to 3.0 MGD. The applicant has certified that the project is environmentally sound. As required by the Federal Clean Water Act, an environmental review has been performed on the project described below:

Project Name/scope:	Indian Creek WPCP Expansion to 3.0 MGD & Collection system extension/rehabilitation GEFA Loan No. CW-2022-009
Project Location:	City of Locust Grove Henry County
Total Project Cost:	\$9,575,600
Anticipated SRF Loan Amount:	\$9,575,600

Project Description

The City of Locust Grove proposes to expand their existing treatment plant. The expanded plant will consist of an influent pump station, grit separator system, sequencing batch reactors, chemical feed equipment, tertiary filtration, ultraviolet disinfection, aerobic digester, and solids dewatering system. The project will increase the treatment capacity plant to 3.0 MGD. The project will accommodate flow projections for the area. The project also includes approximately 2,400 linear feet of new sewer lines, as well as rehabilitation of the Richmond Park and South Ola pump stations and to the Skyland sewer line. Refer to attached map for project locations.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the City of Locust Grove in Henry County. The project will increase the treatment capacity and provide reliable treatment for the future population.

Minor negative temporary impacts may include noise, dust and erosion/sedimentation associated with construction activities. Best Management Practices will be in place during construction. In accordance with the requirements requested by the Historic Preservation Division in their letter dated February 16, 2022, protective measures will be used to ensure historic resources and features adjacent to the project area and new easements are not damaged by project activities.

The project will take place primarily on City of Locust Grove property and previously disturbed land and no impacts to existing buildings are anticipated as a result of the project.

The current annual rates for wastewater are anticipated to increase to approximately \$209.04 per household on average, with a formal estimate to be performed later.

No anticipated adverse secondary impacts are associated with the project. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement has been made.

The reason for the decision not to prepare such a statement is as follows: Project activity is not anticipated to result in adverse environmental impacts beyond those that can be easily mitigated with minimal extra expense or delay in project implementation.

Public Notice

A public information meeting was held on May 4, 2023 at the Locust Grove Public Safety Building to discuss the proposed project. No adverse comments were received during the advertisement period or during the meeting.

An Environmental Review Record concerning the proposed project has been made by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division that documents the environmental review of the project and provides more detail explaining why an environmental impact statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at the Division's address listed below. A copy of the SRF planning document is available for public review upon request at Locust Grove Public Safety Building during business hours and at the Division between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

No further environmental review of this 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 30 days of the issuance date of this notice via email to ethan.rhine@dnr.ga.gov or to the following address:

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Watershed Protection Branch
Wastewater Regulatory Program
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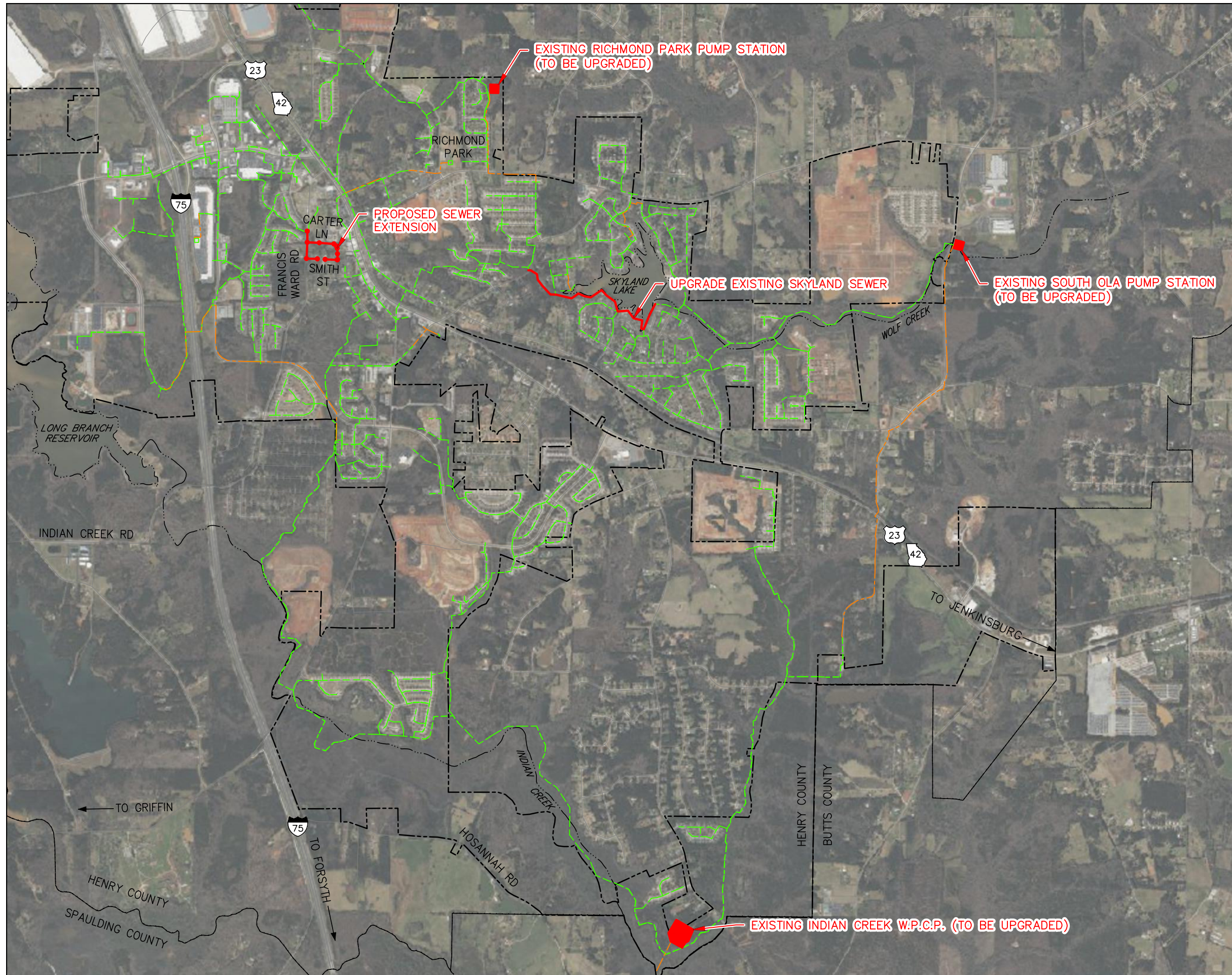
After evaluating the comments received, a final decision regarding the loan will be made. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this Notice.

Loan Recipient: City of Locust Grove
Post Office Box 900
Locust Grove, GA 30248

Issue Date: 09/01/2023



Jeffrey W. Cown
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Environmental Protection Division



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- RIVERS / CREEKS / PONDS ———
- CITY LIMITS - - - - -
- COUNTY LINE - · - · -
- EXISTING SEWER ——○——
- EXISTING FORCE MAIN ———|———



GRAPHIC SCALE

CITY OF LOCUST GROVE, GEORGIA
SEWERAGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

REPORT MAP

SCALE: AS SHOWN DATE: JULY 2023

