



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 Winder made an application to the 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 is to develop a quarry water reservoir that will provide new municipal raw water sources and storage to the city, to meet existing demand and to provide drought resiliency. Several water mains will be built to connect the raw water sources and storage to the city's existing water treatment plant. 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:	Quarry Water Supply
Project Location:	City of Winder, Barrow County, Georgia
Project Number:	DW2024008

Project Description

The Quarry Water Supply Project includes the addition of two new raw water intakes and associated new raw water pump stations, a new ±27,900 LF raw water main from the intakes to a raw water storage quarry reservoir, development of an existing quarry for use as a raw water reservoir, new raw water pre-treatment basins at the quarry reservoir site, pumping capabilities to pull raw water from the quarry and into a new proposed on-site storage tank, a pump station and a new ±41,300 LF raw water main to carry raw water from the quarry reservoir to the City's water treatment plant.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will have minimal impact on the environment as construction will be limited to the existing project site. The construction of raw water mains will generally follow existing roadways and property lines. All work will take place within new permanent and temporary easements, existing State and County rights-of-way, and property owned by both Cities. All disturbed areas will be returned to their previous conditions, with forested wetlands restored to herbaceous wetlands post-construction.

The project will ensure there is a reliable and adequate raw water supply and raw water storage even during extended drought periods and will improve the functionality of the overall system while also extending the useful life of the existing infrastructure due to lower velocities and reduced surges during peak demands.

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 Winder 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, the 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 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:

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After evaluating all comments received, EPD will make a final decision regarding the 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.



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