

**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 Bowman has 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 make improvements to keep the drinking water facilities in good working order. In addition, significant improvement will be made on the water supply, distribution system and miscellaneous. These improvements will help the City maintain compliance with regulations, rehabilitate and replace aging infrastructure, rehabilitate water sources and replace distributions mains to increase pressure and to maintain water quality. 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 the City of Bowman
Project Location:	City of Bowman, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$1,000,000
Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount:	\$1,000,000

## **Project Description**

Under this project, The City of Bowman will rehabilitate and replace aging infrastructure; renovate several wells; improve the distribution system; replace and add water mains, loops, valves meter components; prepare mapping and other minor improvements. Well renovation and the improvement of the distribution system are needed to meet current water demand, to increase revenues and to minimize expenses and water loss.

## **Anticipated Impacts**

The proposed project will have minimal impact on the environment. Significant water system improvements are needed to keep the system in good working order and to reduce water loss. Also, the project will renovate several water supplies wells to meet the current and future water demand. The overall impact of the proposed project will be beneficial. There will be no significant adverse secondary impacts associated with the project.

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 Bowman 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 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: Duplex Tchinda, 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: 11/25/20

Manny Patel Drinking Water Program Manager Watershed Protection Branch Georgia Environmental Protection Division

Loan Recipient:

City of Bowman 25 Prince Avenue Bowman, GA 30624