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**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION**

**Winder Stormwater Improvements  
City of Winder (Barrow County)  
GEFA Loan No. CW-2020-032**

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has conducted a review of the above project in accordance with the State's Environmental Review Process (SERP). EPD has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, no further environmental review is planned. The proposed project consists of stormwater infrastructure improvements including replacing approximately 1,800 linear feet of storm pipe, culverts, and drainage structures within two stormwater drainage basins. Existing buildings will not be impacted as a result of this project. Most construction will be located on City owned-property or existing right-of-ways; additional easements may be required for the project to complete the improvements.

This project is eligible for a categorical exclusion because it meets the following specific criteria, outlined in the SERP: functional replacement of existing equipment, minor rehabilitation of existing facilities, and construction of new ancillary facilities adjacent to existing facilities that do not affect the degree of treatment or capacity of the existing facility. Furthermore: the project will not create a new or relocate an existing discharge to surface or ground waters; the project will not substantially increase the volume of discharge or loading of pollutants; the project will not provide capacity to serve a population 30% greater than the existing population; the project will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment; the action will not directly or indirectly affect cultural resources, habitats of endangered or threatened species, or environmentally important natural resource areas; and the action is cost-effective and should cause no significant public controversy.

This determination becomes effective after thirty (30) days following its distribution by EPD. This exclusion may be revoked at any time if: 1) the project is altered and no longer meets the requirements of a categorical exclusion, 2) new evidence shows that serious environmental issues exist, or 3) a local, State or Federal law is being or may be violated. The information which supports this decision is on file with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division and is available for public review upon request. A copy of the proposed project documentation is also available for review at Winder City Hall in Barrow County, Georgia.

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All interested agencies, groups and persons supporting or disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit comments within thirty (30) days of the publish date of this notice via email to [josh.hayes@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:josh.hayes@dnr.ga.gov) or to the following address:

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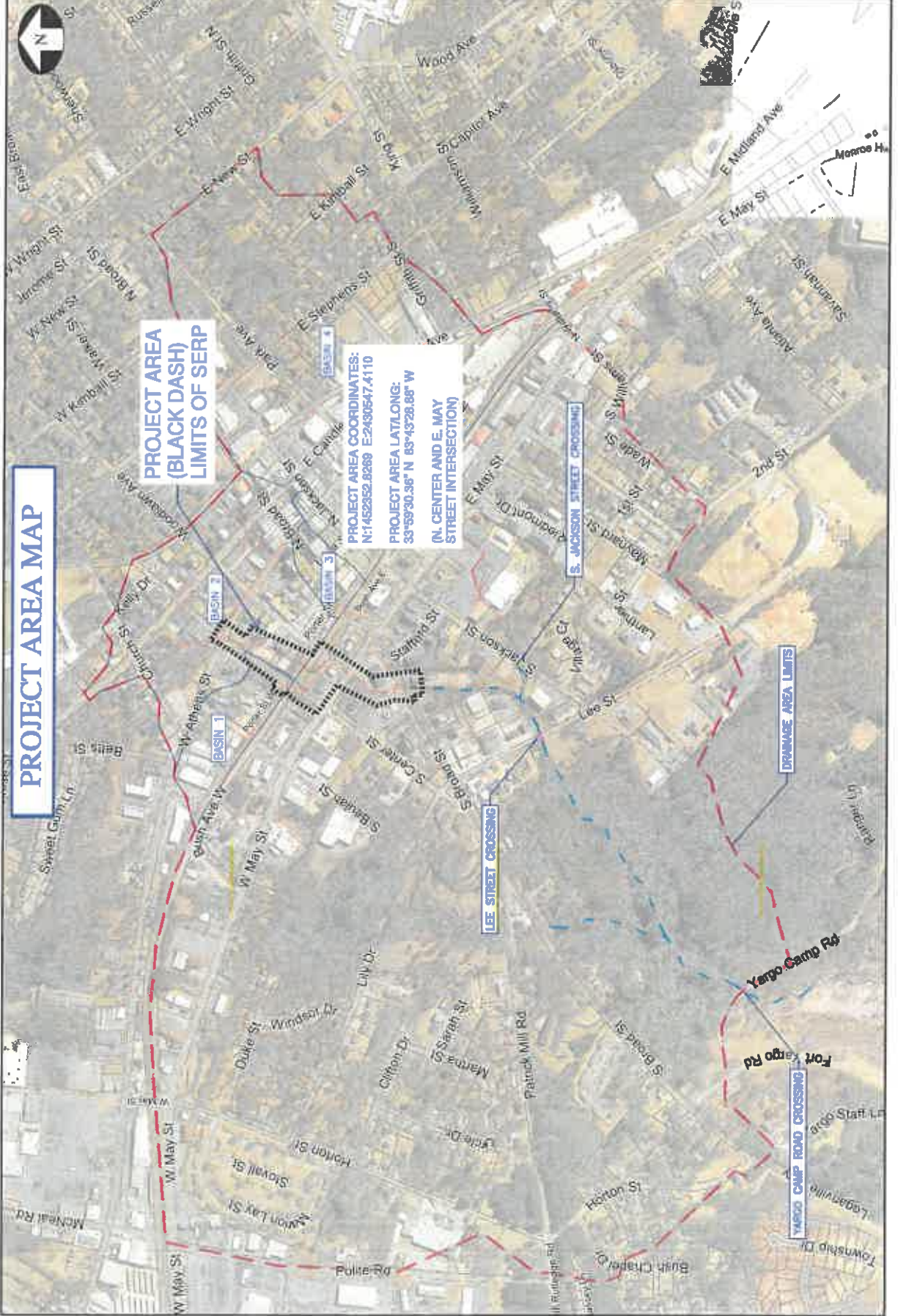
After evaluating the comments received, EPD will make a final decision regarding approval of the project. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after publication of this Notice.

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**PROJECT AREA  
 (BLACK DASH)  
 LIMITS OF SERP**

**PROJECT AREA COORDINATES:**  
 N1462852.6269 E2430547.4110  
**PROJECT AREA LAT/LONG:**  
 33°59'30.36" N 83°43'28.88" W  
 (N CENTER AND E. MAY  
 STREET INTERSECTION)

**PROJECT AREA MAP**

BASIN 1

BASIN 2

BASIN 3

LEE STREET CROSSING

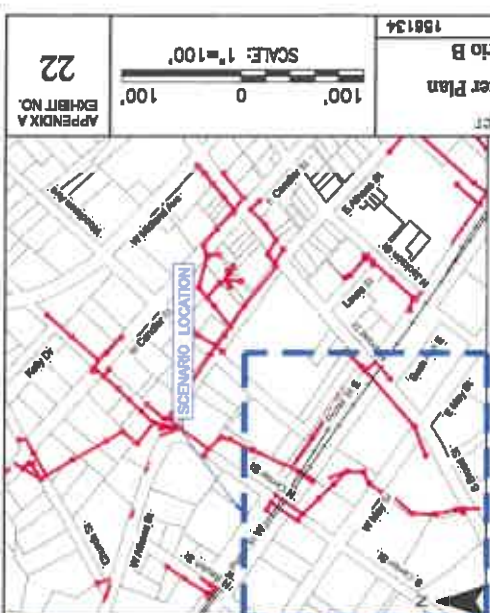
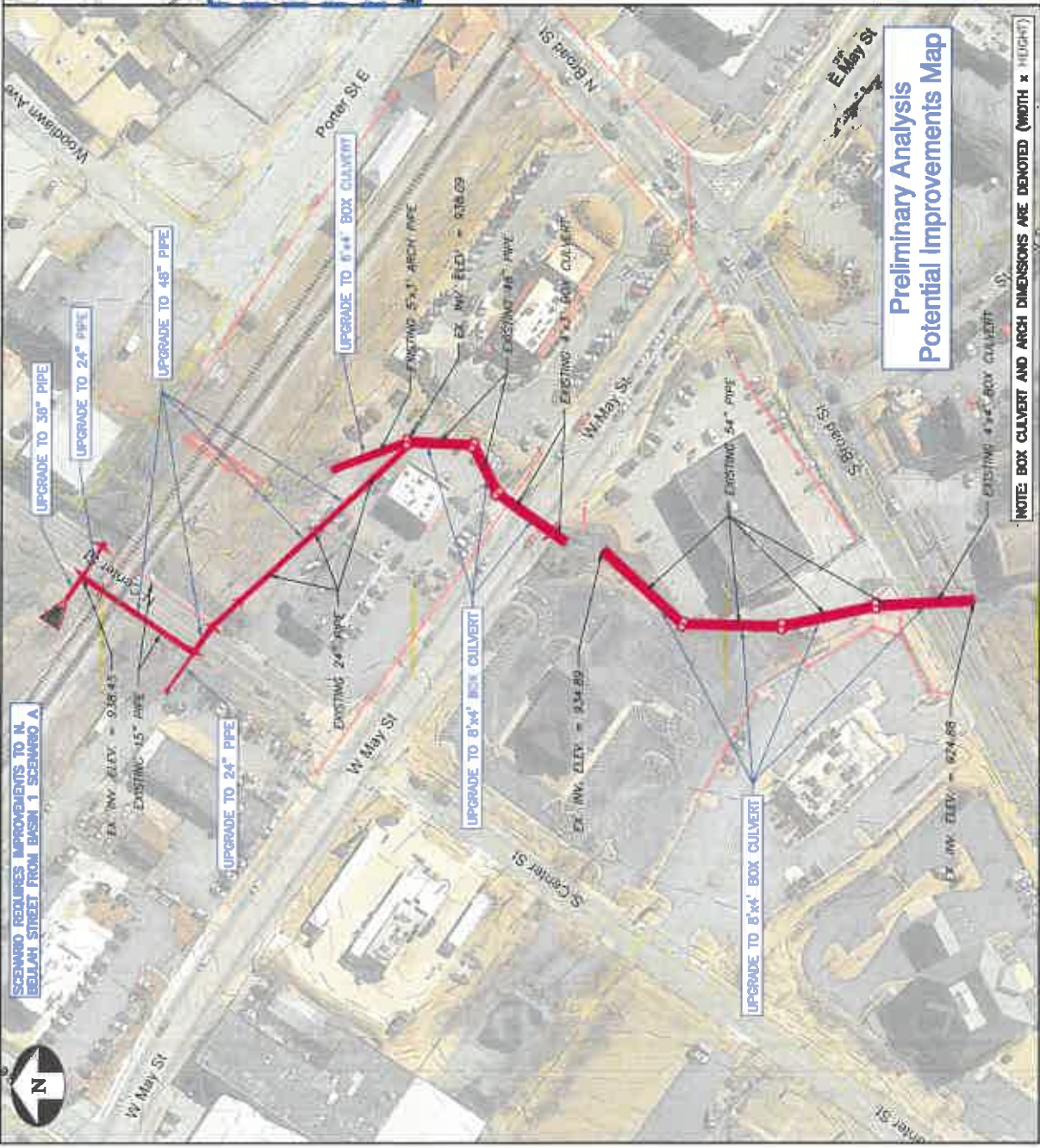
S. JACKSON STREET CROSSING

DRAINAGE AREA LIMITS

YARGO CAMP ROAD CROSSING







**Location Map**  
Scale: 1" = 500'

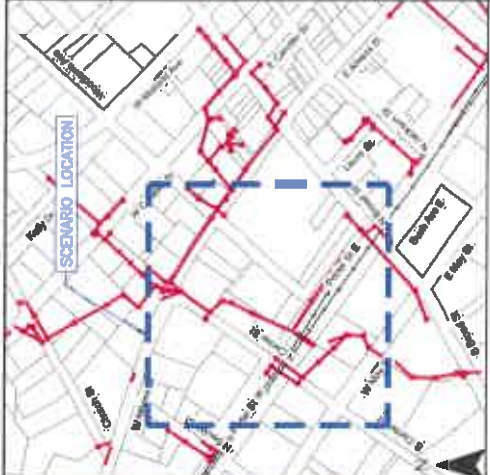
**Basin 1 - Scenario B:**

- Existing Conditions:
  - Underpass floods more often than the 1 year storm
  - Underpass outfall is undersized and almost flat
  - Not enough fall in system out outlet runoff from underpass
- Improvements:
  - Upgrade network crossing and along N. Beulah Street
  - Grade swale at top of hill adjacent to N. Center Street to divert runoff from basin to new system
  - Upgrade outfall to S. Broad Street to get enough fall in system to drain underpass
  - Will require improvements to Lee Street and Yargo Camp Road Crossings

**Results:**

- Underpass will not flood in the 25 year storm
- Proposed outfall system will carry 25 year storm





**Location Map**  
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**Basin 2 - Scenario B:**

- Existing Conditions:
  - Existing arch pipe is in poor condition and needs to be replaced
  - System backs water up into upstream systems in the 5 year storm
- Improvements:
  - Replace existing arch pipe with 5x4' box culvert