

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

Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources has made an application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD), the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) for a loan through the State Revolving Fund (SRF), and the Georgia Office of Budget and Planning for a grant through the State American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The project consists of the installation of a rotary drum thermal dryer at F. Wayne Hill Water Resources Center (WRC). 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: Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources
F. Wayne Hill WRC Biosolids Dryer Project
GEFA Loan No. CW-2022-031
ARPA Grant No. GA-0010434

Project Location: City of Buford, Gwinnett County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$100,000,000

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$50,000,000

Anticipated ARPA Grant Amount: \$15,000,000

Potential Supplemental SRF Loan Amount: \$35,000,000

Project Description

Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources (GCDWR) proposes to install a rotary thermal drying system at F. Wayne Hill WRC. Sludge from both F. Wayne Hill WRC and Yellow River WPCP will be dried and pelletized and is expected to produce a product that may be classified as a Class A biosolid.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve Gwinnett County. The project will lower disposal costs of biosolids, reduce reliance on landfills, and provide a biosolids product that can be sold as a fertilizer.

Minor negative temporary impacts may include noise, dust, and erosion/sedimentation associated with construction activities. Best Management Practices will be in place during construction.

The project will take place primarily on County property (or right-of-way) and/or previously disturbed land. Depending on the final location of the biosolids dryer facility, the proposed project may include the demolition of existing treatment facilities.

There will be no increase to customer sewer rates as a result of the project.

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 November 9, 2022 at GCDWR's Central Facility Training Room to discuss the proposed project. No adverse comments were received during the 30-day 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 Environmental Review and Planning Document (ERPD) is available for public review upon request at GCDWR's Central Facility 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 chris.bruegge@dnr.ga.gov or to the following address:

Environmental Protection Division
Watershed Protection Branch
Wastewater Regulatory Program
ATTN: Chris Bruegge
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Suite 1470A East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

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.

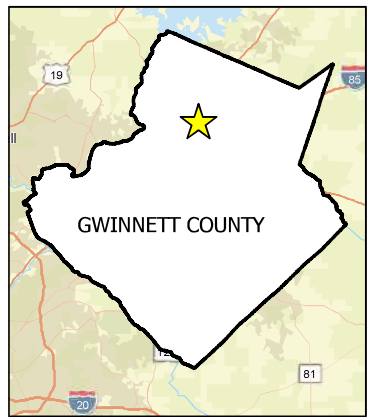
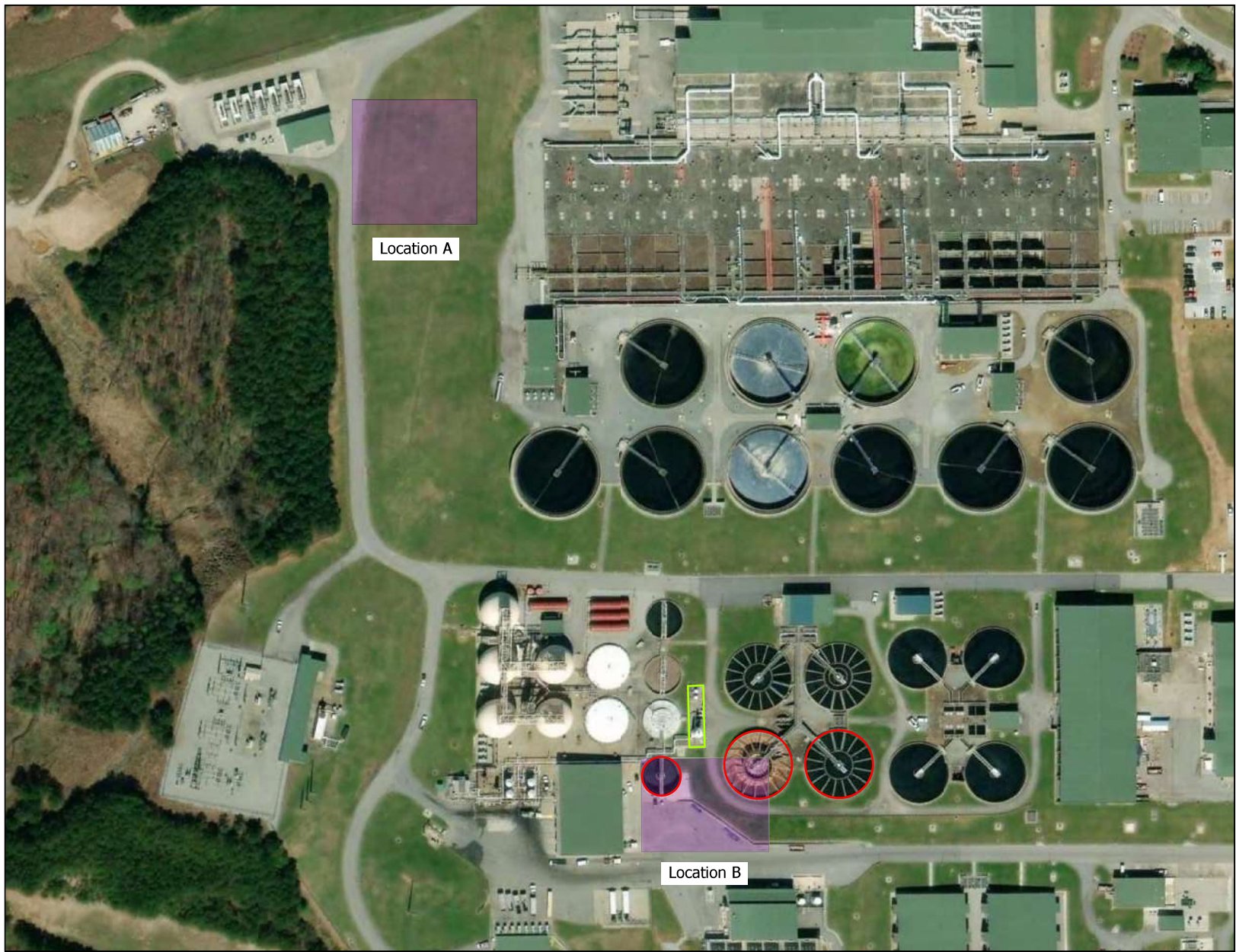
Loan Recipient: Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources
684 Winder Highway
Lawrenceville, Georgia 30045

03/21/2023

Issue Date: _____

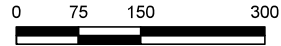


Richard E. Dunn
Director
Environmental Protection Division



Legend

- Proposed Locations
- Demolition
- Must Remain in Service



Scale: 1 Inch = 150 Feet



Location A: 34.058322, -84.019161
 Location B: 34.056228, -84.014883

Figure 1-3: Potential Impacted Facilities Map
 F. Wayne Hill WRC Biosolids Dryer Facility
 Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources

