



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

The City of Elberton 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 for increasing the capacity at the water treatment plant from 3 to 4 MGD, installing water mains, replacing leaking lines, and constructing a clearwell and elevated storage tank. 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 Elberton
Project Location:	Elbert County, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$2,500,000
Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount:	\$2,500,000

Project Description

The overall scope of the City of Elberton's project includes supply improvements of the water treatment plant capacity expansion and renovation, distribution improvements of the Goss Area water service, galvanized main replacement and looping and internal interconnections, and storage improvements of a new 1.0 MG clearwell and 1.0 MG elevated storage tank.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will have minimal impact on the environment as most of the construction will take place at the existing water treatment plant. Upgrading the filters and providing more water storage are necessary for the growing demands of the of the City. The galvanized mains are very old and often leak, which should be replaced as soon as practical. Overall, the system improvements are needed to keep the water treatment plant in good working order.

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 Elberton 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: Jordan Gamble, 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: 12/19/2019



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Loan Recipient:

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