



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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

The Fort Valley Utility Commission has made an application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD), and the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) for a loan through the State Revolving Fund (SRF). The project consists of the installation of new sewer lines and a pump station to serve the new Peach County High School, as well as replacement of existing sewer lines throughout the service area. 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: Fort Valley Utility Commission
Sewer Extension to Peach County High School
And Sewer System Rehabilitation
GEFA Loan No. CW-2020-009

Project Location: Peach County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$2,680,553

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$2,500,000

Project Description

The Fort Valley Utility Commission proposes to install approximately 13,500 linear feet (LF) of 8-in sewer force main, a new sewer pump station with a capacity of approximately 600 gpm, and approximately 1,000 LF of 8-in gravity sewer main. The proposed sewer line will run along a power line easement; boring methods will be used at the stream/wetland, highway, and railroad crossings. Wastewater will be conveyed to the existing Lanter WRF for treatment.

Additionally, the Fort Valley Utility Commission proposes to replace existing sewer lines on Samuel Jones Drive, Highway 341, and Highway 49 via open-cut and/or pipe-bursting methods in order to address inflow and infiltration. Existing sewer lines along Park Drive will also be replaced in order to be rerouted around an existing building. The new sewer mains may provide additional flow capacity within the immediate service area.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the new Peach County High School, providing reliable service and treatment for the new site. The proposed project will also serve the City of Fort Valley, by improving infrastructure within the service area.

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 and City rights-of-way. No impacts to existing buildings are anticipated as a result of the project.

There will be no increase to customer sewer rates as a result of this 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 August 21, 2018 at the Mclean Water Plant and on December 2, 2019 at the Fort Valley Utility Commission Offices to discuss the proposed rehabilitation and extension project, respectively. No adverse comments were received during the 30-day advertisement period or during the meetings.

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 SRF planning document is available for public review upon request at Fort Valley Utility Commission Offices 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 kelli-ann.sottile@dnr.ga.gov or to the following address:

Environmental Protection Division
Watershed Protection Branch
Wastewater Regulatory Program
ATTN: Kelli-Ann Sottile
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Suite 1152 East
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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.

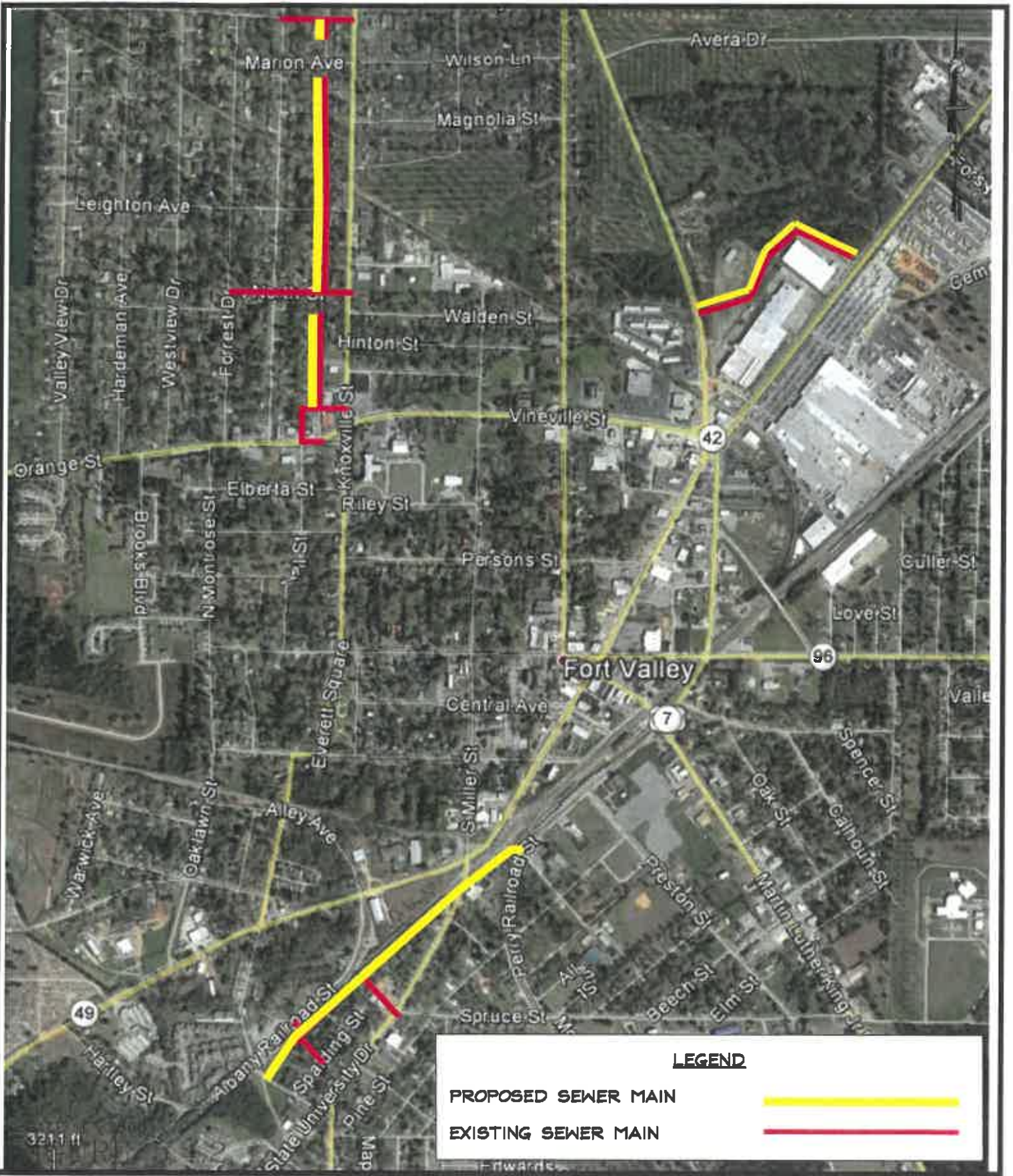
Loan Recipient: Fort Valley Utility Commission
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PROPOSED SEWER MAIN

EXISTING SEWER MAIN



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