

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

The City of Rincon has made an application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD), and the Georgia Office of Budget and Planning for a grant through the State American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The project consists of expanding the City's existing Rincon Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) to 2.0 million gallons per day (MGD). 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: City of Rincon  
Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion  
ARPA Grant No. GA-0010188

Project Location: City of Rincon, Effingham County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$9,218,357.00

Anticipated ARPA Grant Amount: \$7,374,685.36

**Project Description**

The City of Rincon proposes to expand Rincon WPCP, an existing 1.0 MGD facility, to 2.0 MGD. The treated effluent from the facility will continue to be discharged to Sweigoffer Creek. The project will accommodate flow/population projections and replace aging equipment at the facility that is operating near 90% capacity. The facility will be expanded by installing a new sequencing batch reactor (SBR) and retrofitting the existing carousel aeration basin to another SBR. In addition, the facility's tertiary filters, UV disinfection, and biosolids processing will be upgraded to meet the increased capacity and/or provide operational redundancy along with the rehabilitation of the existing storage pond and pump station for the City's reuse water distribution system.

**Anticipated Impacts**

The proposed project will serve the City of Rincon. The project will provide reliable treatment and effluent quality for the future population and additional flow to Sweigoffer Creek.

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 City property (or right-of-way) and/or previously disturbed land. No impacts to existing buildings are anticipated as a result of the project.

The current rates for wastewater are not anticipated to increase 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 29, 2021 at Rincon City Hall 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 SRF planning document is available for public review upon request at Rincon City Hall 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](mailto: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: City of Rincon  
Post Office Box 232  
Rincon, GA 31326

12/12/2022

Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Richard E. Dunn  
Director  
Environmental Protection Division

# LOCATION MAP



EFFINGHAM COUNTY

ROUTE 21

CITY LIMITS

ROUTE 21

CITY HALL

WASTEWATER  
TREATMENT PLANT

32°17'13.1"N 81°12'05.8"W  
32.286962, -81.201597

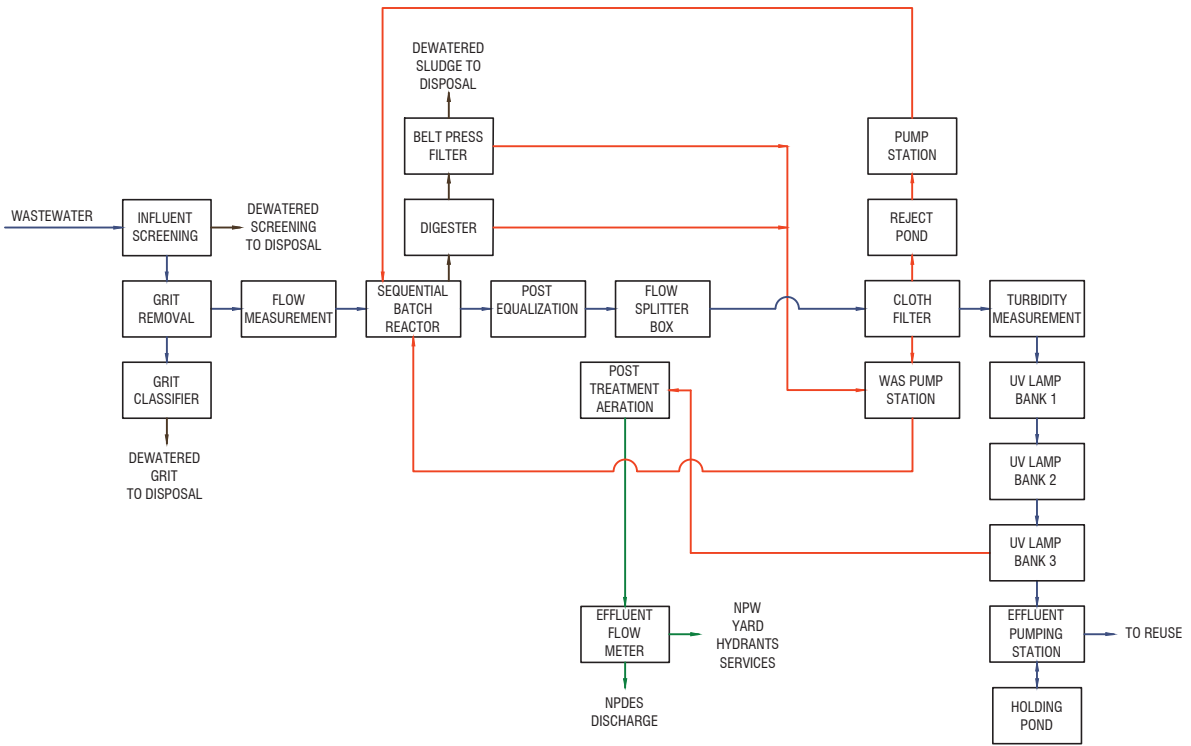
CITY OF RINCON

32°16'58.6"N 81°13'57.7"W  
32.282937, -81.232704

ROUTE 21



1.	HEDWORKS	32°17'13.2"N	81°12'07.1"W	32.286995	-81.201959
2.	OXIDATION DITCH (TO BE RETROFITTED AS SBR)	32°17'13.3"N	81°12'04.4"W	32.287036	-81.201231
3.	CLARIFIERS (TO BE RETROFITTED AS EQUALIZATION BASIN)	32°17'14.2"N	81°12'03.5"W	32.287283	-81.200976
4.	UV BASIN	32°17'15.9"N	81°12'00.9"W	32.287755	-81.200241
5.	CLOTH DISK FILTRATION	32°17'16.3"N	81°12'00.6"W	32.287855	-81.200169
6.	TREATED WATER PUMP STATION	32°17'15.1"N	81°12'01.2"W	32.287513	-81.200338
7.	REUSE WATER POND (TREATED WATER)	32°17'11.7"N	81°12'00.4"W	32.286587	-81.200110
8.	CHLORINATION BASIN	32°17'16.8"N	81°11'57.9"W	32.288011	-81.199420
9.	REJECT POND (TO BE USED AS TREATED WATER POND)	32°17'14.8"N	81°11'58.3"W	32.287444	-81.199533
10.	OUTFALL	32°17'16.1"N	81°11'58.0"W	32.287812	-81.199431
11.	DIGESTER (TO BE RETROFITTED AS REJECT TANK)	32°17'15.9"N	81°12'04.5"W	32.287755	-81.201236
12.	BELT PRESS (TO BE ABANDONED)	32°17'15.6"N	81°12'03.7"W	32.287655	-81.201016
13.	OPERATION BUILDING / LAB	32°17'14.2"N	81°12'05.7"W	32.287285	-81.201569
14.	PROPOSED SBR BASIN	32°17'12.4"N	81°12'05.1"W	32.286773	-81.201427
15.	PROPOSED DIGESTER	32°17'12.0"N	81°12'04.1"W	32.286660	-81.201137
16.	BLOWER BUILDING / CHEMICAL BUILDING	32°17'11.5"N	81°12'03.6"W	32.286535	-81.200987
17.	REJECT PUMP STATION	32°17'16.6"N	81°12'00.0"W	32.287941	-81.200010
18.	PROPOSED BELT PRESS	32°17'12.9"N	81°12'02.7"W	32.286921	-81.200758



LEGEND	
PROCESS	
MAIN PROCESS LINE	
SECONDARY PROCESS LINE	
DISCHARGE PROCESS LINE	
SOLIDS PROCESS LINE	

CITY OF RINCON  
 WWTP EXPANSION  
 FLOW SCHEMATICS