



**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

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

The City of Gray 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 expansion of the existing wastewater treatment facility to 0.8 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 Gray  
Wastewater Treatment Facility  
Expansion to 0.8 MGD  
GEFA Loan No. CW-2020-017

**Project Location:** City of Gray, Jones County, GA

**Estimated Total Project Cost:** \$8,500,000

**Anticipated SRF Loan Amount:** \$9,000,000

**Project Description**

The City of Gray proposes to rehabilitate existing equipment at the Wolf Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) and expand the facility from 0.4 MGD to 0.8 MGD in order to accommodate future growth in the service area. The expanded treatment facility will consist of screening, aeration basins, secondary clarification, UV disinfection, and post-aeration. Sludge will be aerobically digested and dewatered. The project will also include installation of a new plant pump station, RAS/WAS pump station, blowers, chemical feed system, and other miscellaneous equipment and buildings. Treated effluent will be discharged to Wolf Creek.

**Anticipated Impacts**

The proposed project will serve the City of Gray by providing reliable service and treatment for the anticipated future residential, commercial, and industrial growth, alongside changing land uses, 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 City-owned property. No impacts to existing buildings are anticipated as a result of the project.

Sewer rates are expected to be increased in phases up to \$17 per month per customer 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 December 3, 2019 at the Gray City Hall to discuss the proposed project. 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 Gray 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.

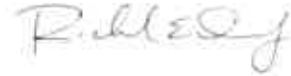
All interested agencies, groups and persons supporting or disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments within 30 days of the issuance date of this notice via email to [kelli-ann.sottile@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:kelli-ann.sottile@dnr.ga.gov) or to the following address:

Environmental Protection Division  
Watershed Protection Branch  
Wastewater Regulatory Program  
ATTN: Kelli-Ann Sottile  
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive  
Suite 1152 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 Gray  
                                 109 James Street  
                                 Gray, GA 31792

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

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