

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

The City of Alma 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 upgrades to the existing 0.75-MGD water pollution control plant (WPCP). 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 Alma
Alma WPCP – Facility Upgrades
GEFA Loan No. CW-2025-017

Project Location: City of Alma, Bacon County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$26,000,000

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$12,000,000

Project Description

The City of Alma proposes to make improvements to the existing 0.75-MGD water pollution control plant to comply with the reduced dissolved oxygen effluent limit and the new total phosphorus effluent limits in NPDES Permit No. GA0032328 and to upgrade aging infrastructure. The proposed improvements will not result in an increased discharge capacity at the plant. The proposed improvements include the replacement of aging mechanical equipment in the primary clarifier, the aeration basins, and the secondary clarifiers as well as the replacement of the sludge pumps. The project also includes the addition of a splitter box prior to the aeration basins, chemical feed systems for phosphorus removal and alkalinity control, a secondary clarifier, a post-aeration basin, an aerobic digester, and five sludge drying beds. Additionally, the proposed project also involves the conversion of an existing aerobic digester to an aeration basin and miscellaneous electrical and instrumentation upgrades.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the City of Alma. The project will provide improved effluent quality to meet current and proposed permit limits. 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 not be located in the 100-year floodplain as indicated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) map.

The project will take place primarily on City property (or right-of-way) and/or previously disturbed land and no impacts to existing buildings are anticipated as a result of the project.

A minor rate increase for the existing customer base is expected 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 16, 2025 at Alma 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 Environmental Review and Planning Document (ERPD) is available for public review upon request at Alma 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 patrick.daugherty@dnr.ga.gov or to the following address:

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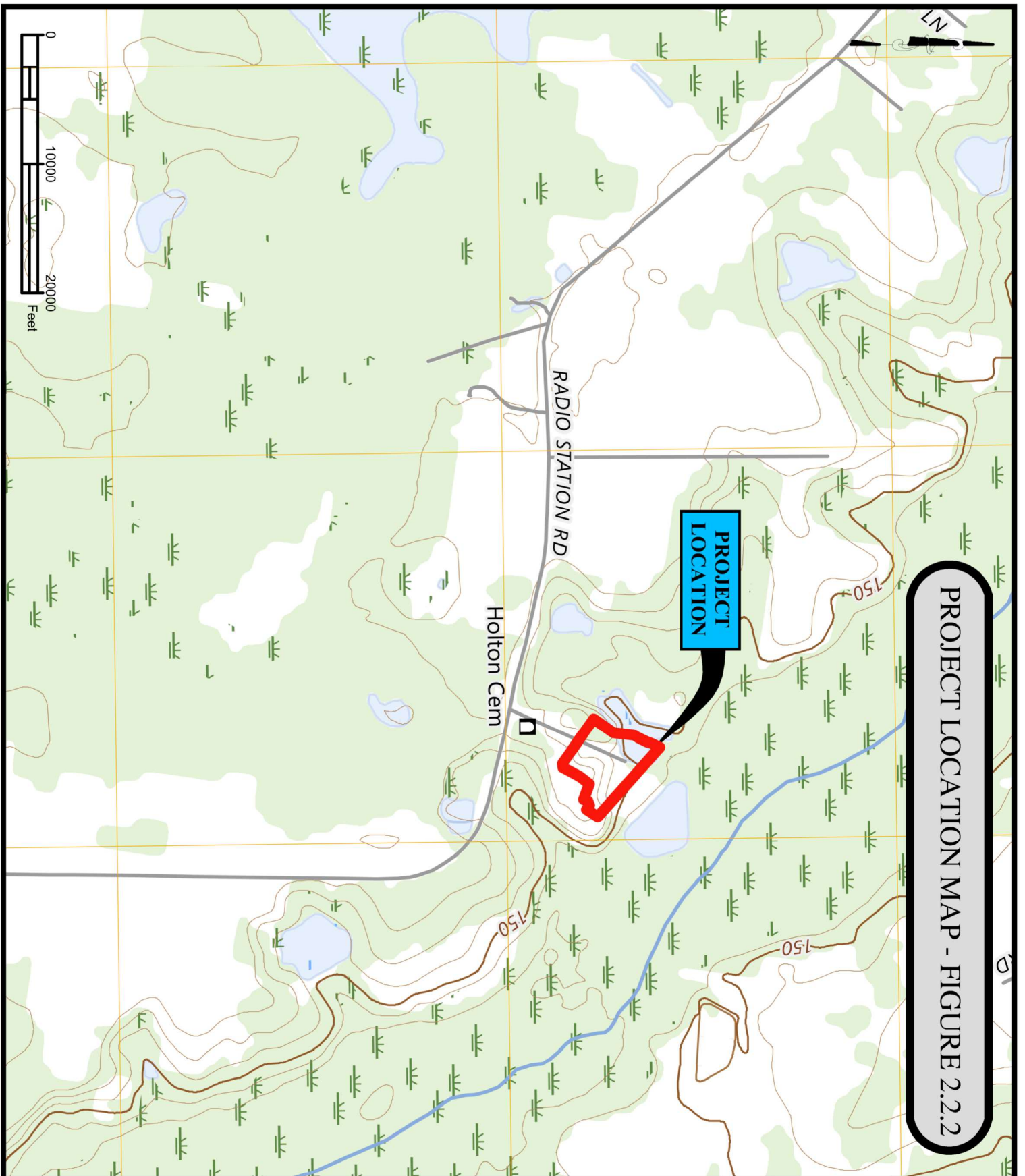
After evaluating the comments received, a final decision regarding the loan will be made. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this Notice.

Loan Recipient: City of Alma
502 West 12th Steet, Suite 104
Alma, Georgia 31510

Issue Date: 01/27/2026

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PROJECT LOCATION MAP - FIGURE 2.2.2



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