

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 Brooklet 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 the installation of public sanitary sewer to transport sewage by gravity into a newly constructed lift station that will then pump the sewage to an existing manhole within the City of Statesboro's sanitary sewer system. The City of Statesboro will treat and discharge the sewage at the Statesboro 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 Brooklet Brooklet Septic to Sewer Project ARPA Grant No. GA-0010997
Project Location:	City of Brooklet, Bulloch County, GA
Total Project Cost:	\$4,046,070
Anticipated ARPA Grant Amount:	\$2,062,034

## **Project Description**

The City proposes to construct a new sewer collection system to serve residences and businesses within the City to replace existing septic tank systems. Sewer will be collected via gravity lines and/or low pressure sewer lines and conveyed to a new pump station that will transport the wastewater to an existing manhole in the City of Statesboro.

## Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the City of Brooklet. The project will provide a solution to the City's failing septic system by transporting sewage to a local facility that is able to reliably accept the sewage. 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.

There are currently no sewer rates for residents as this project will bring sewer to the City. Based on a 6000 gpd usage the base rate will be \$35 per residential customer.

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 9, 2023 at Brooklet 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 Brooklet 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 *ethan.rhine@dnr.ga.gov* or to the following address:

Ethan Rhine Environmental Protection Division Watershed Protection Branch Wastewater Regulatory Program 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.

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Grant Recipient:

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

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