

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

The City of Commerce 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) and the Georgia Office of Budget and Planning for a grant through the State American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The project consists of the construction of a new 2.0-MGD water pollution control plant (WPCP). Treated effluent will be discharged into Grove Creek. 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 Commerce
New 2.0-MGD Discharge
GEFA Loan No. CW-2024-014
ARPA Grant No. GA-0010545

Project Location: City of Commerce, Jackson County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$50,431,765

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$17,430,665
Anticipated ARPA Grant Amount: \$33,001,100

Project Description

The City of Commerce proposes to construct a new 2.0-MGD water pollution control plant to discharge to Grove Creek. The project will accommodate flow/population projections for the area and for the anticipated industrial growth. The new facility will include coarse screening, fine screening, grit removal, oxidation ditch or conventional activated sludge treatment, clarification, filtration, and ultraviolet disinfection. Sludge will be treated in an aerobic digester and dewatered before being transported to off site.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the City of Commerce. The project will provide opportunity for growth via increased treatment capacity for sanitary wastewater. 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 be located in the 100-year floodplain as indicated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) map. However, the scope of work taking place within the floodplain consists of installation of the outfall line and will not impact the floodplain. Detailed

mitigation measures will be described in the construction documents (plans and specifications) for the project.

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.

The current rates for wastewater are anticipated to increase by approximately 1.45% in the following fiscal year.

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 April 1, 2024 at the Commerce Cultural Center 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 Commerce 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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Wastewater Regulatory Program
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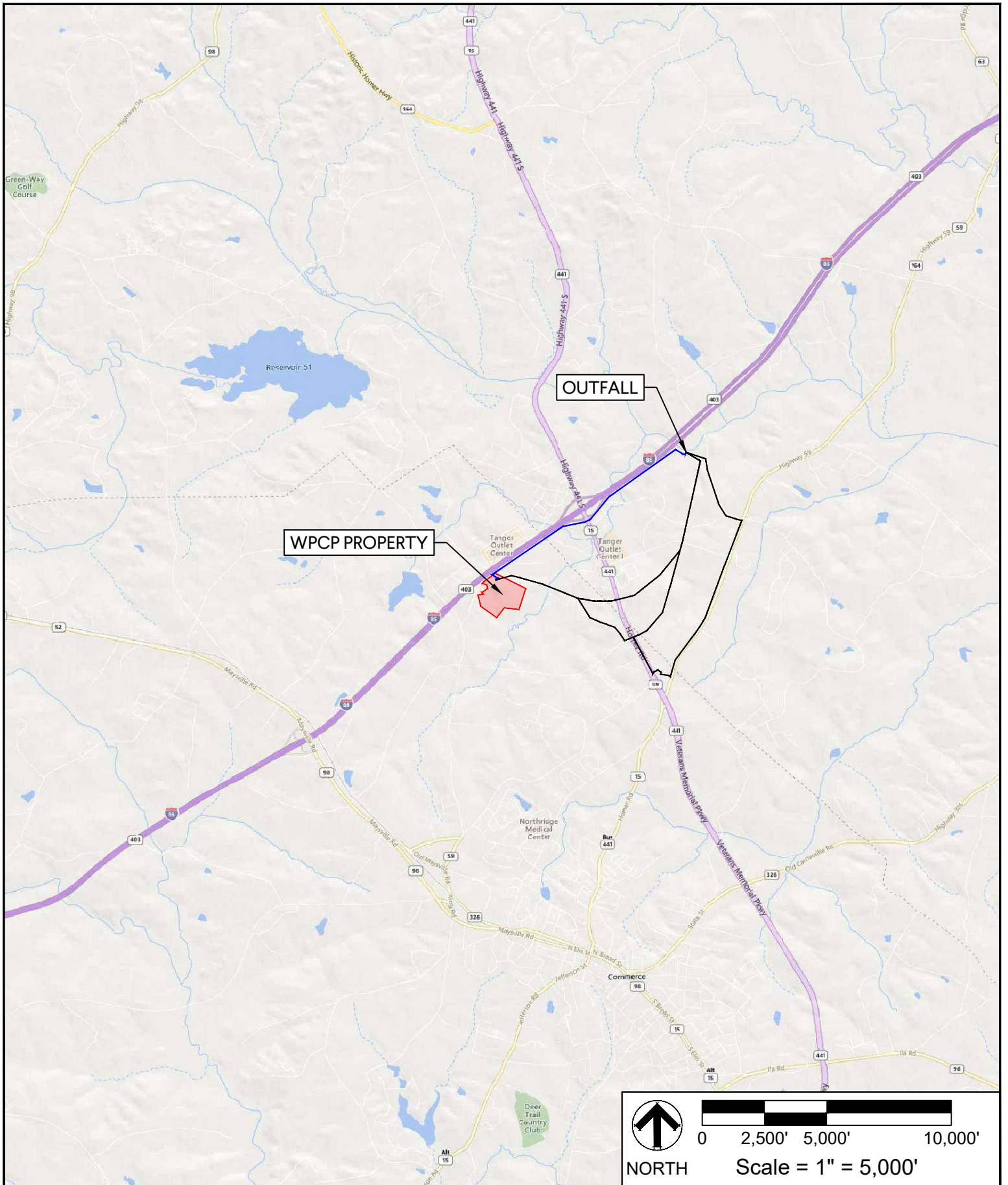
After evaluating the comments received, a final decision regarding the loan will be made. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this Notice.

Loan Recipient: City of Commerce
27 Sycamore St
Commerce, GA 30529

Issue Date: 09/09/2024



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Environmental Protection Division



REF. SHEET: BING STREET MAP
 DESCRIPTION: ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND PLANNING DOCUMENT

COMMERCE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT
 COMMERCE, JACKSON COUNTY, GEORGIA

FIGURE 1-1

GENERAL LOCATION MAP
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