

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

The City of Cumming 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 sewer upgrades and extension to serve additional customers in the area. 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 Cumming
Settingdown Creek Sewer Extension
GEFA Loan No. CW-2023-005

Project Location: City of Cumming, Forsyth County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$7,187,165

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$7,187,165

Project Description

The City of Cumming proposes to extend the existing sewer system serving the City of Cumming and Forsyth County by installing 12,400 linear feet (LF) of 24-in, 16-in and 12-in gravity sewer along Settingdown Creek, 4,300 LF of gravity sewer along Thalley Creek, and decommissioning of the Karr Road Pump Station.

The proposed sewer lines will be conveyed to the Bethelview Road Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) for treatment. The upgraded system will provide sufficient capacity and reliable service for the current and future customers within the City of Cumming.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the City of Cumming and Forsyth County. The project will provide reliable local sewer service to the community.

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 consists of replacement and/or rehabilitation of sewer lines 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 customers are anticipated to increase approximately \$26 per year as a result of this 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 October 18, 2023 at Cumming 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 Cumming 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 alex.gramling@dnr.ga.gov or to the following address:

Environmental Protection Division
Watershed Protection Branch
Wastewater Regulatory Program
ATTN: Alex Gramling
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 Cumming
100 Main Street
Cumming, GA 30040

Issue Date: 10/31/2023



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Preliminary Design

Description including a General Layout

Settingdown Creek - Report Map

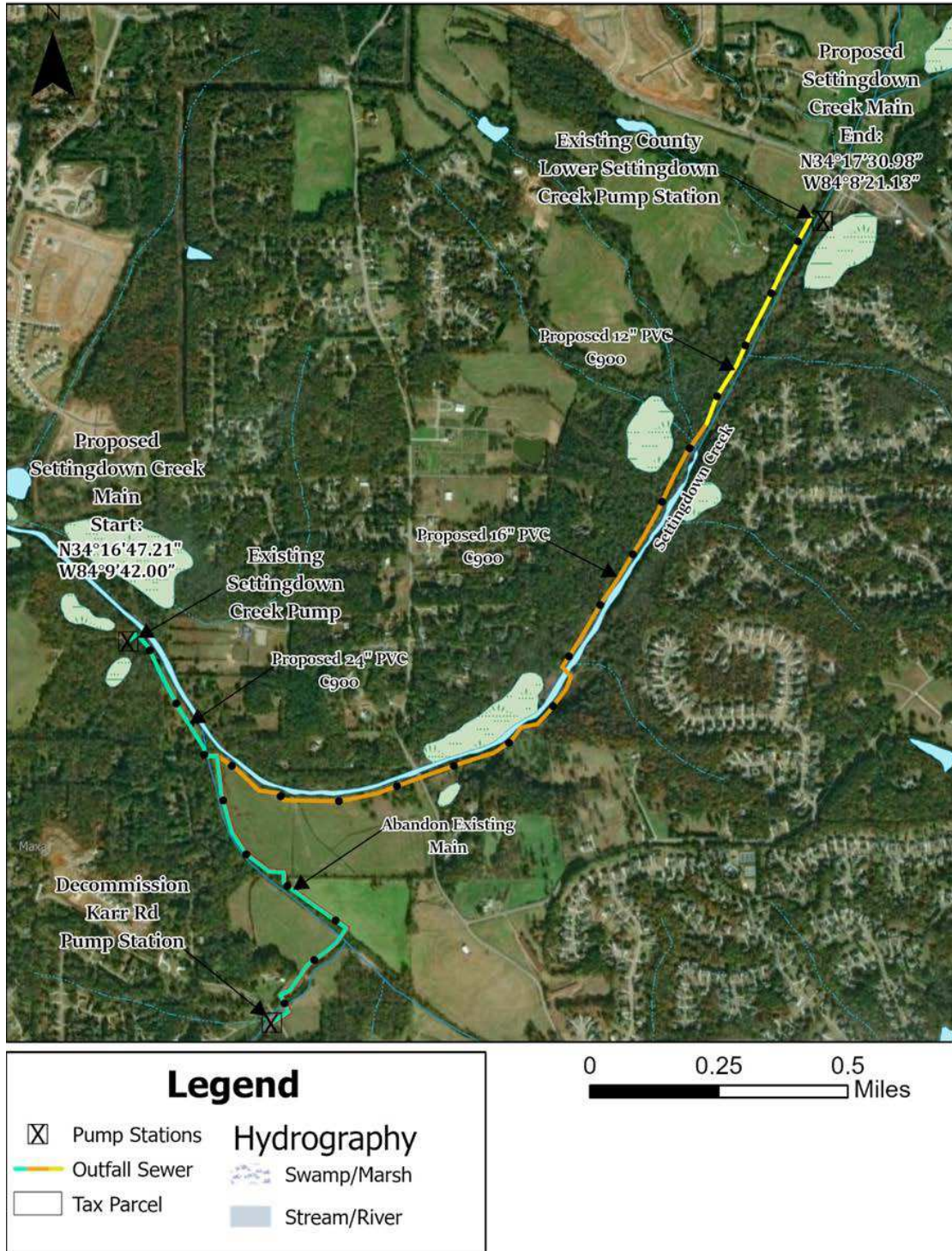


Figure 5 General Layout - Report Map