

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

The City of Hinesville 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 rehabilitation, replacement, and rerouting, replacing sections of gravity sewer with non-potable reuse line (NPRL), and upgrades to existing pump stations. 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 Hinesville
Sewer Rehabilitation & Pump Station Upgrade
GEFA Loan No. CW-2023-007

Project Location: City of Hinesville, Liberty County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$7,000,000

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$7,000,000

Project Description

The City of Hinesville proposes to rehabilitate existing sewer via lined in place methods, reroute sewage from the existing 15" gravity sewer main to the existing 24" reuse main, increase existing sections of sewer to 18" gravity sewers, replace 1,200 LF of gravity sewer with 12" non-potable reuse line (NPRL), upgrade the existing Stonehenge Pump Station from 500 gpm to 1000 gpm, and conduct minor repairs to the existing Highway 196 Pump Station.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the City of Hinesville. The project will provide reliable sewer and reuse service for the current and future population.

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 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 not anticipated to increase 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 August 13, 2024 at Hinesville 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 Hinesville 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:

Alex Gramling
Wastewater Regulatory Program
Environmental Protection Division
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 Hinesville
115 East M.L.K. Jr. Drive
Hinesville, Georgia 31313

Issue Date: 12/23/2024

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Figure 1: Map of All Proposed Projects

