

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

The City of Riceboro 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 City's existing sewage collection system and treatment process improvements at the Riceboro 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 Riceboro
Facility Upgrade & Sewer Extension Project
GEFA Loan No. CW-2026-009

Project Location: City of Riceboro, Liberty County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$6,009,300

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$6,009,300

Project Description

The City of Riceboro proposes to replace the influent screen and aeration equipment, dredge the ponds, and upgrade the existing land application fields at the Riceboro WPCP. The project also includes upgrade of existing pump stations, installation of a new pump station, and replacement and/or extension of gravity sewer lines and force mains. The project will accommodate flow/population projections for the service area and improve treatment process reliability.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the City of Riceboro. The project will provide reliable sewer service and treatment 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 are anticipated to increase to approximately \$97 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 March 18, 2026 at Riceboro 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 Riceboro 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 Riceboro
P.O. Box 269
Riceboro, Georgia 31323

Issue Date: 05/21/2026

Jeffrey W. Cown

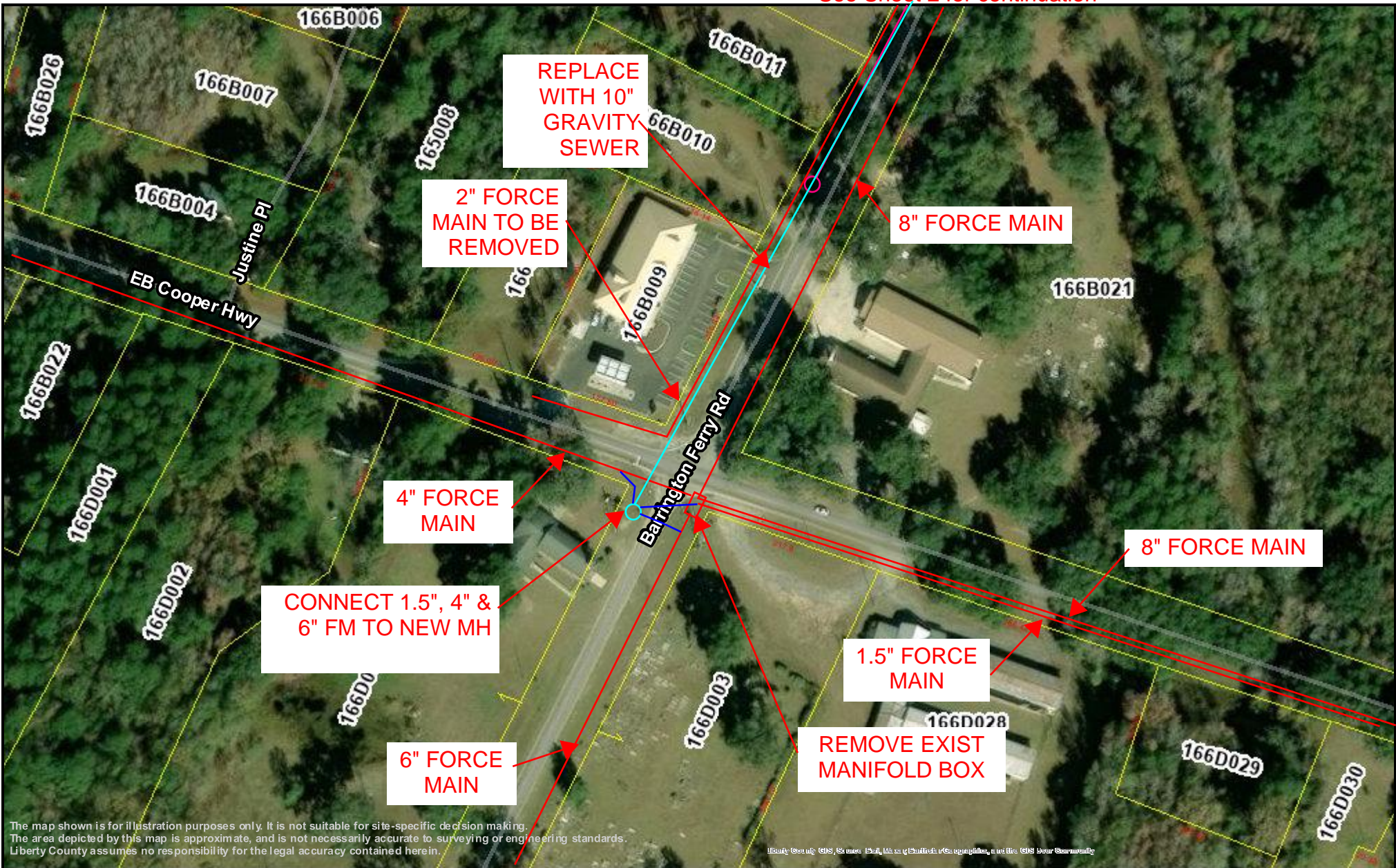
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Environmental Protection Division

**Riceboro Water Pollution Control Plant
Plant Upgrade Project**

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Date: May 2026**



Source: Google, 2026



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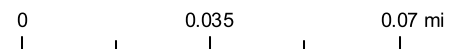
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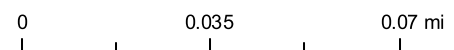
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