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#### **Watershed Protection Branch**

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

The City of Royston 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 renovations to existing facilities and installation of tertiary treatment to meet a total recoverable copper effluent limit. 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 Royston

Sewer Replacement and Treatment Plant Upgrade

GEFA Loan No. CW-2023-009

Project Location: City of Royston, Franklin County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$3,000,000

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$3,000,000

## **Project Description**

The City of Royston proposes to rehabilitate existing sewer mains, and pump stations, and install a new chemical feed system and tertiary treatment system to meet a total recoverable copper effluent limit. The project also includes a new aerobic digester.

#### **Anticipated Impacts**

The proposed project will serve the City of Royston. The project will provide reliable treatment and effluent quality for the 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. 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. The current rates for wastewater are not anticipated to increase for residential customers.

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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 February 14, 2023 at Royston 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 Royston 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 Notice of No Significant Impact City of Royston GEFA Loan No. CW-2023-009 Page 3

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 Royston

684 Franklin Springs St Royston, GA 30662

Issue Date: 07/14/2023

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