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

The City of Winder has made an application to the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD) for a loan through the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF). The loan is for the water system improvements to serve the growth in demand from the city as the residential, commercial, and industrial sectors expand. The applicant has certified that the project is environmentally sound. As required by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program Guidelines, an environmental review has been performed on the project described below:

Project Name:	Water Treatment Plant Improvements for the City of Winder
Project Location:	Barrow County, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$15,400,000
Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount:	\$15,400,000
Project Number:	DW2023028

Project Description

Under this project, the City of Winder will construct two (2) new flocculation basins, filter blowers for air scouring, and one (1) new chemical bulk storage facility. Other minor improvements include new raw water flow meters, ultrasonic level indicator for the reservoir, finished water meters, etc.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will have minimal impact on the environment as construction will be limited to the existing project site. This project will increase the capacity of the Highway 53 Water Plant from 6.2 MGD currently to 9.2 MGD.

A review of the Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Information Document for the proposed project has been performed by EPD's Drinking Water Permitting and Engineering Program. A copy of these documents is available for public examination upon request at EPD between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the address listed below.

On April 12, 2023, the City of Winder conducted a public meeting in accordance with the requirements of DWSRF guidance in order to inform the public about the project. The County received no adverse comments. The project has undergone an Executive Order 12372 Review through the State agencies. The project has also been submitted to the Corps of Engineers, State Historic Preservation Office, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for review. No adverse comments have been received. No further environmental review of the 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 thirty (30) days of the issuance date of this notice to:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division
ATTN: Kebar Geleta, Environmental Engineer
Drinking Water Program
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE - Suite 1052 East
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After evaluating all comments received, EPD will make a final decision regarding approval of the project planning documents. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this Notice.

Issue Date: 4/14/2023



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