

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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

The City of Donalsonville 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 building a well to provide reliable drinking water and fire protection for the city of Donalsonville. 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 Supply Improvements for the City of Donalsonville
Project Location:	Seminole County, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$4,500,000
Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount:	\$4,500,000

## **Project Description**

Under this project, the City of Donalsonville will add a new well, a new elevated water storage tank, of 300,000 gallons, and chemical feed building. Approximately 4,500 linear feet of 12" water main will be installed along Ash Crossing Road to connect the proposed well and tank to the nearest existing 8" water main at the intersection of N. Friendship Ave. The improvements will address the unbalanced water system in the city which has inadequate pressure and fire protection in the north and east sides of the city since the existing wells are located in the south and west ends of Donalsonville.

## **Anticipated Impacts**

The proposed project will have minimal impact on the environment as construction will be limited to the existing project site. Soil stability/erodibility prevention measures will be in accordance with EPD regulations both during and after construction. Construction and operation of the new well pump and generator will produce audible noise in the vicinity of their installation, but construction will occur during daylight hours.

A review of the 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. The addresses where a copy is available are listed below.

During the development and design of this project, the City of Donalsonville has solicited public input. 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. The Historical Preservation Division has found no adverse impact on historical impacts provided the following condition is met:

- Establish an environmentally sensitive area (ESA) delineated with orange barrier fencing (OBF) along the road ROW bordering Friendship Cemetery and ensure that no project activities occur within the cemetery grounds.

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: Johann Phan, Environmental Engineer Drinking Water Program 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE - Suite 1052 East Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9000

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: <u>6/5/2024</u>

Manny Patel Drinking Water Program Manager Drinking Water Program Georgia Environmental Protection Division

Loan Recipient:

City of Donalsonville 127 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Donalsonville, GA 39845