



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

The Bartow County has made an application to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD) for a grant through the State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF). The grant is for the water system improvements and infrastructure upgrades in Old Alabama/Peoples Valley and Cass-Pine Log taking place in three different phases. The applicant has certified that the project is environmentally sound. As required by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) Guidelines, an environmental review has been performed on the project described below:

Project Name:	Water System Improvements- Water Infrastructure upgrades (Old Alabama/Peoples Valley/Cass-Pine Log)
Project Location:	Bartow County, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$21,803,250
SFRF Grant Amount:	\$11,420,750

Project Description

The proposed project is a combination of six total projects for improving and upgrading the water infrastructure in Cass Pine Log/ Old Alabama Road/ Peoples Valley areas of Bartow County. The six projects description are as follows:

- 1) **Cass-Pine Log Water Main Phase I-** Replace 16,000 LF of 8" PVC water main with 12" ductile iron pipe (DIP) water main.
- 2) **Cass-Pine Log Water Main Phase II-** Replace 19,000 LF of 8" PVC water main with 12" DIP water main.
- 3) **Old Alabama Road Phase II (Phase I of project is already in progress)-** Replace and relocate 14,850 LF of 8" PVC water main with 16" DIP water main.
- 4) **Old Alabama Road Phase III-** Replace and relocate 10,770 LF of 8" PVC water main with 16" DIP water main.
- 5) **Peoples Valley Tank-** Replace 1-million-gallon steel ground water storage tank with a 2-million-gallon prestressed concrete ground storage tank and 1,250 LF 20" DIP water main.
- 6) **Peoples Valley Water Main-** Replace 4,800 LF of 8" water main with 16" DIP water main.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will have minimal impact on the environment as construction will be limited to the existing project site and along existing rights of way and easements in Bartow County. The proposed project will have minor impacts on endangered species and critical habitats and preventative measures are addressed as mentioned in the Environmental Information Document. This project improvements include infrastructure upgrades for old and rusted water distribution systems and will ensure satisfactory water pressure, fire protection and storage capacity to the Old Alabama/Peeples Valley/Cass-Pine Log areas of the County. Additionally, this project will make the entire utility system more resilient to climate change by upgrading all PVC pipes to Ductile Iron Pipes. It will also enhance the quality of life for the target area residents by providing safe, clean, drinkable, potable water at sustainable pressures without any loss of water service in future.

A review of the 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, Bartow County 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. No adverse comments were received from Historic Preservation Division, Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. But there were conditions from HPD to be fulfilled and in response to that, three mitigation letters have been submitted to EPD which includes the corrective measures to be taken and areas to be avoided during the construction throughout the completion of all three phases of the project. If there are no public objections, then this Notice of No Significant Impact (NONSI) will be adopted without further public notice and Georgia Environmental Protection Division Drinking Water Permitting and Engineering program will issue final approval of the project planning document. 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: Disha Thakkar, 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.



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