



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 Blackshear 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 in Maple Lane Area. 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-Maple Lane Area
Project Location:	Pierce County, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$894,302.00
SFRF Grant Amount:	\$500,000.00

Project Description

The proposed project consists of replacing approximately 930 linear-feet of 8-inch cast iron water main with 8-inch PVC water main and 10,646 L.F. of 4- and 6-inch thin walled PVC water main with 6-inch PVC water main, as well as installing new service lines, meter boxes, isolation valves, eleven (11) fire hydrants, and other appurtenances along Pierce Industrial Boulevard, Mimosa Lane, Dogwood Drive, Tanner Circle, Cedar Lane, Azalea Street and Maple Lane in Blackshear.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will have minimal impact on the environment as construction will be limited to the existing project site. This project improvements will ensure satisfactory water pressure, safe and clean water and provide fire protection to the entire target area. Additionally, this project will enhance the quality of life for the target area residents by providing safe, clean, drinkable, potable water at sustainable pressures.

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, the City of Blackshear 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 them. The City also has received GDOT permit for the construction improvements falling in their right of way. 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
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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.



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