

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

City of Springfield has made an application to the ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund for Water/Sewer Infrastructure 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 construction of a water main along Standard Lane from Highway 119 toward Old Tusculum Road where it will turn northeast and continue until it connects with the existing water main at the intersection with State Hwy 119 (North Laurel Street). 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:	Construction of new water mains for City of Springfield
Project Location:	Effingham County, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$1,533,000.00
Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount:	\$1,533,000.00
Project Number:	0011427

Project Description

Under this project, City of Springfield plans to construct a new water main which will cross under Georgia Highway 21, the Norfolk Southern railroad, and State Highway 119.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will have minimal impact on the environment as construction will be limited to the existing project site. This proposed water main addition will provide increased reliability along with extended water service, which will expand access to clean water for many residents in the area. The extension would improve public health, sanitation, fire protection, and quality of life for the residents in the project area.

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 January 9, 2024, City of Springfield conducted a public meeting in accordance with the requirements of DWSRF guidance in order to inform the public about the project. The Association 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. The City must receive GUPS permit as suggested by GDOT for the construction improvements falling in their right of way. 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: Pubali Sarker, Environmental Engineer
Drinking Water Program
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE - Suite 1470A East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

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: 04/29/24

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