



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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

The Town of Iron City 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 the Town of Iron City to provide adequate water supply, treatment, storage and distribution systems. 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, Town of Iron City
Project Location:	Seminole County, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$4,763,820.00

Project Description

The proposed project includes installation of two new deep well capable of pumping 400 gpm with backup generators and chemical feed buildings, construction of a 100,000-gallon elevated water storage tank and installation of a new water distribution system including approximately 5.4 miles of watermain with valves and hydrants and new service lines connecting to existing meters to provide improved system pressure, water storage to meet all system demands, and fire protection in the Town of Iron City, Seminole County, Georgia.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will have minor impact on the environment as improvements will be throughout the Town’s water service area, but the construction will be limited to the existing disturbed areas or along existing rights of way outside of any wetlands, floodplains, streams or critical habitats. The project may have minor impact on water supply and water resources since the two new wells are going to be constructed from the Lower Aquifer region in replacement of the existing wells and can result in minor impacts on Floridan Jacksonian aquifer system recharge area for which the mitigation measures as described in EID should be followed. Additionally, the project may have minor impacts on storm water, soil stability & erodibility (erosion and sedimentation plan to be developed), historical property (no adverse effect), site safety and energy consumption but will not significantly impact the environment if the best management practices as provided in EID are addressed. This project improvements will upgrade the water infrastructure to provide safe, clean, potable water with adequate supply and provide fire protection to the entire target area.

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 Town of Iron City 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. 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:

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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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