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

The Fort Valley Utility Commission has made an application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD), and the Georgia Office of Budget and Planning for a grant through the State American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The project consists of the construction of a new 1.1-MGD water reclamation facility (WRF) discharging to Mossy Creek. The applicant has certified that the project is environmentally sound. As required by the Federal Clean Water Act, an environmental review has been performed on the project described below:

Project Name: Fort Valley Utility Commission

East Peach Water Reclamation Facility

ARPA Grant No. GA-0014288

Project Location: Fort Valley, Peach County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$56,115,000

Anticipated ARPA Grant Amount: \$76,226,000 (1)

(1) The ARPA grant amount includes funding for both wastewater and drinking water projects. This NONSI is only for the proposed wastewater project.

Project Description

The Fort Valley Utility Commission proposes to construct a new 1.1-MGD water reclamation facility with a discharge to Mossy Creek. The project will provide sewer conveyance and treatment infrastructure to serve new industries and developments in the region northeast of the City of Fort Valley. The new facility will include screening, grit removal, biological treatment, tertiary filtration, disinfection, and post aeration. Sludge will be treated and dewatered before being transported to a landfill.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the region northeast of the City of Fort Valley. The project will provide reliable treatment and effluent quality for the future population and new industries. Minor negative temporary impacts may include noise, dust and erosion/sedimentation associated with construction activities. Best Management Practices will be in place during construction.

The project will not be located in the 100-year floodplain as indicated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) map.

The project will take place primarily on property owned by the Development Authority of Peach County and previously disturbed land and no impacts to existing buildings are anticipated as a result of the project.

Connection fees for new developments will be determined at a later date.

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No anticipated adverse secondary impacts are associated with the project. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement has been made.

The reason for the decision not to prepare such a statement is as follows: Project activity is not anticipated to result in adverse environmental impacts beyond those that can be easily mitigated with minimal extra expense or delay in project implementation.

Public Notice

A public information meeting was held on March 24, 2025 at the Fort Valley Utility Commission Main Office to discuss the proposed project. No adverse comments were received during the 30-day advertisement period or during the meeting.

An Environmental Review Record concerning the proposed project has been made by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division that documents the environmental review of the project and provides more detail explaining why an environmental impact statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at the Division's address listed below. A copy of the Environmental Review and Planning Document (ERPD) is available for public review upon request at the Fort Valley Utility Commission Main Office during business hours and at the Division between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

No further environmental review of this 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 30 days of the issuance date of this notice via email to *ethan.rhine@dnr.ga.gov* or to the following address:

Ethan Rhine Wastewater Regulatory Program 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Suite 1470A East Atlanta, Georgia 30334

After evaluating the comments received, a final decision regarding the loan will be made. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this Notice.

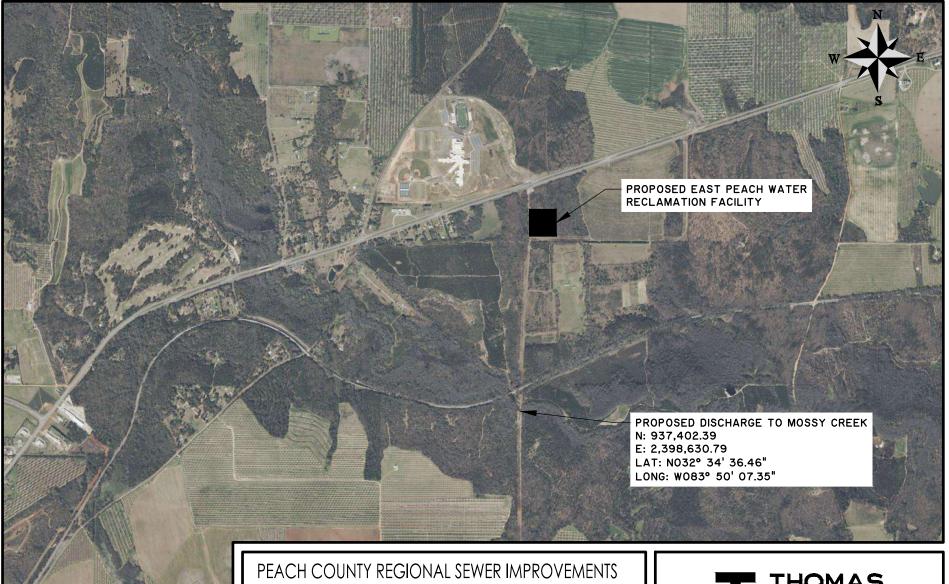
Loan Recipient: Fort Valley Utility Commission

902 Knoxville Street Fort Valley, GA 31030

Issue Date: 06/20/2025

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Director

Environmental Protection Division



SHEET NAME:

AERIAL MAP

CLIENT:

FVUC & DAPC

LOCATION: PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA

DATE: 2/10/2025 DRA JOB NUMBER: J-32172.0000 REV

DRAWN BY: CLH REVIEWED BY: RAD SHEET: EXHIBIT 2 SCALE: 1" = 2000'



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