



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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

The Lumpkin County Water and Sewage Authority has made an application to the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) 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 to acquire at least two (2) new water supply wells needed to increase the water system capacity and to meet their customers water demand. In addition, significant improvement will be made on the distribution system to keep the system in good working order and to provide water service to unincorporated areas of Lumpkin County. 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:	Water System Improvements for the Lumpkin County
Project Location:	Lumpkin County, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$2,500,000
Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount:	\$2,500,000

Project Description

Under this project, The Lumpkin County Water and Sewage Authority will acquire at least two (2) new water supply wells; renovate several wells and Gainesville interconnection; improve the distribution system; add water mains for extensions; improve the storage tanks; miscellaneous improvements of new meters, SCADA and other minor improvements. The new wells acquisitions and the improvement of the distribution system are needed to meet current water demand, to increase revenues and to minimize expenses and water loss.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will have minimal impact on the environment. Significant water system improvements are needed to keep the system in good working order and to provide water service to unincorporated areas of Lumpkin County. Also, the project will provide additional water supply to meet the current and future water demand. The overall impact of the proposed project will be beneficial. There will be no significant adverse secondary impacts associated with the project.

A review of the 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. The addresses where a copy is available are listed below.

During the development and design of this project, the Lumpkin County Water and Sewage Authority 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 have been received. 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: Duplex Tchinda, Environmental Engineer
Drinking Water Program
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE - Suite 1362 East
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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.

Issue Date:

10/7/19



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Loan Recipient:

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