

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

This is an amendment to the publication of January 11, 2023, due to the change of the new elevated storage tank site. The City of Lakeland 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 for construction of a new deep well and construction of a new 400,000 gallons of elevated storage tank. 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 City of Lakeland
Project Location:	City of Lakeland, Lanier County, Georgia
Project number:	GA0011103
Anticipated ARPA Loan Amount:	\$5,122,700

Project Description

Under this project, the City of Lakeland plan to construct a new deep well and a new 400,000-gallon elevated storage tank. The city's existing well located off pine street will be abandoned and a new well will be constructed on the same site. The City of Lakeland has amended the original proposed site for the construction of the new 400,000-gallon elevated storage tank located off West Patten Avenue. The proposed new site elevated tank will replace both city's existing tanks and will improve pressure within the city's water distribution system. The changed new site for the proposed elevated storage tank is approximately 0.3 miles away from Lakeland United Methodist Church and adjacent to the Lanier County High School. In addition, a water main will be installed to provide the new tank with adequate water supply by upsizing and looping the city's existing water mains.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will have minimal impact on the environment. This project will drill a new municipal well on the same site and properly abandon the existing well that is at its end of its useful service life. The proposed amended new site location to construct the new 400,000-gallon elevated storage tank will be located off West Pattern Avenue and will help with pressure and storage capacity within the City Limits.

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 City of Lakeland 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: Tamika Samaroo, Environmental Engineer
Drinking Water Program
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE - Suite 1362 East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9000

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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