



**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 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 extending water services to the new site of Peach County High School. 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
Project Location:	Fort Valley, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$2,000,000
Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount:	\$2,000,000

Project Description

The proposed project will include the extension of Fort Valley Utility Commission water mains to serve the new Peach County High School. 150' of 12" ductile iron pipe shall be jack and bored underneath State Route 49 with an 18" steel casing. The new pipe will be connected to the existing 12" water main on the opposite side of State Route 49. Finally, a new 8" water meter and vault with backflow prevention shall be installed on the Peach County BOE property.

Anticipated Impacts

Based on responses from government agencies the proposed project will have minor impact on the environment, cultural resources, and residents within the service area. Any disturbed wetlands, flood plain, or river corridor will be restored to its existing contours and no additional fill will be placed. The project will not degrade water quality or permanently minimize the quantity of water available in the aquifer. Erosion of sedimentation will be minimized by installing best available erosion control practices. Construction is not anticipated to significantly effect use of State Route 49. A permit will be obtained from GDOT before work begins and the extension appears to have no effect on upcoming DOT project. Roads will be wetted to eliminate dusty conditions Clearing of forest land for the construction of the well and tank is not anticipated.

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 Fort Valley Utility Commission 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. 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 Engineer 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:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division
ATTN: Hassan Naroo, 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.

Issue Date: 12/30/2019



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Georgia Environmental Protection Division

Loan Recipient:
Fort Valley Utility Commission
Fort Valley, GA-31030