

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

McDuffie County Board of Commissioners has made an application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD), and the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) for a loan through the State Revolving Fund (SRF). The project consists of the extension of a sewer line to serve a neighborhood currently equipped with septic systems. 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: McDuffie County Board of Commissioners
Wrightsboro Road Sewer Extension
GEFA Loan No. CW-2020-012

Project Location: McDuffie County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$1,600,000

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$650,000

Project Description

The McDuffie County Board of Commissioners proposes to extend a sewer line approximately 15,000 linear feet. The extension will provide sewer service to a neighborhood of almost 80 homes, currently utilizing private septic systems. A new pump station with a capacity of approximately 95-gpm will also be installed to transport flow to the existing Thomson Water Pollution Control Plant for treatment.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve a neighborhood in unincorporated McDuffie County. The project will provide reliable sewer service and help to prevent contamination of groundwater and surface water resources by eliminating the neighborhood's individual septic systems.

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 primarily take place on existing rights-of-way; easements will also be obtained for sections crossing residents' property, as well as at the new pump station location.

System-wide user fees may be increased by 7.0% in 2020, 2021, and 2022 to finance the project in accordance with the Thomson-McDuffie rate study. However, sewer connection fees will be waived for the residents in the neighborhood as part of the construction contract.

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 December 17, 2019 at Thomson-McDuffie Government Center 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 SRF planning document is available for public review upon request at the County offices 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 august.lutkehus@dnr.ga.gov or to the following address:

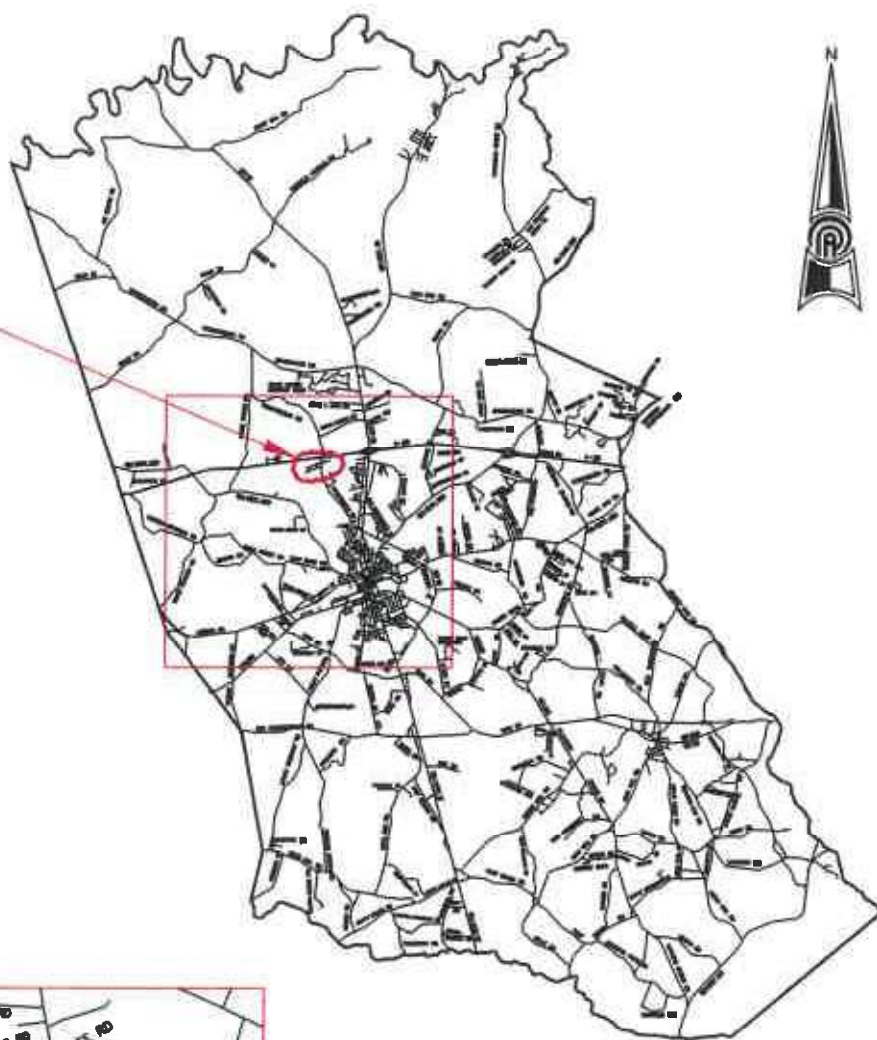
Environmental Protection Division
Watershed Protection Branch
Wastewater Regulatory Program
ATTN: August Lutkehus
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Suite 1152 East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

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: McDuffie County Board of Commissioners
210 Railroad Street
Thomson, GA 30824

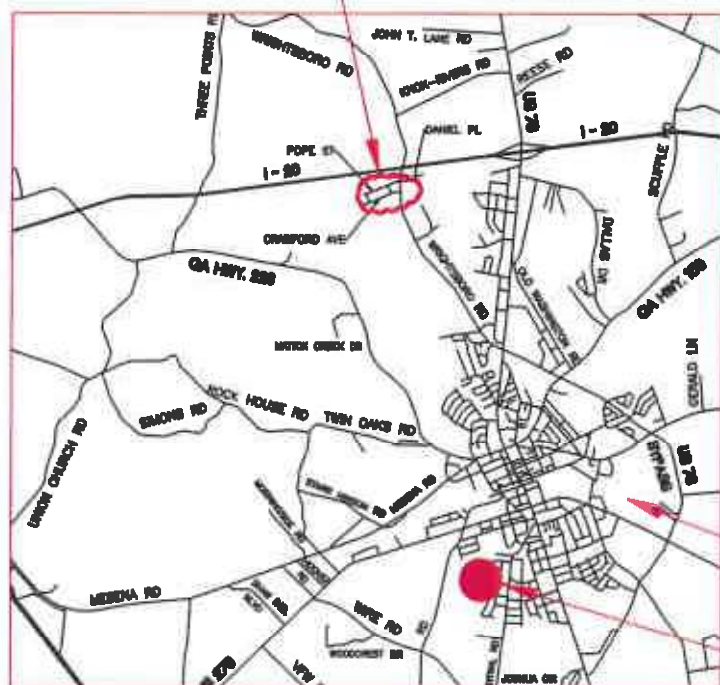
Issue Date: MAY 20 2020


Richard E. Dunn
Director
Environmental Protection Division



PROJECT
COORDINATES:
33° 30' 16" N
82° 31' 26" W

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MAP 1

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

NOVEMBER 14, 2019

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