



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

Bartow County Water and Sewer Department 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 construction of a new 2.0-MGD water pollution control plant (WPCP) discharging to the Etowah River. 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: Bartow County Water Department
New 2.0-MGD Discharge WPCP
GEFA Loan No. CW-2020-004

Project Location: Bartow County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$18,300,000

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$18,300,000

Project Description

Bartow County Water Department proposes to construct a new 2.0-MGD water pollution control plant to discharge to Etowah River. The project will accommodate flow/population projections for the area, including support for the service area that is currently serviced by the Two Run Creek WPCP. The new facility will include a mechanical bar screen, rotary drum screens, anoxic basins, aeration basins, membrane bioreactor tanks, UV disinfection, and cascade post-aeration. Sludge will be treated in an aerobic digester and dewatered via a belt filter press before being applied to land on County property or transported to a landfill.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the Two Run Creek basin, including the US 411 corridor in northwest Bartow County and the City of Kingston. The project will provide reliable treatment and effluent quality for the future and existing population, while also providing relief from poorly performing on-site systems located in unfavorable soils.

Minor negative temporary impacts may include noise, dust, and erosion/sedimentation associated with construction activities. Best Management Practices will be in place during construction. Additionally, some protected species may be encountered during construction; however, based on the seasonal changes in habitat and since land at the proposed site has been previously cleared, it has been determined that the project will not significantly impact the protected species in the area. Secondary impacts may include energy use from the operation of the new facility, however these impacts are considered to be minor. 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. No impacts to existing buildings are anticipated as a result of the project.

The current rates for wastewater are not anticipated to change as a result of this project.

A public information meeting was held on August 29, 2019 at the Frank Moore Administration and Judicial 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 Bartow County Water Department 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.

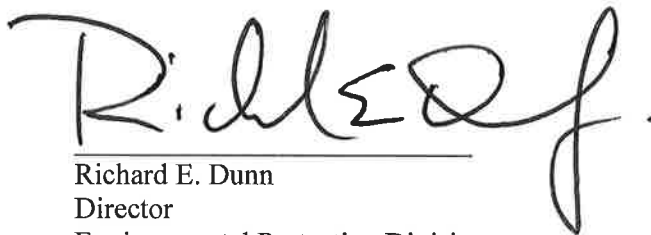
All interested agencies, groups and persons supporting or disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments within 30 days of the issuance date of this notice via email to august.lutkehus@dnr.ga.gov or to the following address:

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: Bartow County Water Department
Post Office Box 850
Cartersville, GA 30120

Issue Date: DEC 11 2019



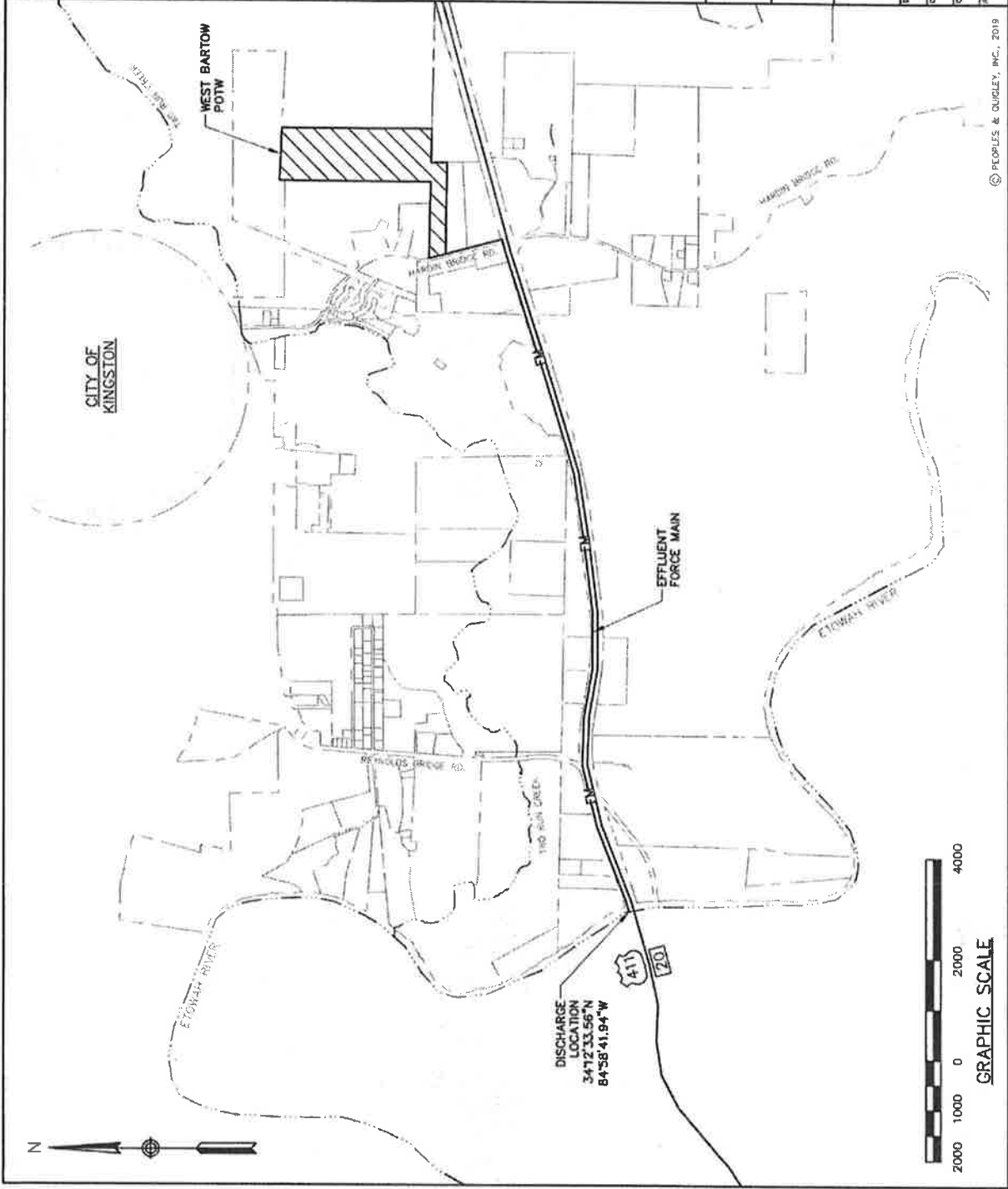
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LEGEND

- ROADS
- CITY LIMITS
- CREEK/RIVER
- COUNTY LINE
- EFF. FORCE MAIN



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WEST BARTOW POTW SITE MAP		CHECKED BY COO	APPROVED BY RFP		