

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

The City of Albany 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 separating two combined sewer basins. 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: City of Albany
3rd and 8th Avenue Basins Sewer Separation
GEFA Loan No. CW-2022-033

Project Location: City of Albany, Dougherty County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$17,848,598

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$17,848,598

Project Description

The City of Albany proposes to separate the 3rd and 8th Avenue combined sewer basins. The project for the 3rd Avenue basin will be separated into three phases and will consist of the installation of approximately 12,100 linear feet (LF) of sanitary sewer and 5,200 LF of stormwater pipe. The 8th Avenue basin will be separated into four phases with the middle two phases covered under this project, consisting of the installation of approximately 9,700 LF of sanitary sewer and 150 LF of stormwater pipe. By separating the sanitary sewer and stormwater pipe, the proposed project will eliminate combined sewer overflows from these two sewer basins.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the City of Albany by separating the existing combined sewer in the 3rd and 8th Avenue sewer basins. The project will improve water quality in the Flint River and protect public health.

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 may be located in 100-year floodplain as indicated by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) map; however, all manholes will be watertight and bolted down. Detailed mitigation measures will be described in the construction documents (plans and specifications) for the project. In addition, the SWST and GANO railroads and the railroad right-of-way have

been identified within the vicinity of the proposed project; however, the City will work through their respective permitting process(es) to mitigate any potential impacts. Lastly, a potential archeological site was identified within the vicinity of the proposed project; however, a qualified archaeologist will establish environmentally sensitive areas (ESA) and buffer areas and will be onsite to monitor ground disturbing activities are adjacent to this site.

The project will take place primarily on City property (or right-of-way) and/or previously disturbed land and no impacts to existing buildings are anticipated as a result of the project.

The current rates for wastewater are anticipated to increase by approximately \$2.00 per residential customer.

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 February 27, 2023 at Albany City Hall 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 Environmental Review and Planning Document (ERPD) is available for public review upon request at Albany City Hall 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 benoit.causse@dnr.ga.gov or to the following address:

Environmental Protection Division
Watershed Protection Branch
Wastewater Regulatory Program
ATTN: Benoit Causse
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Suite 1470A 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: City of Albany
240 Pine Avenue
Albany, GA 31701

04/21/2023

Issue Date: _____



Richard E. Dunn
Director
Environmental Protection Division

