

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

The City of Baxley has made an application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD), and the Georgia Office of Budget and Planning for a grant through the State American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The project consists of the construction of a new lift station and installation of new gravity sewer and force main. 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 Baxley
Baxley Sewer Extension
ARPA Grant No. GA-0011101

Project Location: City of Baxley, Appling County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$3,098,305

Anticipated ARPA Grant Amount: \$1,530,418

Project Description

The City of Baxley proposes to construct a new 150-GPM lift station and install approximately 3,410 linear feet (LF) of 8-in gravity sewer and 940 LF of 4-in force main.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the City of Baxley. The project will provide sewer connections for individuals currently served by septic tank 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 may be located in 100-year floodplain as indicated by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) map. However, any manholes located in the 100-year floodplain will be watertight and bolted down. Detailed mitigation measures will be described in the construction documents (plans and specifications) for the project.

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 not anticipated to increase as a result of the project.

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 6, 2022 at Baxley 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 Baxley 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 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 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 Baxley
282 East Parker Street
Baxley, Georgia 31513

Issue Date: 08/23/2023



Jeff Cown, Director
Environmental Protection Division



PROPOSED LEGEND

- PUMP STATION
- GRAVITY SANITARY SEWER LINE
- FORCE MAIN

SCALE: 1" = 600'

FIGURE III
PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS
SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM
FY 2021 FISCAL RECOVERY
FUND APPLICATION
PINEVIEW AVE & OAK RIDGE AREA
FOR THE

CITY OF BAXLEY, GEORGIA
HOFSTADTER AND ASSOCIATES, INC.
 CIVIL/ENVIRONMENTAL/TRANSPORTATION CONSULTING ENGINEERS