

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

The City of Blue Ridge 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 upgrade of a pump station, abandonment of three pump stations, and construction of force main and gravity sewer to transfer flow to the upgraded pump station. 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 Blue Ridge
Industrial Park Road Pump Station Upgrade and Sewer
Extension
GEFA Loan No. CW-2021-037

Project Location: City of Blue Ridge, Fannin County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$5,549,000

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$3,500,000

Project Description

The City of Blue Ridge proposes the upgrade of the Industrial Park Road Pump Station, the abandonment of the Aska #1, Aska #2, and CVS pump stations, and the construction of approximately 4,700 linear feet (LF) of 8" PVC force main, 1,800 LF of 8" PVC gravity sewer, 5,400 LF of 12" PVC gravity sewer, 2,900 LF of 15" PVC gravity sewer, and appurtenant items.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the City of Blue Ridge. The proposed project will eliminate concerns of pump station overflow and failure and provide reliable service to existing customers. It will increase efficiency of the collection system while reducing operating costs.

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 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 be affected 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 January 6, 2022 at Blue Ridge 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 SRF planning document is available for public review upon request at Blue Ridge 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 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: City of Blue Ridge
480 West First Street
Blue Ridge, Georgia 30513

08/22/2022

Issue Date: _____



Richard E. Dunn
Director
Environmental Protection Division

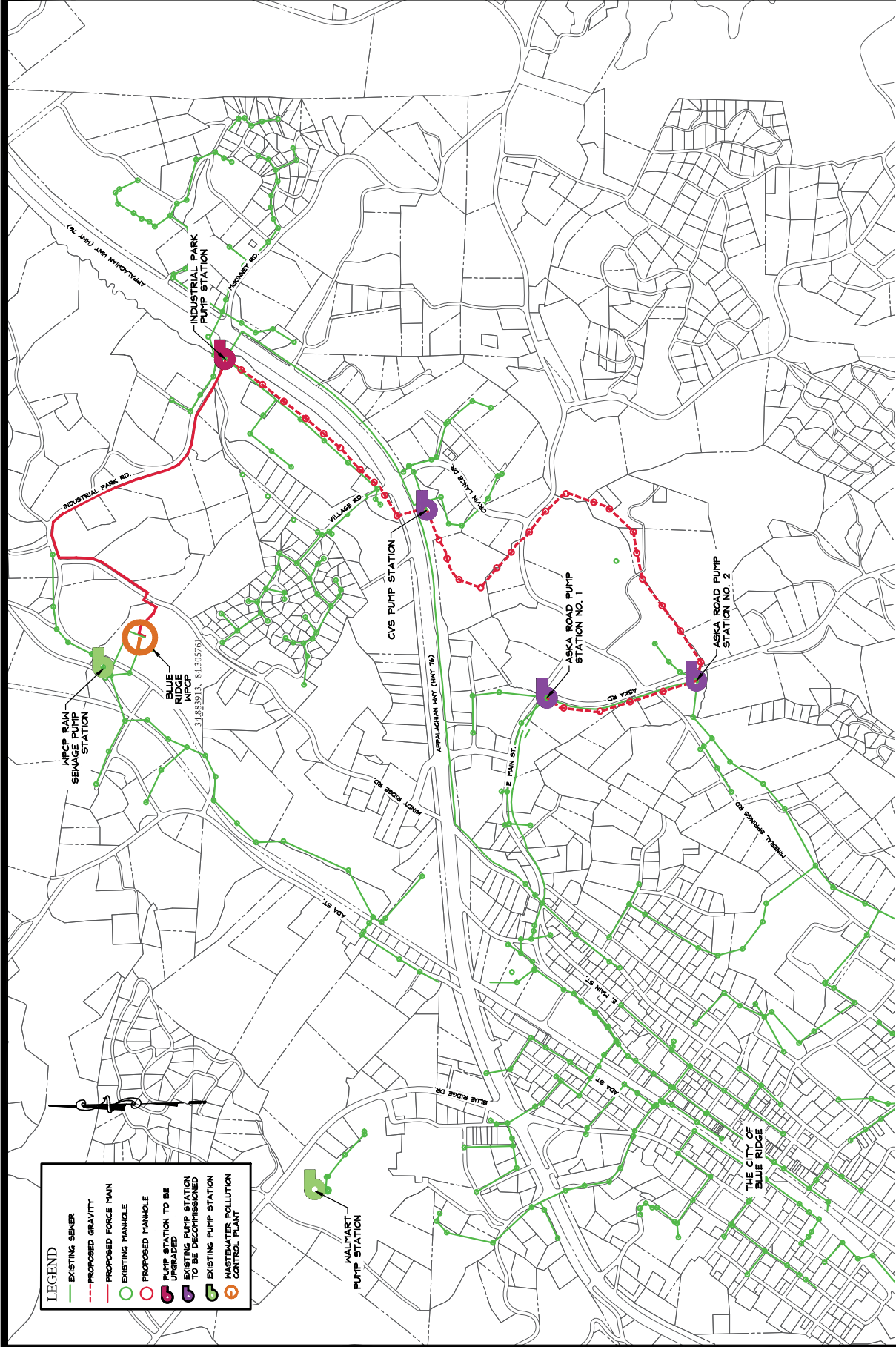


FIGURE 2.2: PROJECT LOCATION MAP

