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

The City of Dublin 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 sewer upgrades and extension to serve an industrial park, as well as future developments. 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 Dublin

Industrial Park Sewer Improvements & Extension

GEFA Loan No. CWDRA-20-018

Project Location: City of Dublin, Laurens County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$4,420,321

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$1,800,321

Project Description

The City of Dublin proposes to upgrade the existing sewer system serving the Dublin – Laurens County South Industrial Park by pipe-bursting approximately 1,000 linear feet (LF) of 8-in clay sewer mains to 10-in HDPE mains and approximately 6,000 LF of 10-in clay sewer mains to 18-in HPDE mains. Additionally, the project will include rehabilitation of manholes and related appurtenances along the service line(s). By replacing the existing clay infrastructure, the proposed project will address excessive inflow and infiltration issues from the sewer basin.

Additionally, the City proposes to install approximately 8,000 LF of 18-in PVC and 1,500 LF of 19-in DIP sewer mains. The extension will also include approximately 360 LF of 30-in steel casing via jack and bore underneath U.S. Highway 441.

As a result of the upgrades and extension, the proposed sewer lines will provide an ultimate capacity of approximately 2.27 MGD, which will be conveyed to the Dublin Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) for treatment. Therefore, the upgraded system will provide sufficient capacity and reliable service for the current and future customers within the industrial park, as well as growth and development within the area.

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Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve current and future customers in the City of Dublin and Laurens County by providing reliable local sewer service. The project will also reduce the excessive inflow and infiltration conveyed to the Dublin WPCP during storm events.

Minor negative temporary impacts may include noise, dust, and erosion/sedimentation associated with construction activities. Additionally, wetlands and floodplains have been identified within the vicinity of the proposed upgrades directly serving the industrial park; however, pipe-bursting (i.e. trenchless methods) will be utilized in these areas to mitigate any potential impacts. Best Management Practices will also be in place during construction.

The project will take place primarily on City rights-of-way and easements. No impacts to existing buildings are anticipated as a result of the project.

There will be no increase to customer sewer rates 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 June 27, 2022 at Dublin 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 Dublin 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.

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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 Dublin

100 South Church Street Dublin, GA 31021

10/19/2022 Issue Date: _____

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