

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

The City of Hahira 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 expanding the Hahira Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) and relocating the discharge location to an unnamed tributary of Franks Creek. 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 Hahira
Outfall Relocation & Expansion to 0.5 MGD
ARPA Grant No. GA-0005496

Project Location: City of Hahira, Lowndes County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$17,000,000

Anticipated ARPA Grant Amount: \$9,504,417

Project Description

The City of Hahira proposes to expand the existing Hahira WPCP to 0.5 MGD and to discharge the treated effluent to an unnamed tributary of Franks Creek. The project consists of constructing new headworks, a new package plant, disinfection, cascade post aeration, and installing new sludge dewatering equipment. The project also includes a new effluent pump station and force main to transport the treated effluent to the relocated outfall in the unnamed tributary of Franks Creek. The upgrades will allow the City to meet the effluent limitations in the Wasteload Allocation transmitted to the City on May 18, 2023.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the City of Hahira. The project will provide reliable treatment and effluent quality for the future population.

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 be located in 100-year floodplain as indicated by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) map. However, the scope of work taking place in the floodplain consists of installation of sewer lines and will not impact the floodplain. 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.

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 12, 2024 at the Hahira Courthouse 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 Hahira 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 ethan.rhine@dnr.ga.gov or to the following address:

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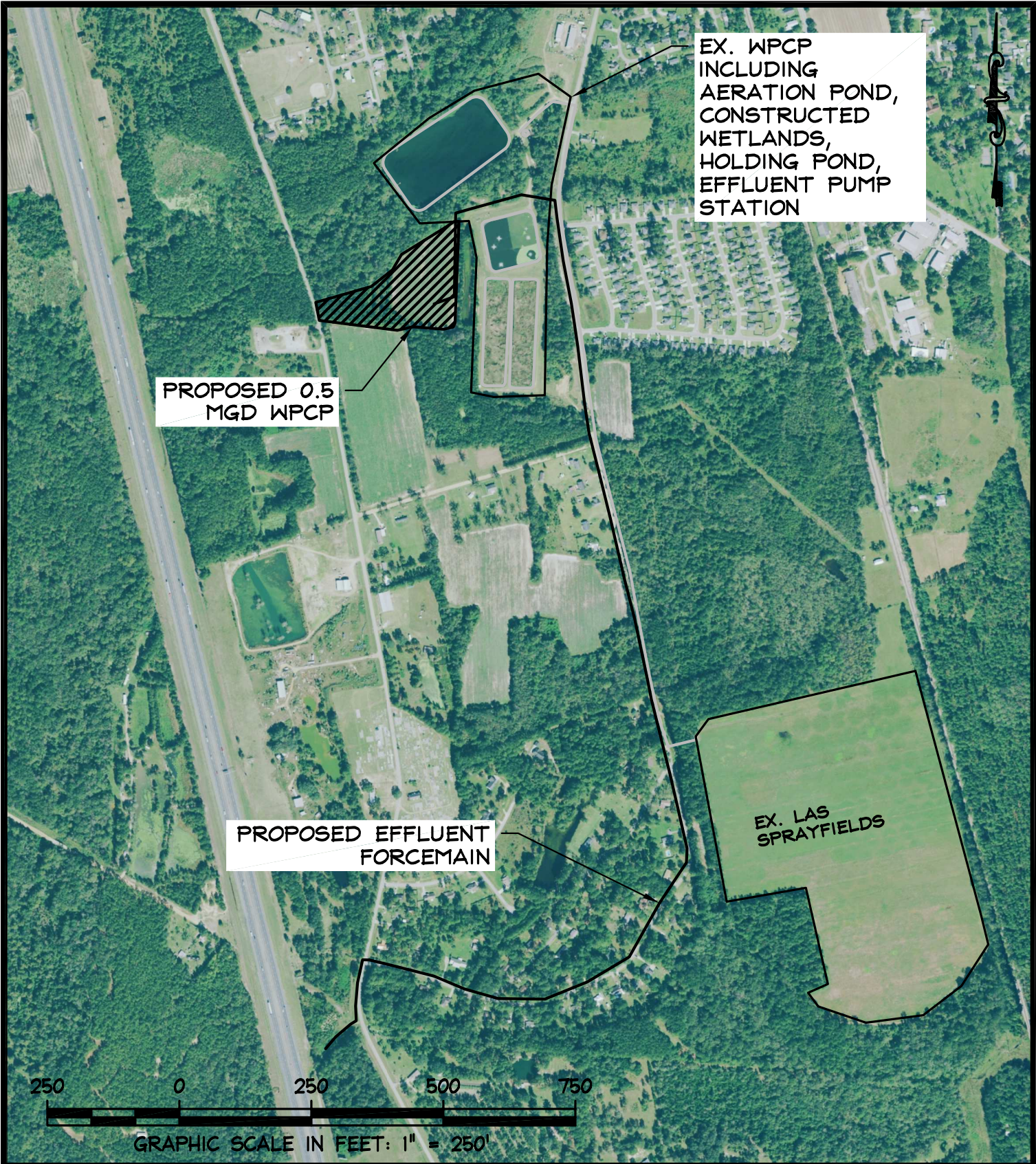
After evaluating the comments received, a final decision regarding the loan will be made. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this Notice.

Grant Recipient: City of Hahira
102 S. Church Street
Hahira, GA 31632

Issue Date: 02/26/2024



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FIGURE 8.1.1
 PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS MAP
 CITY OF HAHIRA WPCP
 LOWNDES COUNTY, GEORGIA

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