

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

The City of Jasper 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 replacing its two current lift stations with one master lift station, as well as installing new force main and gravity sewer lines. 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 Jasper Master Lift Station GEFA Loan No. CW-2024-007
Project Location:	City of Jasper, Pickens County, GA
Total Project Cost:	\$3,000,000
Anticipated SRF Loan Amount:	\$4,500,000 <sup>(1)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> The loan amount exceeds the project cost because it includes funding for non-wastewater construction items.

**Project Description**

The City of Jasper proposes to decommission and replace the two existing lift stations (Town Creek and Mineral Springs) for the City of Jasper Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) and construct a single master lift station in place of one of the lift stations (Town Creek). The new lift station will better accommodate the increase in wastewater demand on the WPCP due to the city's growth. The project will also include installing approximately 2,500 linear feet of force main and 2,500 linear feet of gravity sewer lines that will connect the master lift station to the current outflow of the Mineral Springs lift station.

**Anticipated Impacts**

The proposed project will serve the City of Jasper. The project will provide reliable wastewater service for existing and 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 the 100-year floodplain as indicated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) map. However, the City concluded that the most practicable alternative is replacing the existing Town Creek lift station with a master lift station within the same area on city-owned property. Since no base flood elevation has been established for the area, the proposed master lift station will be constructed at the same height as the existing lift station with elevated electrical panels. No impacts to the floodplain are anticipated. 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.

The current rates for wastewater are anticipated to increase to approximately \$0.40 per residential customer per one thousand gallons inside city limits and \$0.68 per residential customer per one thousand gallons outside city limits.

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 24, 2024, at Jasper 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 Jasper 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 [rhiannon.bishop@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:rhiannon.bishop@dnr.ga.gov) or to the following address:

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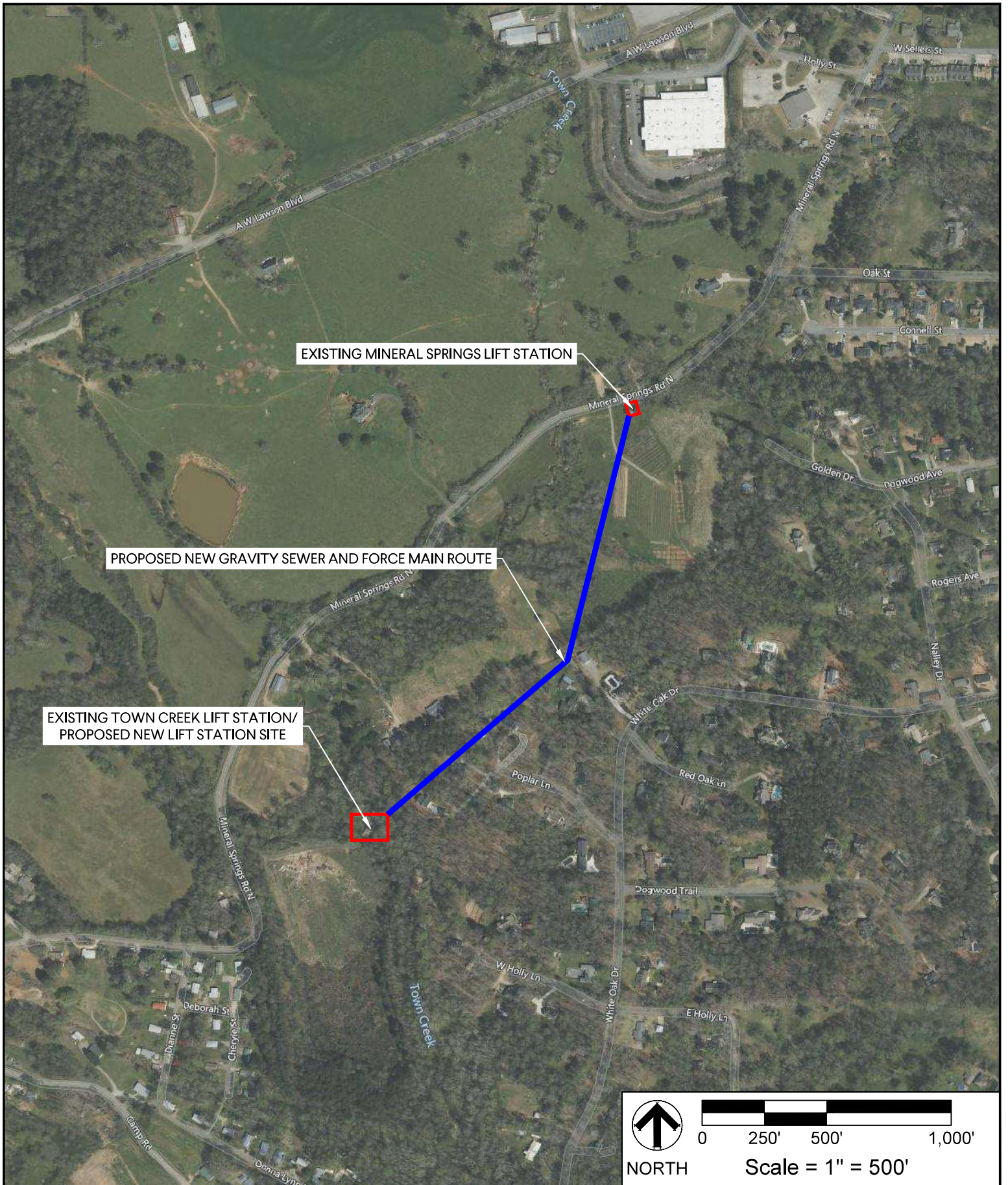
After evaluating the comments received, a final decision regarding the loan will be made. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this Notice.

Loan Recipient: City of Jasper  
200 Burnt Mountain Road  
Jasper, GA 30143

Issue Date: 02/23/2026

*Jeffrey W. Cown*

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REF. SHEET: BING AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH  
 DESCRIPTION: ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND PLANNING DOCUMENT

**JASPER SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**  
 JASPER, PICKENS COUNTY, GEORGIA

**FIGURE 1-3**

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