

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

The City of Jefferson has made an application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD), and the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) for a grant through the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). The project consists of connecting Jackson County Airport to the city's sewer system. 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 Jefferson  
Jackson County Airport Sewer Extension  
ARC Grant No. ARC-GA-22037

Project Location: City of Jefferson, Jackson County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$2,080,971

Anticipated ARC Grant Amount: \$2,080,971

**Project Description**

The City of Jefferson proposes to connect the Jackson County Airport to an existing sewer manhole near Lamar Murphy Park using 7,500 linear feet of new 8-inch gravity sewer line to accommodate a planned new terminal building. The airport currently uses an on-site septic system. The new line will be owned and operated by the City of Jefferson.

**Anticipated Impacts**

The proposed project will serve Jackson County Airport. The project will provide a long-term reliable wastewater solution for the developing airport. 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 not be located in the 100-year floodplain as indicated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) map. 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 August 25, 2025 at Jefferson Station 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 Jefferson 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:

Rhiannon Bishop  
Environmental Protection Division  
Wastewater Regulatory Program  
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 Jefferson  
147 Athens Street  
Jefferson, GA 30549

Issue Date: 01/27/2026



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Jeffrey W. Cown  
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Environmental Protection Division

# Jackson Co. Airport Sewer Route

## Figure 1 - Project Map

