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

The City of Luthersville 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 construction of a new sanitary sewer collection 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 Luthersville
New Sanitary Sewer Collection System
GEFA Loan Nos. CW-2021-010 and CW-2021-014

Project Location: City of Luthersville, Meriweather County, GA

Total Project Cost: $15,411,000
Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: $13,411,000

Project Description

The City of Luthersville proposes to install approximately 49,000 linear feet (LF) of 8-in gravity sewer, 6,800 LF of 4-in force main, 47,000 LF of 6-in force main, four lift stations each with two pumps with a capacity of 100 gpm, and one lift station with two pumps each with a capacity of 400 gpm. Wastewater will be conveyed to Coweta County Water and Sewerage Authority’s Shenandoah Water Pollution Control Plant for treatment which has sufficient capacity for the increased flow.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the City of Luthersville by providing reliable municipal sewer service in the area along with future developments in lieu of on-site wastewater treatment.

Minor negative temporary impacts may include noise, dust and erosion/sedimentation associated with construction activities. Best Management Practices will be in place during construction. 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 may be located in 100-year floodplain as indicated by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) map; however, all manholes will be watertight and bolted down. Detailed mitigation measures will be described in the construction documents (plans and specifications) for the project.
In addition, no project activities will occur within the environmentally sensitive areas that has been established by a qualified archaeologist around Founder’s Cemetery, Luthersville City Cemetery, and five potential archeological sites.

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 City has established tiered residential and commercial/industrial sewer rates as a result of the project, with the residential rate at approximately $734.28 per year for a monthly usage of 5,000 gallons.

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 December 29, 2020 at Luthersville 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 (ERP) is available for public review upon request at Luthersville 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 benoit.causse@dnr.ga.gov or to the following address:

Environmental Protection Division
Watershed Protection Branch
Wastewater Regulatory Program
ATTN: Benoit Causse
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 Luthersville
104 Wortham Road
Luthersville, GA 30251

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