

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

The City of Meigs 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 upgrades to the treatment process and dredging the stabilization pond. 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 Meigs  
Facility Upgrades  
GEFA Loan No. CW-2024-013

Project Location: City of Meigs, Thomas County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$5,383,030

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$5,383,030

**Project Description**

The City of Meigs proposes to install a bead filter polishing and denitrification unit to replace the existing sand filters at the Meigs Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP). The project will also include dredging of the stabilization pond and removal of floating weeds. The project will allow the City to meet the reduced ammonia and total suspended solids removal percentage limits and new total nitrogen limit that were included in the NPDES Permit No. GA0048178 issued on October 27, 2023.

**Anticipated Impacts**

The proposed project will serve the City of Meigs. The project will provide reliable treatment and effluent quality to meet the new and reduced effluent limitations in the permit. 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.

The current rates for wastewater are not anticipated to increase to 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 February 7, 2025 at Meigs 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 Meigs 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 [august.lutkehus@dnr.ga.gov](mailto: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 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 Meigs  
Post Office Box 47  
Meigs, GA 31765

Issue Date: 05/07/2025



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Jeffrey W. Cown  
Director  
Environmental Protection Division



**WASTEWATER TREATMENT  
PLANT IMPROVEMENTS  
MEIGS, GEORGIA**

DATE: 10/ 2023  
PROJ. NO.: W0000-001-01

**PROJECT LOCATION  
MAP**

**FIGURE 1**