

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

The City of Moultrie 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) and the Georgia Office of Budget and Planning for a grant through the State American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The project consists of the construction of a new lift station and force main for the abandonment of the Spence Field Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP). 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 Moultrie  
Spence Field WPCP Abandonment and Influent Rerouting  
GEFA Loan No. CW-2022-007  
ARPA Grant No. GA-0010977

Project Location: City of Moultrie, Colquitt County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$6,170,550

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$2,000,000

Anticipated ARPA Grant Amount: \$3,570,550

**Project Description**

The City of Moultrie proposes to construct a new 1,000-GPM lift station and approximately 19,500 linear feet (LF) of 12-in force main to reroute the influent to the Spence Field WPCP to the Moultrie WPCP. The Spence Field WPCP will be abandoned as a result of the project and the associated NPDES permit will be terminated. The project also includes upgrading downstream sewer capacity to accommodate the additional flow to the Moultrie WPCP, which consists of approximately 3,000 LF of force main and 5,800 LF of gravity sewer main and new manholes. The City has demonstrated that the Moultrie WPCP has sufficient capacity to adequately treat the additional influent flow. The project will allow the City to achieve compliance with permitting requirements as the Spence Field WPCP has repeatedly experienced permit violations and will be unable to meet future, more stringent permit limitations.

**Anticipated Impacts**

The proposed project will serve the City of Moultrie. The project will provide reliable treatment and effluent quality for the future population and allow the City to achieve compliance with permitting requirements.

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 proposed manholes will be water-tight and bolted down. Detailed mitigation measures will be described in the construction documents (plans and specifications) for the project. If the Tifton & Thomasville Railroad and the right-of-way cannot be avoided, the project will utilize jack and bore or horizontal directional drilling methods to avoid impacts to the railroad and the right-of-way.

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 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 April 4, 2023 at the City of Moultrie Municipal Building 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 the City of Moultrie Municipal Building 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.

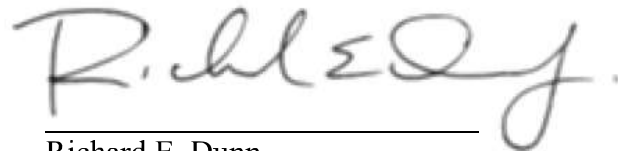
All interested agencies, groups and persons supporting or disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments within 30 days of the issuance date of this notice via email to [august.lutkehus@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:august.lutkehus@dnr.ga.gov) or to the following address:

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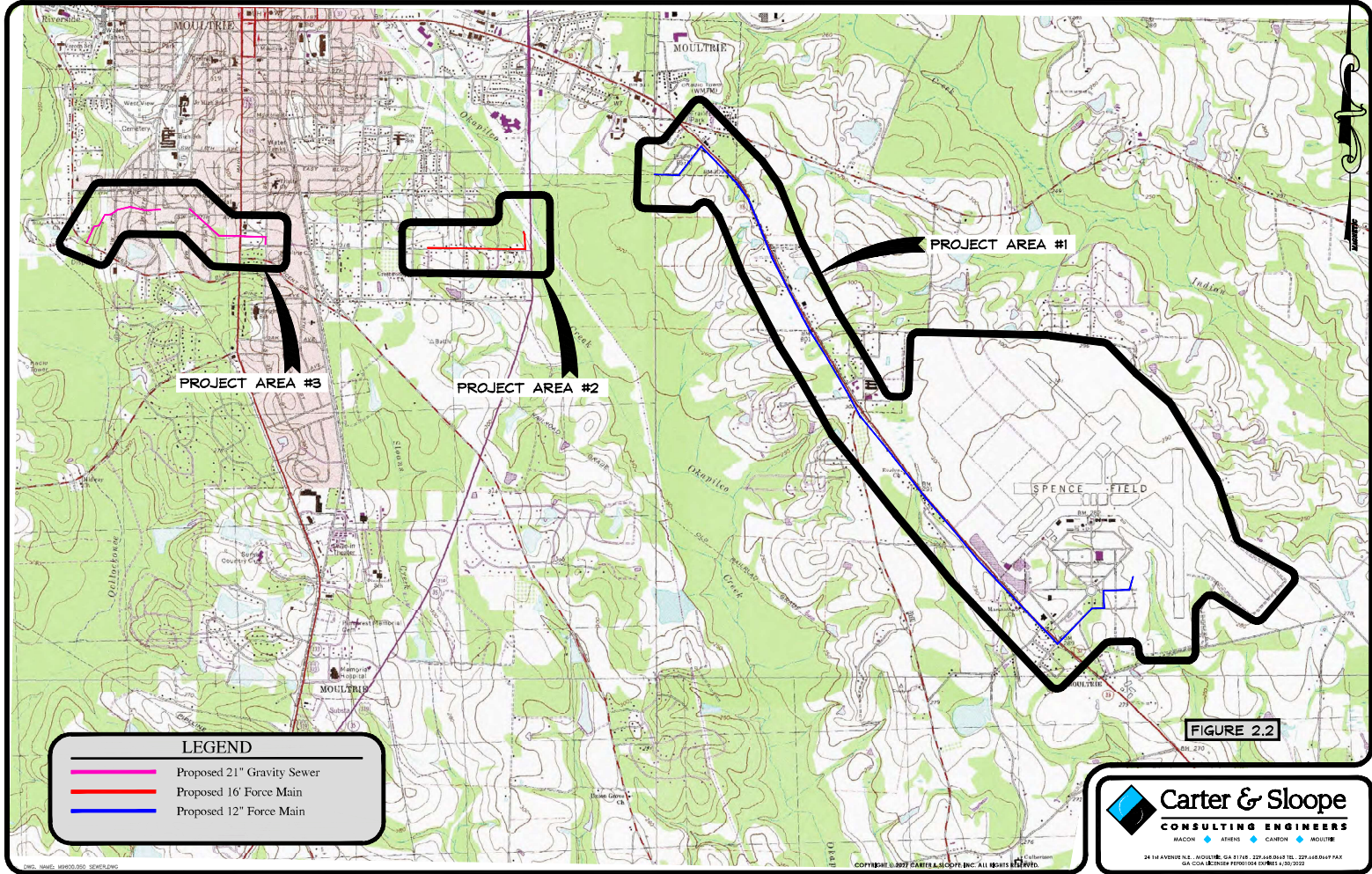
After evaluating the comments received, a final decision regarding the loan will be made. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this Notice.

Loan Recipient: City of Moultrie  
Post Office Box 3368  
Moultrie, GA 31776

Issue Date: 06/22/2023



Richard E. Dunn  
Director  
Environmental Protection Division



PROJECT AREA #3

PROJECT AREA #2

PROJECT AREA #1

FIGURE 2.2

**LEGEND**

- Proposed 21" Gravity Sewer
- Proposed 16" Force Main
- Proposed 12" Force Main

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