ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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

The City of Perry 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 2.5-MGD East Perry Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) discharging to Big Indian Creek. 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 Perry

East Perry WPCP New 2.5-MGD Discharge

GEFA Loan No. CW-2022-027

Project Location: City of Perry, Houston County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$50,000,000

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$50,000,000

Project Description

The City of Perry proposes to construct a new 2.5-MGD water pollution control plant to discharge to Big Indian Creek. The project will accommodate flow/population projections for the area. The new facility will include an influent pump station, influent screening, biological treatment (anaerobic, anoxic, and staged aeration), secondary clarification, chemical addition for alkalinity and phosphorus removal, tertiary filtration, UV disinfection, and post-aeration. Sludge will be treated in an aerobic digester and dewatered before being transported to a landfill. The project scope funded by the GEFA loan does not include the effluent pipe to Big Indian Creek.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the City of Perry. The project will provide reliable treatment and effluent quality for the 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 not be located in the 500-year floodplain as indicated by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) map nor any wetlands. Plans for the proposed gravity sewer trunkline will be submitted to the Historic Preservation Division (HPD) as required in their letter dated July 15, 2022.

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 water/sewer are anticipated to increase by 7% as a result of the project, which equates to an increase of approximately \$1.19 for the current average total city services bill per customer.

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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 September 8, 2022 at Perry 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 Perry 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 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 Perry

Post Office Box 2030 Perry, GA 31069

04/03/2023

Issue Date:

Richard E. Dunn

Director

Environmental Protection Division

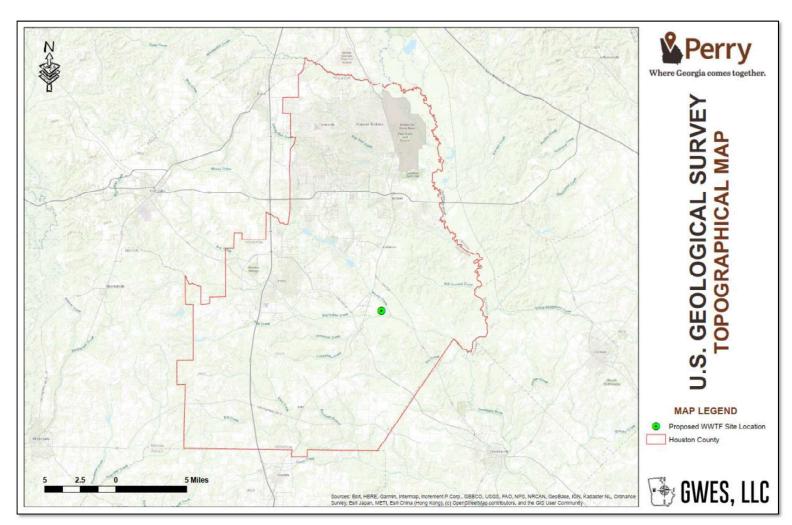


Figure 2: Proposed East Perry WWTF Location (32.432027, -83.610644)

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