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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 the outfall sewer for the East Perry Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) and gravity sewer, force main, and pump stations to service the East Perry and South Perry service areas. 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 Outfall and Sewer Extension GEFA Loan No.

CW-2024-015

Project Location:

City of Perry, Houston County, GA

Total Project Cost:

\$83,368,000

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount:

\$12,000,000

Project Description

The City of Perry proposes to construct approximately 1,500 linear feet (LF) of gravity sewer for the East Perry WPCP (NPDES Permit No. GA0050343) outfall sewer to Big Indian Creek. Additionally, the City proposes to construct approximately 11 miles of gravity sewer, 5 miles of force main, and two pump stations to serve the East Perry and South Perry service areas.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the City of Perry. The project will provide sewer service for the future populations in the East and South Perry service areas.

Minor negative temporary impacts may include noise, dust and erosion/sedimentation associated with construction activities. Best Management Practices will be in place during construction.

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The project will be located in the 100-year floodplain as indicated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) map. However, the scope of work taking place within the floodplain consists of replacement and/or rehabilitation of sewer lines and will not impact the floodplain. The proposed pump stations will be constructed above the flood elevation, as determined from one of the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) methods. Detailed mitigation measures will be described in the construction documents (plans and specifications) for the project.

In accordance with the requirements requested by the Historic Preservation Division, an environmentally sensitive area, in which construction activities will not occur, will be delineated by a qualified archeologist around multiple historical/archeological sites identified in the Environmental Review and Planning Document (ERPD).

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 anticipated to increase by varying amounts over the next 20 years, with an estimated increase of approximately \$18.07 in 2044.

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 May 28, 2024 at the Perry City 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 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.

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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

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Issue Date: 11/25/2024 Jeffrey W. Cown

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Environmental Protection Division

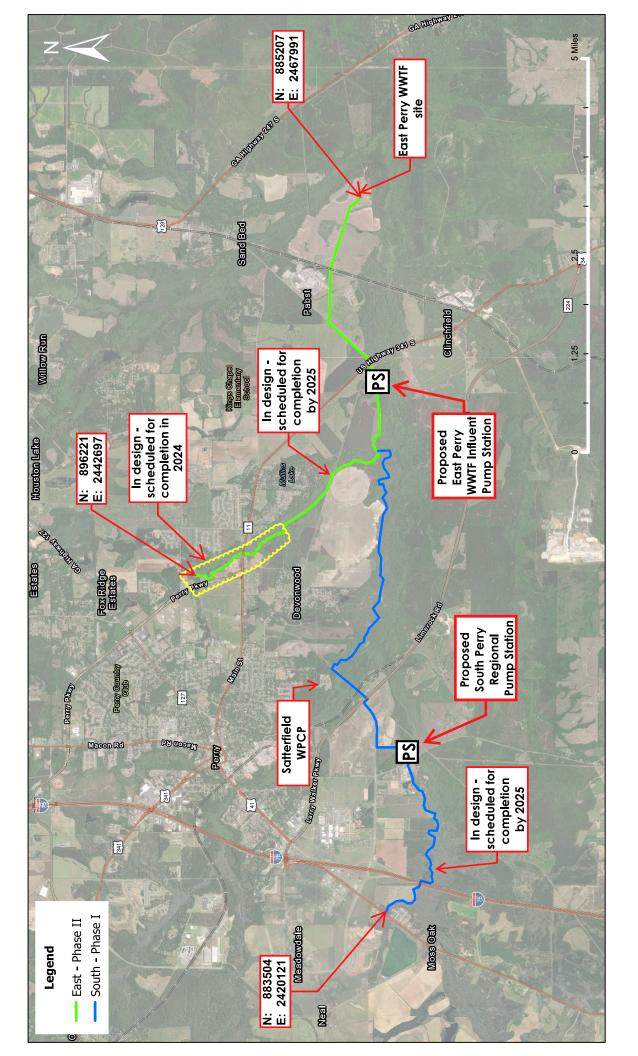


Figure 1: Sewer Collection System to Serve East Perry WWTF

