

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

The City of Walnut Grove 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 expansion of the Walnut Grove Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) to land apply up to 0.1 MGD of treated domestic wastewater. 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 Walnut Grove
Expansion to 0.1 MGD
GEFA Loan No. CW-2024-016

Project Location: City of Walnut Grove, Walton County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$3,447,250

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$2,440,497

Project Description

The City of Walnut Grove proposes to expand the existing Walnut Grove WPCP to 0.1 MGD. The project will accommodate flow/population projections for the area. The expanded facility will consist of an influent pump station, screening, biological treatment (aerobic basin), secondary clarification, storage pond, irrigation pump station, and additional sprayfields. Sludge will be treated in an aerobic digester and transported to a landfill.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the City of Walnut Grove. 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 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 anticipated to increase, and the increase amounts will be determined at a later date.

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 July 25, 2024 at the Walnut Grove 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 Walnut Grove 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 or to the following address:

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Watershed Protection Branch
Wastewater Regulatory Program
ATTN: August Lutkehus
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Suite 1470A East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

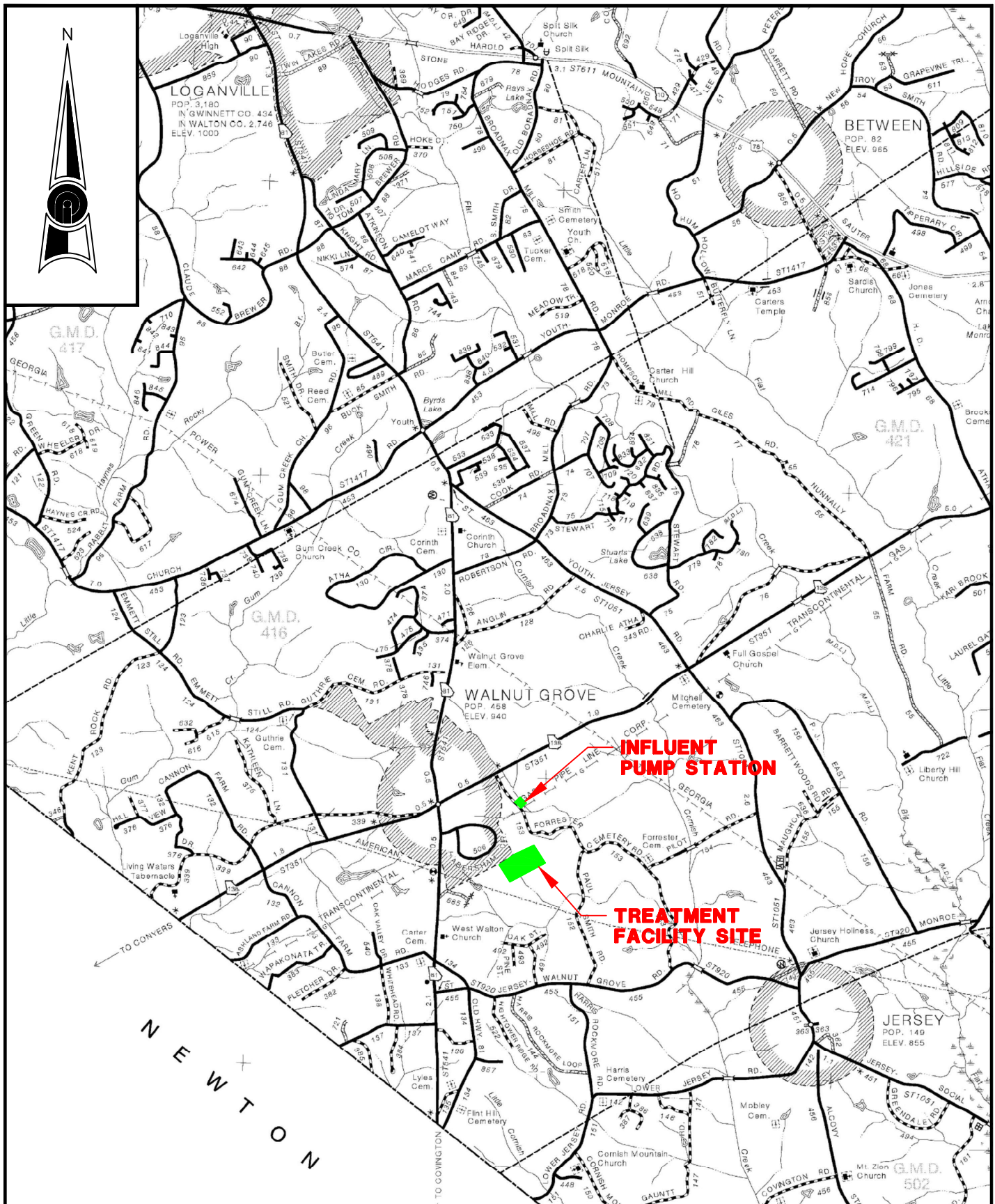
After evaluating the comments received, a final decision regarding the loan will be made. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this Notice.

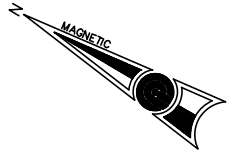
Loan Recipient: City of Walnut Grove
2581 Leone Avenue
Walnut Grove, Georgia 30052

Issue Date: 09/12/2024



Jeffrey W. Cown
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Environmental Protection Division





ACCESS ROAD FROM FORRESTER
CEMETERY ROAD

150' PROPERTY
BUFFER

LEGEND



NEW MONITORING
WELL



SPRAYFIELD B1



SPRAYFIELD B2



SPRAYFIELD B3



SPRAYFIELD B4



SPRAYFIELD B5

NEW SPRAYFIELD
2.2 ACRES (TYP)

HOLDING POND 1
(0.85 MG - FORMER
OXIDATION POND)

ACTIVATED SLUDGE PLANT
(PRETREATMENT)

IRRIGATION
PUMP STATION

HOLDING
POND 2
(14 MG)

EX. MONITORING
WELL (TYP)

EX. SPRAYFIELD
(TYP)



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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND
PLANNING DOCUMENT
WALNUT GROVE
LAND APPLICATION SYSTEM
PHASE 2 UPGRADE

EXHIBIT 3
LAS FACILITIES
SITE PLAN

JULY 2024

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