

**NOTICE OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT
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The Lumpkin County Water and Sewerage Authority 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 force main that will connect to the Cane Branch 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: Lumpkin County Water and Sewerage Authority
Cane Branch Force Main Extension
GEFA Loan No. CW-2023-022

Project Location: Lumpkin County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$1,900,000

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$3,825,000 ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ The loan amount includes funding for the proposed Cane Branch WPCP that completed the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) on August 18, 2023.

Project Description

The Lumpkin County Water and Sewerage Authority proposes to construct approximately 1,400 linear feet (LF) of 6-in force main and 1,100 LF of 8-in force main. The force main will serve a proposed hospital, commercial businesses, and residential areas. The force main will connect two existing pump stations that will require pump replacements, and will eventually flow into the gravity sewer that leads to the proposed Cane Branch WPCP.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve Lumpkin County, including a proposed hospital in the area. The project will provide reliable sewer service 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.

A portion of 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 installation of sewer force main and will not impact the floodplain.

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 sewer rates will not be impacted 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 May 23, 2025 at the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners office 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 Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners Office 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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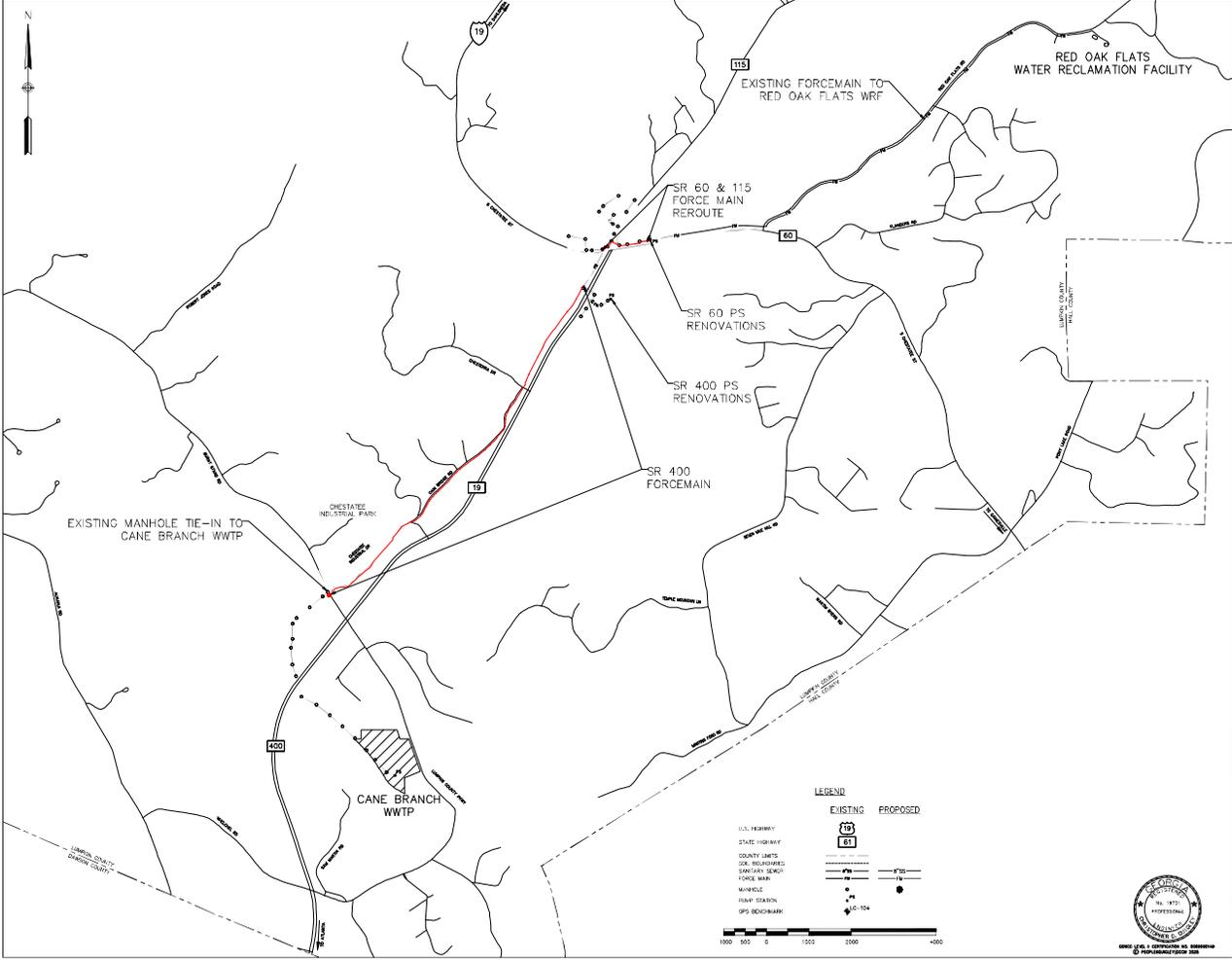
After evaluating the comments received, a final decision regarding the loan will be made. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this Notice.

Loan Recipient: Lumpkin County Water and Sewerage Authority
194 Courthouse Hill, Annex A
Dahlonega, GA 30533

Issue Date: 11/10/2025



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LUMPKIN COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

WATER TREATMENT PLANT 2025 EPD PERMITTING

PROJECT MAP

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