

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

The City of Comer 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 upgrading the existing water pollution control plant to improve treatment process reliability and effluent quality. 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:	Comer WPCP Upgrades GEFA Loan No. CW-2023-003
Project Location:	City of Comer, Madison County, GA
Total Project Cost:	\$2,683,500
Anticipated SRF Loan Amount:	\$3,000,000

Project Description

The City of Comer proposes to install a pond cover, and two attached growth reactors after the settling pond. Other miscellaneous maintenance items will also be completed. The project will allow the facility to meet the new ammonia and dissolved oxygen limits in NPDES Permit No. GA0021598 issued on November 21, 2022.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the City of Comer. The project will provide reliable treatment and effluent quality. 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 of Comer property and 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 for customers within the City of Comer. The impact on customers will be spread out over the next 30 years.

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 December 12, 2023 at Comer 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 Comer 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 ethan.rhine@dnr.ga.gov or to the following address:

Ethan Rhine
Environmental Protection Division
Wastewater Regulatory Program
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 Comer
PO Box 65
Comer, GA 30629

Issue Date: 05/24/2024



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PROJECT AREA MAP

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
UPGRADES

FOR THE
CITY OF COMER

MADISON COUNTY, GEORGIA

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