

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

The Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority has made an application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD) and the Georgia Office of Budget and Planning for a grant through the State American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The project consists of the construction of an industrial reuse facility, three pump stations, gravity sewer, and force main, to treat industrial wastewater and produce reuse water for those same industries. 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: Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority
New Industrial Reuse Facility
ARPA Grant No. GA-0013642

Project Location: Newton County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$59,184,000

Anticipated ARPA Grant Amount: \$59,184,000

Project Description

The Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority proposes to construct an industrial reuse facility that will treat industrial wastewater from the Stanton Springs Industrial Park and produce industrial reuse water for those same industries. The industrial reuse facility will consist of a 0.5-MGD equalization tank, 1.5-MGD reuse water storage tank, reuse water distribution pumps, and two ultrafiltration and reverse osmosis treatment trains. The project includes installation of two 1.3-MGD pump stations, force main, gravity sewer, and non-potable water force main to serve the proposed and existing industries in the area. The project also includes a new 1.0-MGD pump station at the A. Scott Emmons Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) at Little River to transport treated effluent to the proposed industrial reuse facility. There will be no increase in permitted effluent discharge from the A. Scott Emmons WRF at Little River.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the Stanton Springs Industrial Park. The project will treat industrial wastewater and provide industrial reuse water, eliminating the need for an increase in permitted effluent discharge as a result of the new industries.

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 not anticipated to increase 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 June 22, 2023 at Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority Headquarters 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 Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority's offices 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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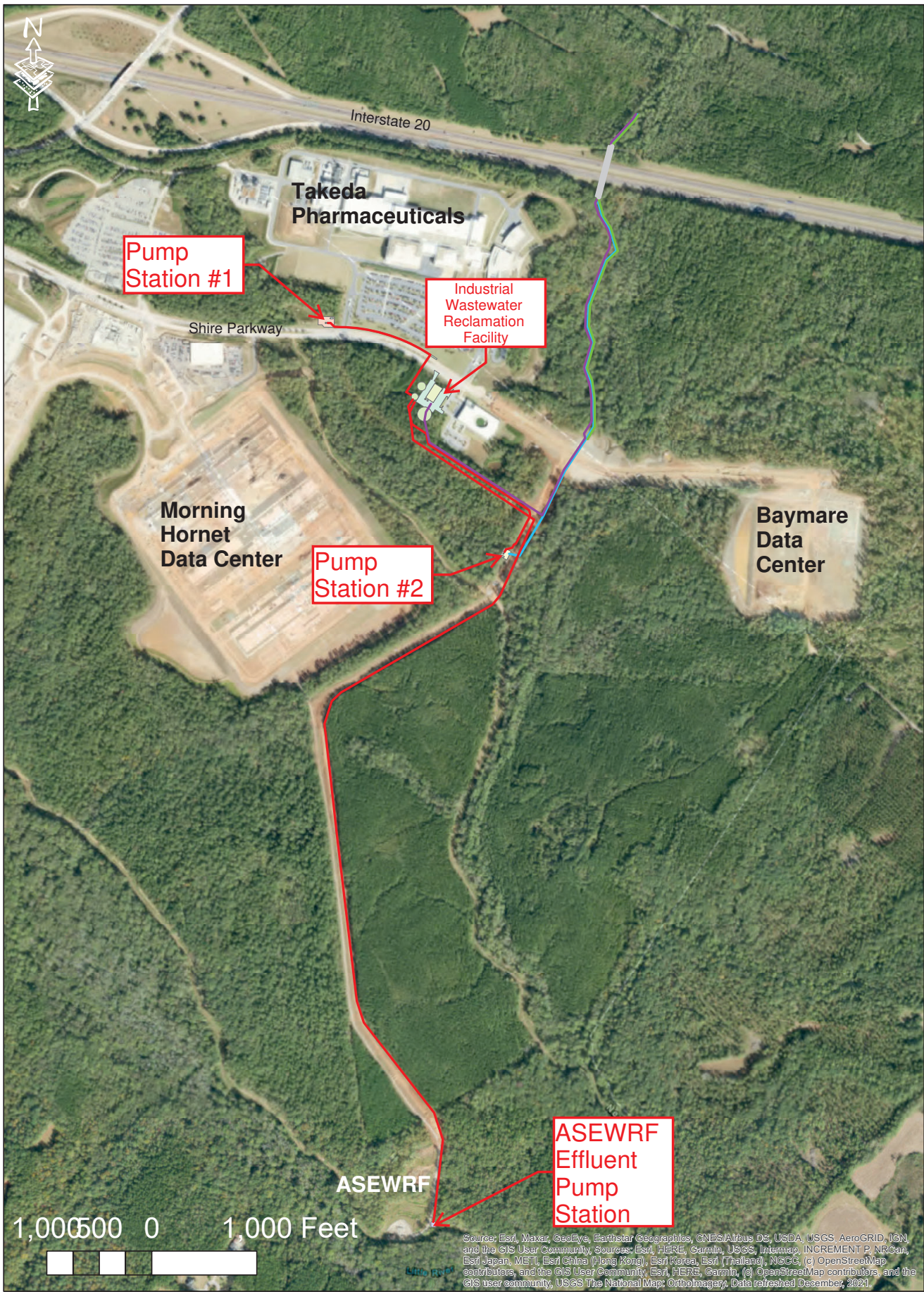
After evaluating the comments received, a final decision regarding the loan will be made. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this Notice.

Loan Recipient: Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority
11325 Brown Bridge Road
Covington, Georgia 30016

Issue Date: 02/26/2024



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Map Legend

- Force Main to IWRWF
- Tunnel Under I-20
- Sanitary Sewer
- Reuse Water Distribution
- Industrial Wastewater Gravity Main

**ASEWRF Phase 2A
Project Overview
Map**

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