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

Paulding County Water System 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 installation of approximately 3,845 linear feet (LF) of 12" gravity sewer. 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: Paulding County Water System

S.R. 92 Hiram Sewer Extension GEFA Loan No. CW-2021-022

Project Location: City of Hiram, Paulding County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$1,789,090

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$1,189,090 ARC Grant Amount: \$600,000

Project Description

Paulding County Water System proposes to install approximately 3,845 LF of 12" gravity sewer, including 150 LF of 24" jack and bore, along S.R. 92. The project will provide sewer service to an 83-acre area currently utilizing private septic systems.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve an area in the City of Hiram. The project will provide reliable sewer service and help to prevent contamination of groundwater and surface water resources by eliminating the area's individual septic systems. The service connections will be installed for the septic customers.

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 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 change 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.

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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 January 11, 2022, at the Paulding County Board of Commissioners Watson Government Complex 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 SRF planning document is available for public review upon request at the County 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:

Environmental Protection Division Watershed Protection Branch Wastewater Regulatory Program ATTN: August Lutkehus 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Suite 1152 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.

Environmental Protection Division

Loan Recipient:

Paulding County Water System

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