

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

Warren County Board of Commissioners 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 a new pump station at Briarwood Academy to pump the school's wastewater to the City of Warrenton's sewerage system and then decommissioning and abandoning the existing treatment ponds. 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: Warren County Board of Commissioners
US Hwy 278 East Sewerage System Improvements
Sewerage System Improvements
GEFA Loan No. CW-2023-024

Project Location: Warren County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$1,676,800

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Description

Warren County Board of Commissioners is proposing to construct a new pump station at Briarwood Academy to pump the school's wastewater to the City of Warrenton's sewerage system and then decommissioning and abandoning the existing treatment ponds.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve Briarwood Academy. The project will provide Briarwood Academy with wastewater treatment so they will not have to apply for a permit of their own.

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 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 replacement and/or rehabilitation of sewer lines and will not impact the floodplain. Detailed mitigation measures will be described in the construction documents (plans and specifications) for the project.

The project will take place primarily on Briarwood Academy property for the pump station and the force main primarily on County 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 for residential customer. Briarwood Academy may need to increase tuition and other academic fees as they are entering into a service agreement with the County to repay the GEFA loan.

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 Warren County Community Services 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 Warren County Community Services 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 ethan.rhine@dnr.ga.gov or to the following address:

Environmental Protection Division
Watershed Protection Branch
Wastewater Regulatory Program
ATTN: Ethan Rhine
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: Warren County Board of Commissioners
521 Main Street
Warrenton, GA 30828



Issue Date: 02/26/2024

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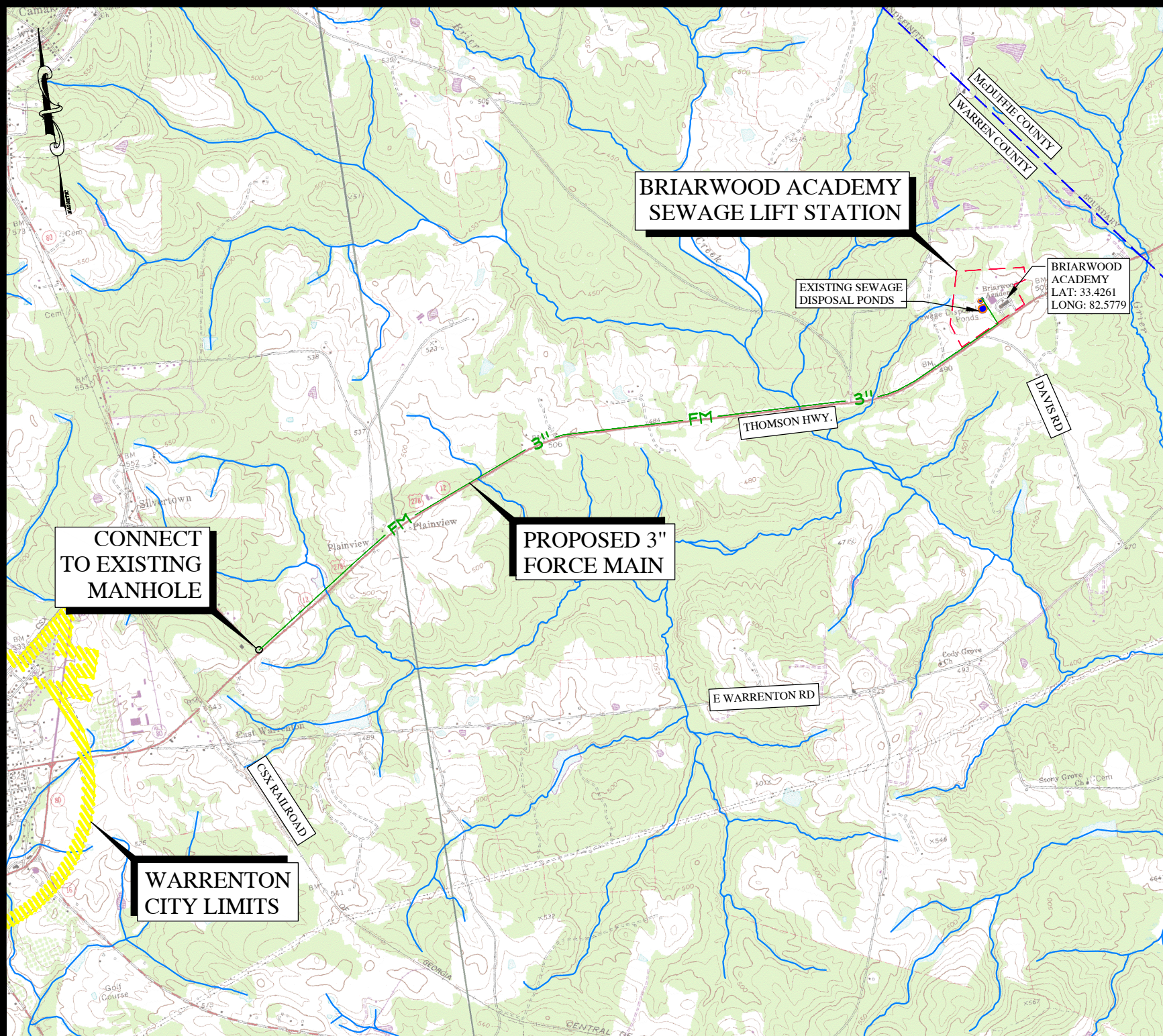


EXHIBIT B
USGS QUAD MAP



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