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

The City of Thomasville 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 miscellaneous upgrades at the facility to improve treatment and operations. 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: City of Thomasville

Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements

GEFA Loan No. CW-2020-006

Project Location: City of Thomasville, Thomas County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$7,890,000

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$7,890,000

Project Description

The City of Thomasville proposes to upgrade the existing wastewater treatment facility to improve biological treatment and operations. The proposed upgrades will include retrofitting the two aeration basins, adding a new chemical feed system, and rehabilitating the existing effluent structure to improve reaeration prior to discharging. The project will also rehabilitate the plant pump station at the secondary clarifiers, which has deteriorating wet well walls. The proposed project will allow the facility to meet current and future permit effluent limits.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the City of Thomasville. The project will replace aging infrastructure to ensure reliable treatment and effluent quality to meet current and future limitations.

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 and previously disturbed land. No impacts to existing buildings are expected as a result of this project.

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No changes to the current rates for wastewater are anticipated for the utility customers 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 November 18, 2019 at City of Thomasville's Engineering Department 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 City of Thomasville's Engineering Department 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 chetan.sulane@dnr.ga.gov or to the following address:

Environmental Protection Division Watershed Protection Branch Wastewater Regulatory Program ATTN: Chetan Sulane 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Suite 1152 East Atlanta, Georgia 30334 Notice of No Significant Impact City of Thomasville CW-2020-006 Page 3

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 Thomasville 411 W. Jackson Street Thomasville, GA 31792

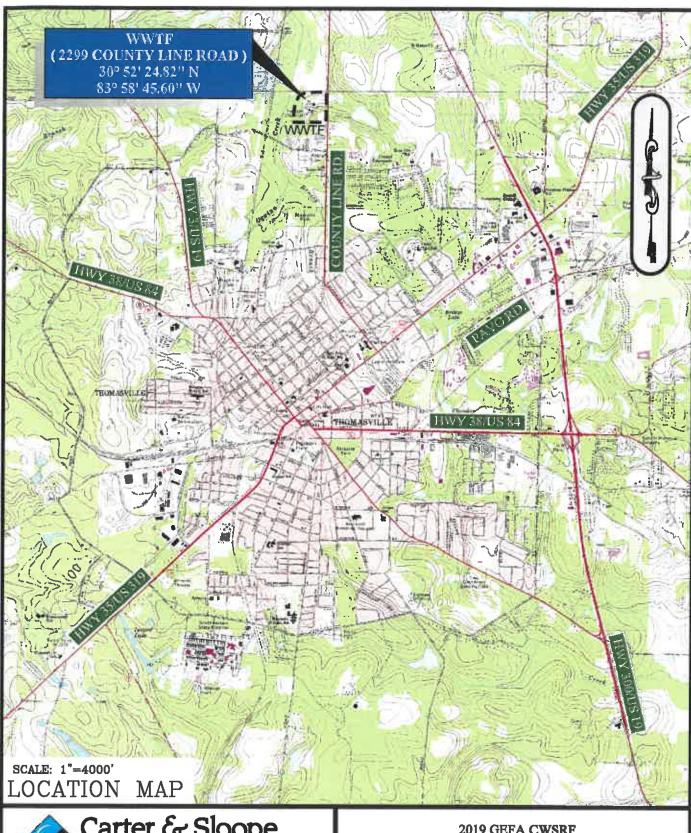
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