



GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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

The City of Pooler 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 expansion of the water pollution control plant (WPCP) up to 6.223-MGD, which discharges to the Hardin Canal in the Savannah River Basin. 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 Pooler
Bloomingdale WPCP Expansion up to 6.233 MGD
GEFA Loan No. CW-2020-016

Project Location: City of Pooler, Chatham County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$23,000,000

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$23,000,000

Project Description

The City of Pooler proposes to expand the existing water pollution control plant from 3.3 MGD to 6.223 MGD to discharge to Hardin Canal. The expanded facility will include influent screening, grit removal, pre-equalization, fine screening, aeration basins, tertiary filtration, aerobic digestion, UV disinfection and effluent pump station. The project will accommodate future flow/population projections for the service area.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the City of Pooler and the City of Bloomingdale. The project will provide reliable treatment and effluent quality for the future population.

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/or previously disturbed land. No impacts to existing buildings are anticipated as a result of the project.

No changes to the current user rates for wastewater are anticipated as a result of this 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 April 23, 2019 at Pooler 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 SRF planning document is available for public review upon request at Pooler 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 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

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 Pooler
100 SW US Highway 80
Pooler, GA 31322

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Issue Date: _____



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