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

The City of Fairmount 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 4,210 linear feet of gravity sewer lines. 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 Fairmount

Sewer Extension

GEFA Loan No. CW2018-015

Project Location:

City of Fairmount, Gordon County, GA

Total Project Cost:

\$600,000

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount:

\$600,000

Project Description

The City of Fairmount proposes to construct 4,210 linear feet of gravity sewer lines to connect to the City's existing sewer lines. Approximately 30 residences will be connected to the new sewer extension in order to abandon their existing septic systems.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the City of Fairmount. The project will provide sewerage services to properties currently on septic systems. This will allow for the wastewater from these properties to receive reliable wastewater treatment to a higher quality. Minor negative temporary impacts may include noise, dust and erosion/sedimentation associated with construction activities. Best Management Practices will be in place during construction. 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. The project will take place primarily on City property (or right-of-way) and/or previously disturbed land.

The current rates for wastewater are anticipated to increase to approximately \$1.36 - \$4.33 per customer per month.

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A public information meeting was held on November 5, 2018 at Fairmount 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 examination upon request at Fairmount 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 josh.hayes@dur.ga.gov or to the following address:

Environmental Protection Division Watershed Protection Branch Wastewater Regulatory Program ATTN: Josh Hayes 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 Fairmount Post Office Box 705 Fairmount, GA 30121

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Issue Date:

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