



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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

The Fort Valley Utility Commission water System has made an application to the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD) for a loan through the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF). The loan is for water system improvements: water mains replacement and water main extension. The applicant has certified that the project is environmentally sound. As required by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program Guidelines, an environmental review has been performed on the project described below:

Project Name:	Water System Improvements
Project Location:	Peach County, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$700,000.00
Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount:	\$700,000.00

Project Description

Under this project, the Fort Valley Utility Commission will replace the existing leaky water mains on Vann Drive, Marion Drive, and in the Ventura Mobile Home Park. These water mains are at the end of their service life and should be replaced to eliminate water leaks and improve the water and energy efficiency of the system. The project will also include a water main extension to the Warner Robins Welcome Center on Russell Parkway at I-75. This project is needed to allow the utility commission to provide adequate public water service to customers by improving the water system.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project would ensure a safe supply of drinking water. This project will benefit an estimated population of 16,430 existing residents. The overall impact of the proposed project will be beneficial.

A preliminary decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement has been made. The reasons for such a decision not to prepare such a statement are as follows: No project activity is anticipated to result in adverse environmental impacts, which cannot be easily mitigated with minimal extra expense or delay in project implementation. The project's construction will primarily occur in existing right-of-ways and/or on land that is currently owned by the Authority; therefore, temporary impacts due to construction can be minimized.

A review of the Project Planning Report and Environmental Information Document for the proposed project has been performed by EPD's Drinking Water Permitting & Engineering Program. The review of these documents supports the decision that an environmental impact statement is not required. A copy of these documents is available for public examination upon request at EPD between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and at the Fort Valley Utility Commission's Office during normal business hours. The addresses where a copy is available are listed below.

During the development and design of this project, Fort Valley Utility Commission has solicited public input. They conducted a public meeting on August 21, 2018, to further discuss this project and allow additional public input. The project has undergone an Executive Order 12372 Review through the Georgia State Agencies. The project has also been submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, State Historic Preservation Office, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for review. No adverse comments have been received. As required by the Georgia Historic Preservation Division (HPD), the Fort Valley Utility Commission must meet the following requirements prior to construction:

- (1) Following the receipt of federal funding/assistance, the recipient submits project plans for the proposed welcome center to HPD for review, when available. These project plans should include floor plans drawings, elevations, and descriptions of exterior materials. Please submit half-size plans along with a PDF.
- (2) The project is carried out in accordance with the HPD-approved plans and specifications.
- (3) Maintain a 30-foot buffer surrounding the cemetery that is immediately adjacent to the proposed welcome center.

No further environmental review of the 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 thirty (30) days of the issuance date of this notice to:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division
ATTN: Madina Mugisa, Environmental Engineer III
Drinking Water Program
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE - Suite 1362 East
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After evaluating all comments received, EPD will make a final decision regarding approval of the project planning documents. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this Notice.

Issue Date: November 13, 2018


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Loan Recipient:

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