



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 Jersey 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: 2019 water system improvements. 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:	2019 Water System Improvements
Project Location:	Walton County, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$750,000.00
Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount:	\$750,000.00

Project Description

Under this project, the City of Jersey will develop a new well and renovate Well #2, renovate Walton County interconnection, telemetry system, distribution improvements of water main replacement, adding loops, hydrant/valve maintenance, meter replacement and other minor improvements. A new well is needed so the City does not have to rely on the County Interconnection for meeting normal demands. New water mains will replace old galvanized and asbestos cement mains that leak, as well as close loops to eliminate dead ends and keep water fresh. Repairing hydrants, valves and replacing old meters will ensure that they are working properly and help to reduce unaccounted for water loss. This project is needed to maintain compliance and keep the water system in good working order.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project would ensure a safe supply of drinking water. This project will benefit an estimated population of 471 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 Engineering 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 City of Jersey's Office during normal business hours. The addresses where a copy is available are listed below.

During the development and design of this project, the City of Jersey has solicited public input. They conducted a public meeting on October 1, 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 Division (HPD), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for review. As required by the Georgia Historic Preservation Division (HPD), the City of Jersey must meet the following requirement prior to construction:

(1) Following the receipt of federal funding/assistance, and once a location for the well is determined, the recipient submits the location and plans for the well to HPD for review, when available. These project plans should include the location and depth of ground disturbance for the well, and plans/elevations for any appurtenances, including the well house/covering.

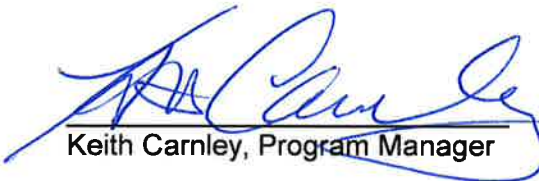
No further environmental review of the project is proposed to be conducted prior to the release of loan funds.

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
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9000

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 1, 2018



Keith Carnley, Program Manager

Loan Recipient:

Ms. Susan Head, City Clerk
City of Jersey
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