



## **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 Social Circle 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 pump consolidation, installation of force main, and installation of gravity sewer for new service connections. 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 Social Circle  
Sewerage System Improvements  
GEFA Loan No. CW2019-007

**Project Location:** City of Social Circle, Walton County, GA

**Total Project Cost:** \$2,847,000

**Anticipated SRF Loan Amount:** \$2,847,000

#### **Project Description**

The City of Social Circle proposes to install four new gravity sewer lines totaling approximately 22,000 linear feet in length. Three of the new sewer lines will originate at three existing pump stations in the southwest quadrant of the city and converge at a central point. A new pump station will be constructed at the convergence of these three sewer lines, and a force main will be installed along the route of one of the lines to deliver the sewage to existing sewer lines near the city's center where it will gravity flow to Little River WPCP for treatment. Additionally, a new gravity sewer line will be installed from the existing Little River WPCP southward along Little River to Hancock Road to connect to the Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority sewer basins.

#### **Anticipated Impacts**

The proposed project will serve the City of Social Circle and provide service to a developing area between the City and I-20. The project will provide a more reliable pump station and decreased overflows, as well as new service connections. Minor negative temporary impacts may include noise, dust and erosion/sedimentation associated with construction activities. Best Management Practices will be in place during construction. If wetlands are encountered during project activities, an appropriate permit will be filed with the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Appropriate installations measures for pipe installation will be taken in floodplain areas. 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 previously disturbed land.

The expenses for this project may be incorporated into the City's planned structure of anticipated rate increases.

A public information meeting was held on December 28, 2018 at Social Circle 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 Social Circle 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@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:josh.hayes@dnr.ga.gov) or to the following address:

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Atlanta, Georgia 30334

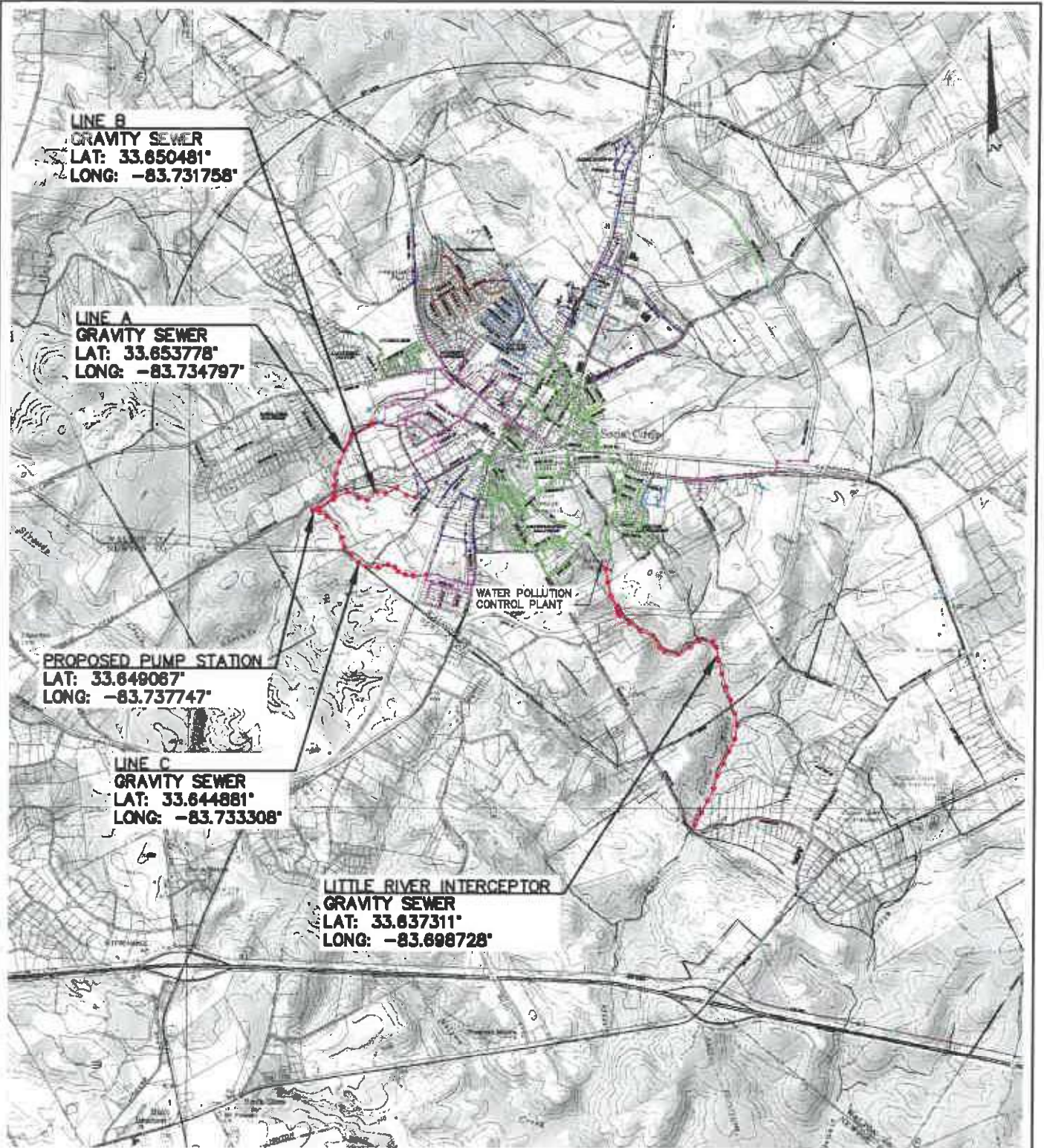
After evaluating the comments received, a final decision regarding the loan will be made. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this Notice.

Loan Recipient: City of Social Circle  
Post Office Box 310  
Social Circle, GA 30025

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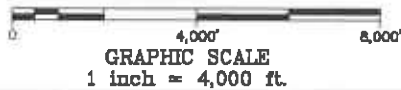
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**LEGEND**

	EXISTING	PROPOSED
PUMP STATION		
SEWER		
FORCE MAIN		



CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA  
SEWERAGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

**2018 CWSRF PROJECT  
LOCATION MAP**

SCALE: AS SHOWN

DATE: JUNE 2019



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