



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

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners 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 the installation of a 1.0MG ground storage tank and mixing system; developing additional water source; installation of a new steel 300,000 gallon elevated storage tank; removing the existing 100,000 gallon steel elevated storage tank and installation of water mains. 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:	Franklin County Water System (WSID #1190051) – 2018 Water System Improvements
Project Location:	Franklin County, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$3,500,000
Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount:	\$3,500,000

**Project Description**

Under this project, the Franklin County Water System will construct a 1.0MG ground storage tank and mixing system; develop additional water source; install a new steel 300,000 gallon elevated storage tank; remove the existing 100,000 gallon steel elevated storage tank and install water mains. This Countywide water system improvements project will provide the internal infrastructure improvement for countywide water service.

**Anticipated Impacts**

The proposed project will provide additional water supply for the region through the development and rehabilitation of tanks and additional source. The project will assist with job creation and allow abandonment of private wells. It is believed that many of these wells have diminished yields due to increased development and over usage. The overall impact of the proposed project will be beneficial. There will be no significant adverse secondary impacts associated with this project. Consequently, 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 County; 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 and Engineering Program. The review of these documents resulted in a determination 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 Franklin County Board of Commissioners office during normal business hours. The addresses where a copy is available are listed below.

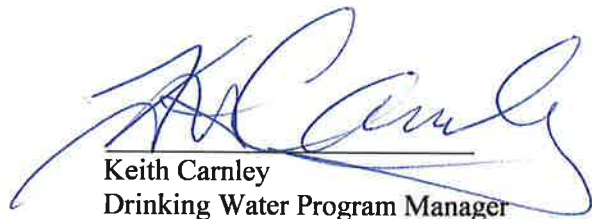
During the development and design of this project, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners has solicited public input. They conducted a public meeting to further discuss this project and allow additional public input. The project has undergone an Executive Order 12372 Review through the State agencies. The project has also been submitted to the Corps of Engineers, State Historic Preservation Office, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for review. No adverse comments have been received. 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: Samantha Luo, Environmental Engineer  
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: May 16, 2018



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**Loan Recipient:**

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