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#### **Watershed Protection Branch**

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

Talbot County 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 well development for emergency use, adding water main extensions, hydrant/valve maintenance, meter replacement and other minor 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: Water Supply Improvements for Talbot County Water Works

Project Location: Talbot County, Georgia

Total Project Cost: \$1,000,000

Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount: \$1,000,000

### **Project Description**

Talbot County Board of Commissioners needs to make improvements to the water system to keep the system in good working order and to provide water service to unincorporated areas. The overall scope includes supply improvements of well development, distribution improvements of adding water mains, booster pump station renovation and meter replacement and AMR system and other minor improvements.

### **Anticipated Impacts**

The proposed projects goals are to increase revenue and decrease expenses while optimizing operations, improving reliability while replacing diminished wells and providing improvements for the system in accordance with EPD regulations.

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. 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. The addresses where a copy is available are listed below.

During the development and design of this project, Talbot County has solicited public input. The project has undergone an Executive Order 12372 Review through the 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. 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: Lynn C. Ellis, 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: 10/30/18

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Loan Recipient:

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