ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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

The Warren County Board of Commissioners 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 the abandonment of an unpermitted treatment pond and intercepting the influent flow by installing a pump station and 2.3 miles of force main. 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:

Warren County

Unpermitted Treatment Pond Abandonment

and Sewer Extension

GEFA Loan No. CW-2018-022

Project Location:

Warren County, GA

Total Project Cost:

\$512,500

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount:

\$512,500

Project Description

Warren County proposes to abandon an existing unpermitted treatment pond, which currently serves an industrial customer, in accordance with Consent Order WP-8462. The proposed project will also install a pump station and approximately 2.3 miles of force main to intercept and divert the existing pond influent flow and connect to the City of Warrenton's sewer system. The new force main will also provide additional design capacity for anticipated growth near the existing industry.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the existing industry, Warren County, and the future Industrial Park. The project will eliminate unpermitted discharges to Brier Creek and provide reliable sewer service for the existing and all future customers. Minor negative temporary impacts may include noise, dust and erosion/sedimentation associated with construction activities. Best Management Practices will be in place during construction. 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.

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The project will take place primarily on County right-of-ways and previously disturbed land.

The current rates for wastewater are not anticipated to increase as a result of this project.

A public information meeting was held on October 8, 2018 at Warren County Offices 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 Warren County Offices 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 *kelli-ann.sottile@dnr.ga.gov* or to the following address:

Environmental Protection Division Watershed Protection Branch Wastewater Regulatory Program ATTN: Kelli-Ann Sottile 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Suite 1152 East 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:

Warren County Board of Commissioners

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Issue Date:

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