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

The City of Royston 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 renovations to the City's water system including improvements to the raw water withdrawal system, water treatment plant and water distribution system to keep the facilities in a good working order and to maintain the regulatory requirements of the state and federal government. 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 treatment and Distribution system Improvements
Project Location:	Franklin County, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$2,500,000
Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount:	\$2,500,000

Project Description

The proposed project involves water supply and withdrawal improvements such as: repair dam; renovate raw water intake, siltation structure, raw water pump station; replace raw water pump transmission air release valves and hydrants; drill and test two test wells. The project will also renovate water treatment plant such as: renovate flash mixer and install mechanical mixer, flocculation basin, sedimentation basins, chemical buildings and storage; replace filter undrains, media and controls; install air scour, backwash controls and high rate filters. The project will also install altitude valve at WTP elevated tank; replace leaking mains, valves and hydrants.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will have a minor impact on wetlands as the renovations to the dam and raw water intake on the North Fork Broad River are naturally located in the local riverine habitat. No other work will take place in wetlands. Also, some of the renovations to the raw water withdrawal system are naturally in 100-year flood plain. All other work is outside the 100-year flood plain. This project will improve the water system from raw water withdrawal to the service end users as most of the facilities are old and worn out with many components past their useful life.

A review of the Preliminary 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 and at the City of Royston's City Hall during normal business hours.

On December 20, 2022, the City conducted a public meeting in accordance with the requirements of DWSRF guidance in order to inform the public about the project. The City received no adverse comments. 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:

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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: 1/26/2023



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