



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

Walker County Water and Sewerage Authority 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 installation of new sewer lines and a pump station to serve the new Peach County High School, as well as replacement of existing sewer lines throughout the service area. 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: Walker County Water & Sewerage Authority
Sewer Flow Diversion
GEFA Loan No. CW-2019-019

Project Location: Walker County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$9,000,000

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$9,000,000

Project Description

The Walker County Water and Sewerage Authority (Authority) proposes to install a new interceptor system to divert existing flow to the Walker County Wastewater Treatment Plant, rather than to the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee's sewer system for treatment. The new system will also provide sufficient capacity and reliable service for the current unsewered customers within the service area, as well as for future customers, based on population projections.

The project consists of the installation of a 0.72 MGD, 1.09 MGD, and 1.3 MGD pump station, as well as approximately 9,766 linear feet (LF), 4,771 LF, and 32,894 LF of 8, 10, and 12-inch force main, respectively. Wet weather diversions, consisting of 200 LF of 30 and 15-inch sewer mains, will be installed at the first and second lift stations, respectively. Additionally, approximately 6,153 LF of 18-inch gravity sewer and related appurtenances will be installed.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve current and future customers in Walker County by providing reliable local sewer service. The project will also significantly decrease operational and maintenance costs for the Authority by eliminating a portion of the outsourced treatment capacity from the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Minor negative temporary impacts may include noise, dust, and erosion/sedimentation associated with construction activities. Best Management Practices will be in place during construction.

The project will take place primarily on County rights-of-way and easements. No impacts to existing buildings are anticipated as a result of the project.

Annual customer sewer rate increases are expected to decrease from 12.4% per year to 4% per year as a result of the project.

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.

Public Notice

A public information meeting was held on April 3, 2020 at the Walker County Water and Sewerage Authority Offices to discuss the proposed project. No adverse comments were received during the 30-day advertisement period or during the meetings.

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 review upon request at Walker County Water and Sewerage Authority 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: Walker County Water & Sewerage Authority
Post Office Box 248
Flintstone, GA 30725

DEC 29 2020

Issue Date: _____










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Figure 5.1 Walker County Sewer System Improvements (Phase 1)

Project : G17041-01
Author: Travis Hamby, P.E.

Date: 2/24/2017

Legend

-  Sewer Basins
-  Pump Station
-  Pressurized Mains
-  Existing Gravity Sewer
-  Proposed Force Main
-  Proposed Gravity Sewer
-  Proposed Pump Station



Coordinate System: NAD 1983 StatePlane Georgia West FIPS 1600 Feet

