

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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

The City of Cochran has applied to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD), and the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) for a loan through its State Revolving Fund (SRF). This loan is for construction of a new gravity sewer line to replace a pump station and 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:

Sewer System Rehabilitation, Phase II-CWSRF15-009

Gravity Sewer to Replace Existing Lift Station 10

Project Location:

Cochran, Georgia

Total Project Cost:

\$2,500,000

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount:

\$2,500,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Cochran proposes to replace the Lift Station 10 with a gravity sewer line thus eliminating the future costs associated with operating and maintaining the lift station. The new gravity sewer line will offer sewer connections for existing residents and accept all wastewater currently collected by the lift station. Proposed improvements will includes reduction of overflow, reduced impacts to the receiving stream and energy saving.

ANTICIPATED IMPACTS

The project will serve the City of Cochran. A new gravity sewer line from 10th street to S. 6th street will be constructed and the 10th street lift station will be abandoned. An easement of approximately 20' will be required for construction of the proposed sewer lines, however, clearing will be done using mechanical grinding equipment that will not remove the existing root system; therefore, reducing the potential for long-term soil erosion. The cleared easement will also be permanently grassed for additional protection. Temporary impacts include noise during construction activities. There will be no anticipated adverse secondary impacts associated with the project. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement has been made.

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The reasons for the decision not to prepare such a Statement are 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.

A public information meeting was held on July 20, 2017 at Cochran City Hall to discuss the proposed project. No comments were received during the 30-day advertisement period prior to the meeting and during the meeting.

An Environmental Review Record that documents the environmental review of this project and explains in more detail why an Environmental Impact Statement is not required has been made by EPD. The Environmental Review Record is on file at the EPD address listed below. A copy of the planning document is available for public examination upon request at the Cochran City Hall and at EPD between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All interested agencies, groups, and/or persons supporting or disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments, within 30 days of the issuance date of this notice, to:

Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division Watershed Protection Branch 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., Suite 1152 East Atlanta, GA 30334

After evaluating any 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 the issuance of this Notice.

Loan Recipient:

City of Cochran P.O. Box 8

Cochran, Georgia 31014-0008

December 14,2017

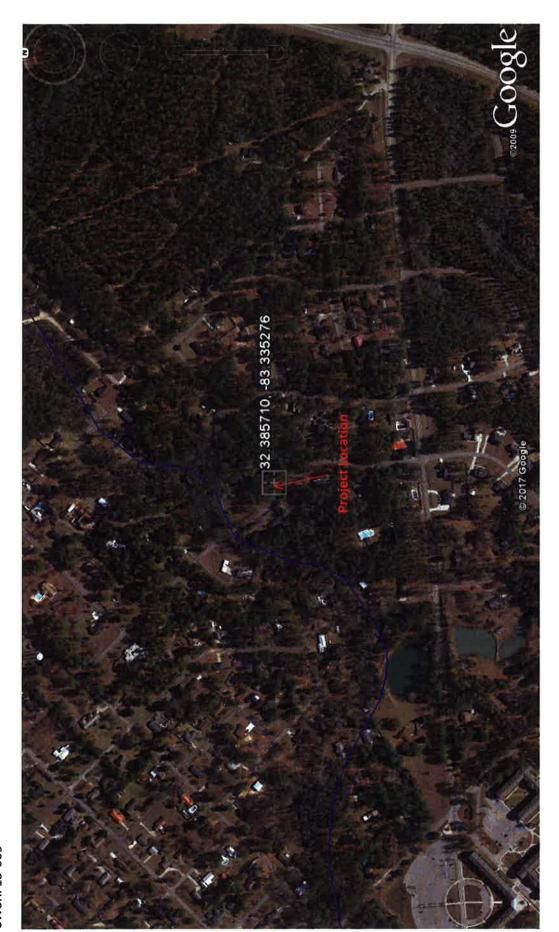
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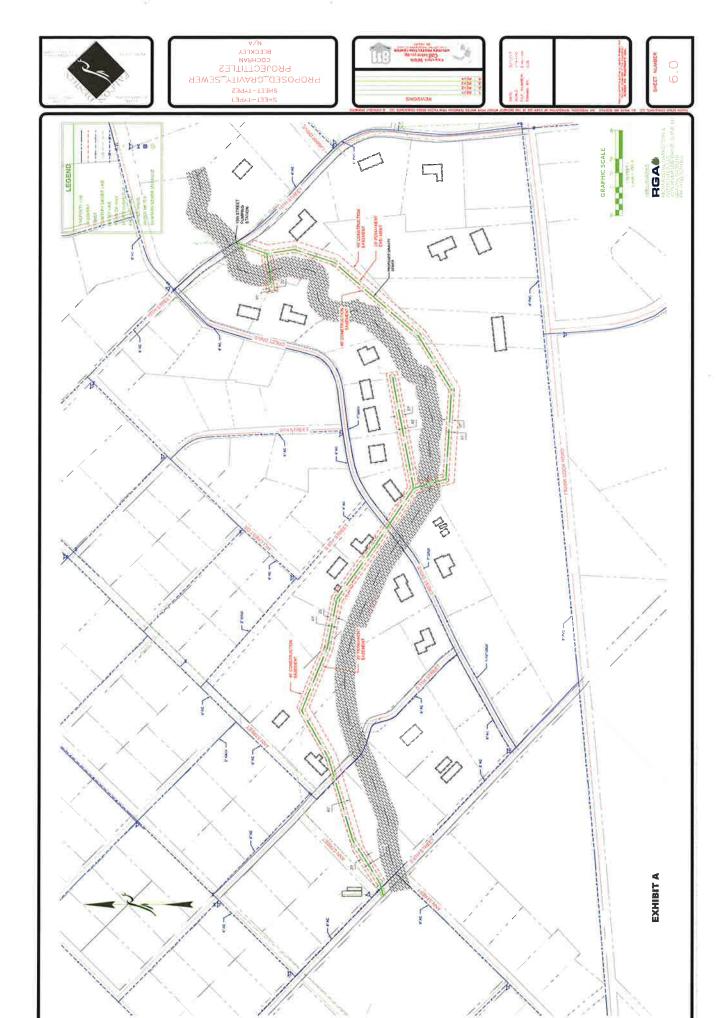
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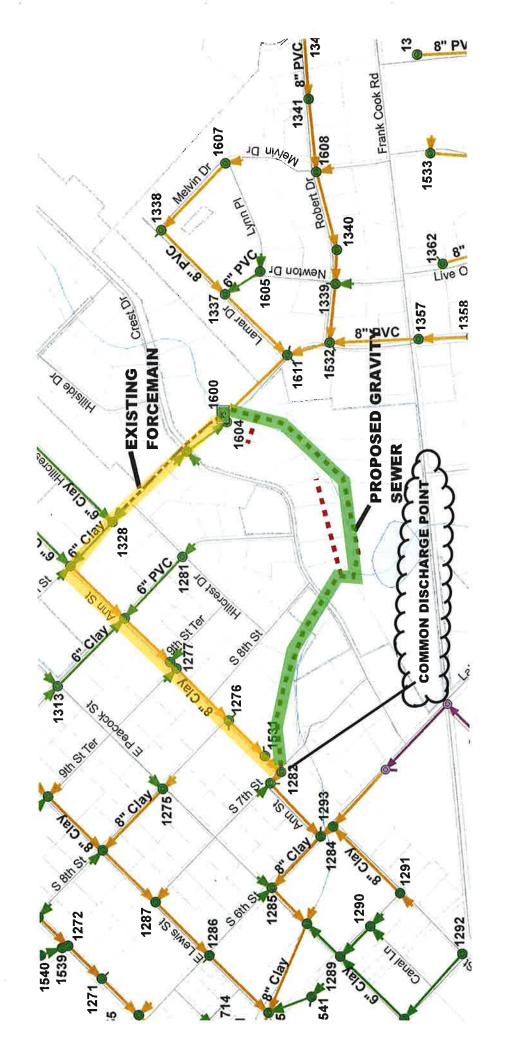


EXHIBIT B - PROPOSED GRAVITY SEWER CITY OF COCHRAN BLECKLEY CO., GEORGIA