

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION** 

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## NOTICE OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT TO ALL INTERESTED

The City of Adairsville 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 Adairsville North Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion to 2.0 MGD and to meet regulatory requirements for the State and Federal Governments. 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:

AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

Project Name:	City of Adairsville North Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion GEFA Loan No. CW2016-018
Project Location:	City of Adairsville, Bartow County, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$9,272,298
Anticipated SRF Loan Amount:	\$9,272,298

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project involves the expansion and upgrade of the existing Adairsville North Wastewater Treatment Plant from 1.0 MGD to 2.0 MGD and decommissioning the existing Adairsville South Wastewater Treatment Plant. The existing South Plant is nearing the end of its useful life and cannot handle increased flows during rain events, due to inflow and infiltration problems in the sewer system, therefore the flow from the South Plant will be diverted to the North Plant for treatment. The City recognizes the existing North Wastewater Treatment Plant lack sufficient capacity to meet the anticipated growth and is planning to expand the existing north WWTP to 2.0 MGD. The treatment process will consist of a bar screen, aeration basin, secondary clarifiers, filter pump station, UV disinfection system, and a post aeration basin. Treated effluent will be discharged into Oothkalooga Creek.

## ANTICIPATED IMPACTS

The project will serve the City of Adairsville. The expansion will take place within the existing property and will not affect current land use. Temporary impacts include dust 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. Notice of No Significant Impact (NONSI) GEFA Loan No. CW-2016-018 City of Adairsville Page 2

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. The monthly cost for wastewater treatment for a typical household will not increase to generate revenue to finance the project.

A public information meeting was held on October 10, 2017 at Adairsville City Hall to discuss the proposed project. Public comments were received and addressed 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 Adairsville 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 Adairsville 116 Public Square Adairsville, Georgia 30103

3-1-2018

Issue Date

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