



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 Richmond Hill 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 installation a new reuse storage tank and booster pump station at the existing City of Richmond Hill water reclamation facility (WRF) and installation of 9,000 linear feet purple pipe to provide irrigation to reuse water customers. 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:	City of Richmond Hill Reuse Storage, Pumping, and Distribution System Improvements GEFA Loan No. CW2017-022
Project Location:	City of Richmond Hill, Bryan County, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$2,040,000
Anticipated SRF Loan Amount:	\$2,040,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The loan is for the improvements to the existing City of Richmond Hill WRF. The project includes construction of a new 500,000-gallon ground storage reservoir and booster pumping station, installed adjacent to the WRF. A chlorination system for disinfection, electrical and a SCADA system to monitor and control water levels in the tank as well as flow and pressure in the distribution system will also be constructed. There will be an extension of approximately 9,000 linear feet of 12-inch diameter pipe to provide pressurized piping to about 2,500 residents.

ANTICIPATED IMPACTS

The project will improve operation, effluent quality, and reliability of the wastewater treatment plant. The proposed reuse storage, pumping and piping project will be installed primarily within existing previously cleared and graded road right of way and will not affect current land use. Temporary impacts include noise and 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.

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 17, 2017 at Richmond Hill 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 Richmond Hill 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 Richmond Hill
P.O. Box 250
Richmond Hill, Georgia 31324

2-1-2018

Issue Date


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REUSE STORAGE, PUMPING & DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

SITE LOCATION

CLIENT:

CITY OF RICHMOND HILL

LOCATION: RICHMOND HILL, GEORGIA

DATE: 9/7/17

DRAWN BY: MLS

SHEET: EXHIBIT 1.1

JOB NUMBER: J-26384.0000

REVIEWED BY: SGD

SCALE: 1" = 2000'



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