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

The City of Chatsworth has made application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, and the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority for a loan through the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and State Revolving Fund (SRF). This loan is for construction of a new 1.0 MGD water pollution control plant (WPCP). 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 Chatsworth WPCP – New Facility
ARC Loan No. ARC GA-18869
GEFA Loan No. CW2016-010

Project Location: Chatsworth, Murray County, GA

Total Project Cost: $6,400,000
Anticipated ARC Loan Amount: $600,000
Anticipated CWSRF Loan Amount: $5,800,000

Project Description

This loan is for the construction of a water pollution control plant (WPCP) to meet wastewater treatment demands and protect stream quality within its existing service area. The proposed WPCP will have a capacity of 1.0 million gallons per day (MGD). The treatment process will consist of a screen and grit structure, two (2) sequencing batch reactors, a post-equalization basin, a pump station, tertiary filters, a chlorine contact chamber, a low-profile cascade aerator, an aerobic digester, sludge dewatering equipment, and chemical feed equipment. Treated effluent will be discharged into a tributary of Mill Creek.

Anticipated Impacts

The project will serve the City of Chatsworth. The proposed WPCP will be constructed on land already owned by the City and the area which is wooded or covered with brush will be cleared only when necessary for the construction and operation. The project will have minor impact on wetlands, but wetlands will be delineated prior to design to minimize the impact. 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 current monthly cost for wastewater treatment for a typical household is not expected to increase to finance this project.

A public information meeting was held on December 28, 2017 at City of Chatsworth Water Works Commission Main Office to discuss the proposed project. No public comments were received during the meeting.

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 examination upon request at City of Chatsworth Water Works Commission during business hours and at the Division between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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 to:

Ms. Yilin Fan  
Environmental Protection Division  
Watershed Protection Branch  
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: City of Chatsworth Water Works Commission  
PO Box 100  
Chatsworth, GA 30705

Issue Date: 2/6/18  

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Georgia Environmental Protection Division