

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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

The Upson County 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 an extension of sanitary sewers to provide service to an existing commercial area on the north side of Thomaston, GA. 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:	Upson County Sewer System Extension Project GEFA Loan No. CW2017-005
Project Location:	City of Thomaston, Upson County, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$1,609,000
Anticipated SRF Loan Amount:	\$1,609,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Upson County proposes to extend sanitary sewers to provide sanitary sewerage service to an existing commercial area; many of the business in this area have struggled to operate using individual on-site waste disposal systems. The project includes installation of approximately 8,300 LF of 8" gravity sewers. The proposed project will provide much needed sewer service to an existing commercial corridor along U.S. Highway 19.

ANTICIPATED IMPACTS

Approximately 5,000 LF proposed sewers will be constructed within or adjacent to the U.S. highway 19 right of way and the remaining 3,300 LF sewers will cross undeveloped land to convey a portion of the sewage to an existing 12" sanitary sewer interceptor. The project will have minor impact on wetlands, but wetlands will be delineated prior to design to minimize the impact. The project will also have minor impact on flood plain, but majority of work will be with existing road right of way, no addition fill will be placed within the flood plain. 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. 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 3, 2017 at Upson County Commission meeting room 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 Upson County Board of Commissioners Offices 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:

Upson County Board of Commissioners 106 E. Lee Street, Suite 110 Thomaston, Georgia 30286

Issue Date

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