



**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

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### **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION**

**Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements**

**City of Blairsville (Union County)**

**GEFA Loan CW-2017-018**

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has conducted a review of the above project in accordance with the State's Environmental Review Process (SERP). EPD has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, no further environmental review is planned. The proposed project consists of upgrades to the headworks structure for grit removal, as well as the removal of accumulated grit in various structures at the existing water pollution control plant. The project will improve operations at the facility to meet permitted limitations.

This project is eligible for a categorical exclusion because it meets the following specific criteria, outlined in the SERP: minor rehabilitation of existing facilities, and construction of new ancillary facilities adjacent to existing facilities that do not affect the degree of treatment or capacity of the existing facility. Furthermore: the project will not create a new or relocate an existing discharge to surface or ground waters; the project will not substantially increase the volume of discharge or loading of pollutants; the project will not provide capacity to serve a population 30% greater than the existing population; the project will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment; the action will not directly or indirectly affect cultural resources, habitats of endangered or threatened species, or environmentally important natural resource areas; and the action is cost-effective and should cause no significant public controversy.

This determination becomes effective after thirty (30) days following its distribution by EPD. This exclusion may be revoked at any time if: 1) the project is altered and no longer meets the requirements of a categorical exclusion, 2) new evidence shows that serious environmental issues exist, or 3) a local, State or Federal law is being or may be violated. The information which supports this decision is on file with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division and is available for public scrutiny upon request. A copy of the proposed project documentation is also available for review at the City of Blairsville City Hall in Union County, Georgia.

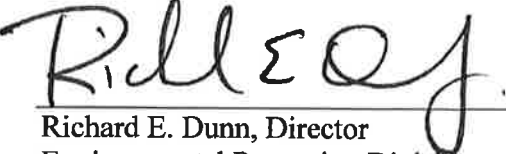
All interested agencies, groups and persons supporting or disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments, within thirty (30) days of the publish date of this notice to:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division  
Ms. Kelli-Ann Sottile  
Wastewater Regulatory Program  
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 1152 East  
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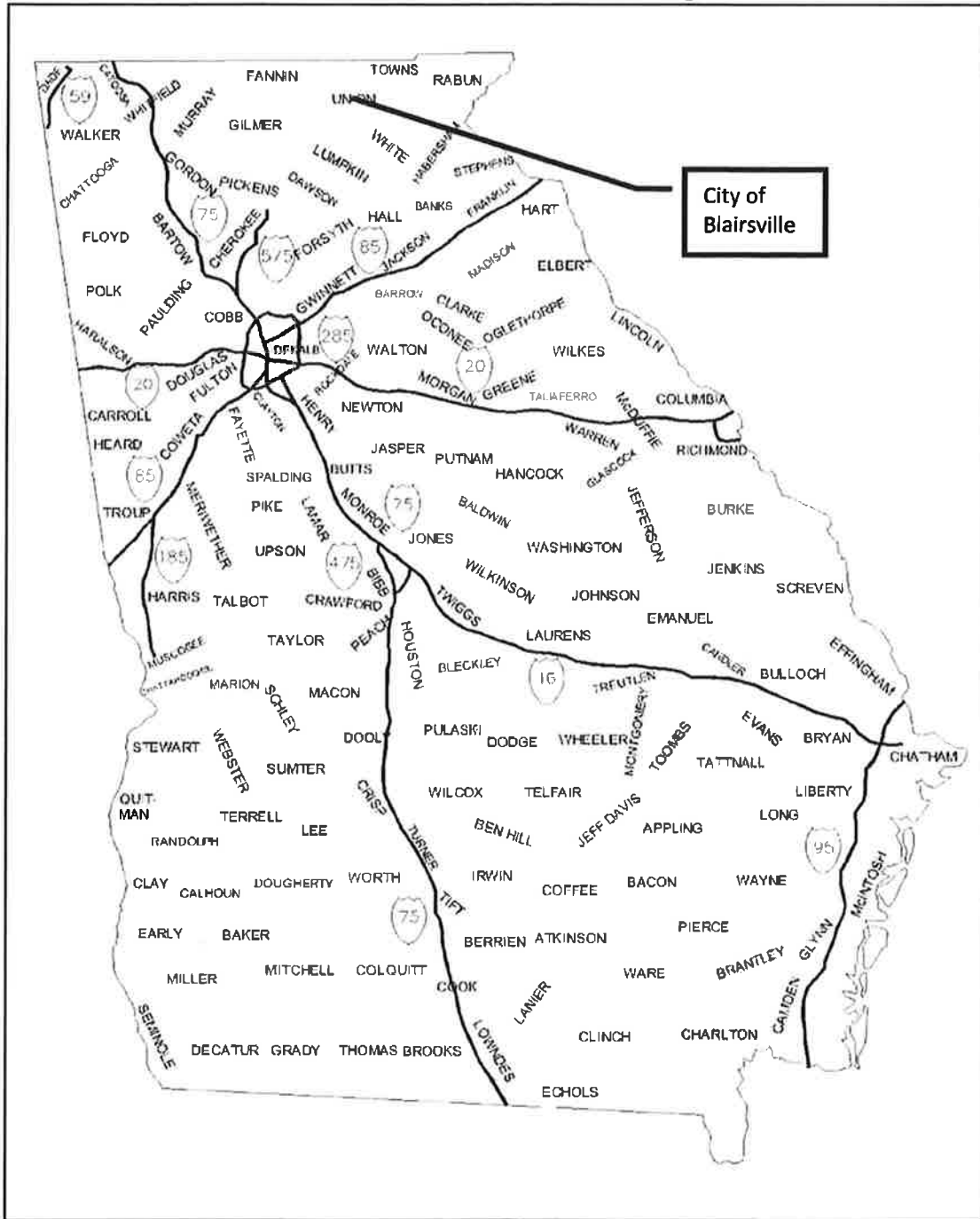
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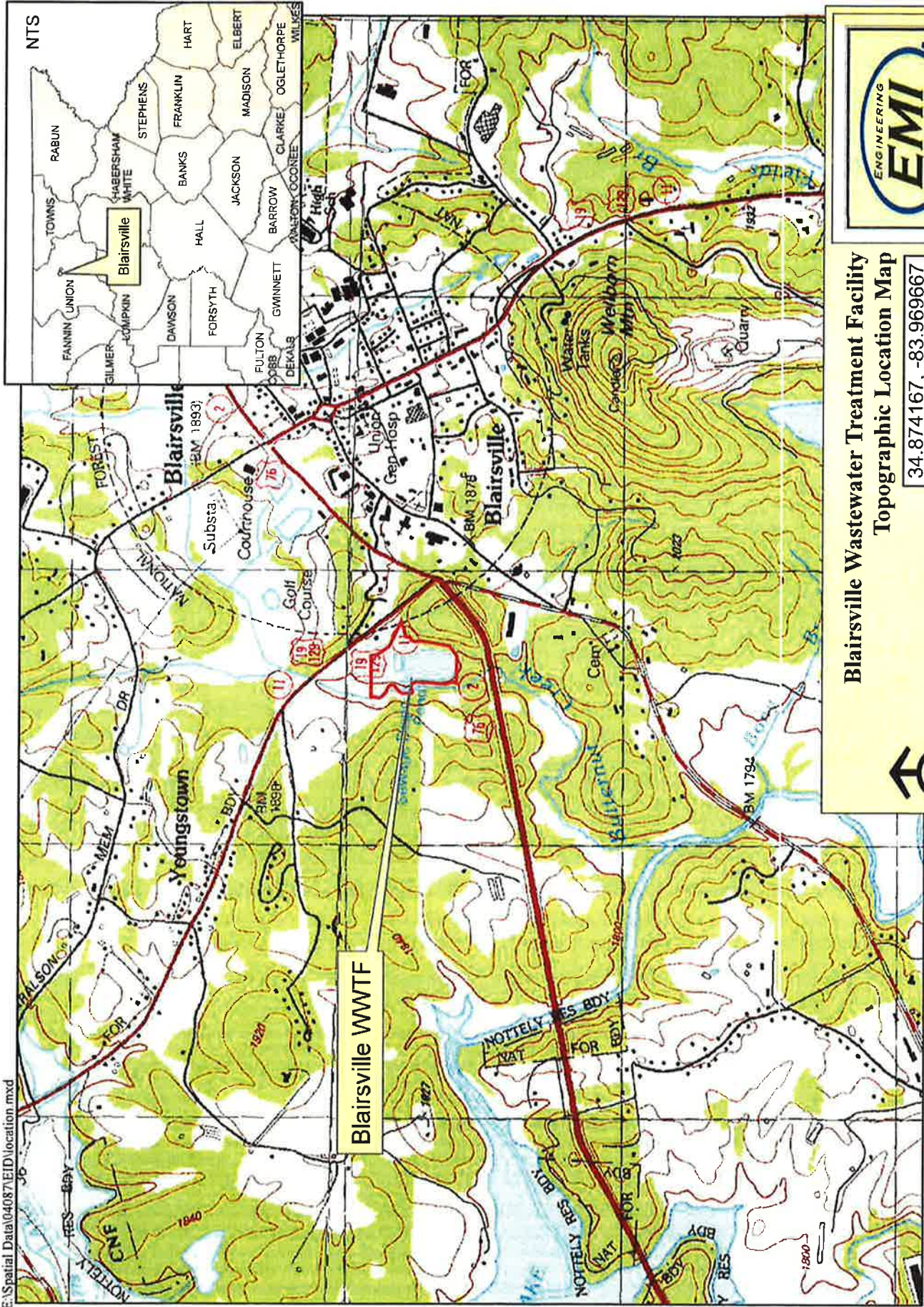
After evaluating the comments received, EPD will make a final decision regarding approval of the project. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after publication of this Notice.

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Location Map for City of Blairsville, Georgia





Blairsville WWTF

### Blairsville Wastewater Treatment Facility Topographic Location Map

34-874167, -83.969667



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1 inch equals 1,500 feet