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

The County of Jones 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 construction of a new pump station and gravity sewer to serve the Sun Valley Estates neighborhood, a neighborhood currently served by aging and failing septic systems. The pump station will also serve the Griswoldville Industrial Park to pump sewerage via constructed forcemain to an existing gravity line for transport to the Macon Water Authority system for treatment. 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:

Jones County

Sun Valley Sewer Improvements (CW-2016-019)

Project Location:

Jones County, Georgia

Total Project Cost:

\$2,386,720

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount:

\$1,886,720

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Jones County proposes to construct a new pump station and gravity sewer to serve 51 homes in the Sun Valley Estates neighborhood, a neighborhood currently served by aging and failing septic systems. The pump station will also serve the Griswoldville Industrial Park to pump sewerage via constructed forcemain to an existing gravity line for transport to the Macon Water Authority system for treatment.

ANTICIPATED IMPACTS

The project will serve the Sun Valley Estates neighborhood and southwestern portions of Jones County. The proposed collection system will be installed in proposed easements and will not affect current land use; however, parts of the new sewer lie within the updated 100-year floodplain as of 2016. With mitigation measures in place for construction in the floodplain, erosion, and noise during construction, if necessary, and provisions for the possible presence of protected aquatic species, 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.

A public information meeting was held on December 19, 2016 at the Commission Chambers at the Jones County Annex to discuss the proposed project. No comments were received during the 30-day advertisement period and during the meeting.

An Environmental Review Record that documents the environmental review of the 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 Jones County 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 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 the issuance of this Notice.

Loan Recipient:

Jones County Board of Commissioners

P.O. Box 1359

Gray, Georgia 31032

Issue Date

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