



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

The Madison County Industrial Development & Building Authority has made an application to the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD) for a loan through the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF). The loan is for constructing countywide water mains; interconnecting to Elberton Water System; constructing a new 1.0 MG concrete ground storage tank; developing additional wells and rehabilitating the Spratlin Pond Well. The applicant has certified that the project is environmentally sound. As required by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program Guidelines, an environmental review has been performed on the project described below:

Project Name:	Madison County Industrial Development & Building Authority – 2018 Countywide Water System Improvements
Project Location:	Madison County, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$2,200,000
Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount:	\$2,200,000

Project Description

Under this project, the Madison County Industrial Development & Building Authority will construct countywide water mains; interconnect to Elberton Water System; build a new 1.0 MG concrete ground storage tank; drill additional wells and rehabilitate the Spratlin Pond Well. This Countywide Water System Improvements project will provide the internal infrastructure improvement for countywide water service.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will provide public water service to unincorporated areas of the County. Currently the residents in the area suffer from inadequate water supply from depleting or poor water quality wells, and do not have access to a public water supply. Also, the project will provide additional water supply for the region through the connection to Elberton and development/rehabilitation of wells. The overall impact of the proposed project will be beneficial. There will be no significant adverse secondary impacts associated with this project. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement has been made.

The reasons for such a decision not to prepare such a statement are as follows: No project activity is anticipated to result in adverse environmental impacts, which cannot be easily mitigated with minimal extra expense or delay in project implementation. The project's construction will primarily occur in existing right-of-ways and/or on land that is currently owned by the Authority; therefore, temporary impacts due to construction can be minimized.

A review of the Engineering Report and Environmental Information Document for the proposed project has been performed by EPD's Drinking Water Permitting and Engineering Program. The review of these documents resulted in a determination that an environmental impact statement is not required. A copy of these documents is available for public examination upon request at EPD between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and at Madison County Industrial Development & Building Authority office during normal business hours. The addresses where a copy is available are listed below.

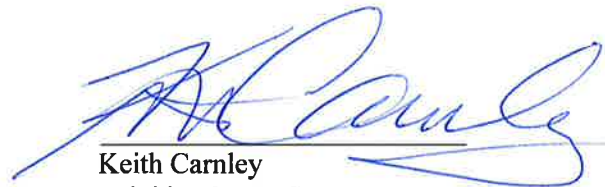
During the development and design of this project, the Madison County Industrial Development & Building Authority has solicited public input. They conducted a public meeting to further discuss this project and allow additional public input. The project has undergone an Executive Order 12372 Review through the State agencies. The project has also been submitted to the Corps of Engineers, State Historic Preservation Office, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for review. No adverse comments have been received. No further environmental review of the project is proposed to be conducted prior to the release of loan funds.

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

Georgia Environmental Protection Division
ATTN: Samantha Luo, Environmental Engineer
Drinking Water Program
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE - Suite 1362 East
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After evaluating all comments received, EPD will make a final decision regarding approval of the project planning documents. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this Notice.

Issue Date: December 21, 2017



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