



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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

The Bartow County Water System 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 water system improvements: elevated water tank at Highland 75 and water mains extensions. 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:	Elevated Water Tank at Highland 75 & Water mains Extensions
Project Location:	Bartow County, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$6,230,00.00
Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount:	\$6,230,00.00

**Project Description**

Under this project, the applicant will construct 1.5 million gallon elevated composite water tank and install 5,500 FT of 24-inch and 20-inch Ductile Iron water mains and all related appurtenances necessary to provide potable water. This project is needed to allow the County to provide adequate public water service to customers by improving the water system.

**Anticipated Impacts**

The proposed project would ensure a safe supply of drinking water. This project will benefit an estimated population of 50,162 existing water customers served by purchasing all of its water from the City of Cartersville, the City of Adairsville, Cherokee County, Cobb County and Polk County. 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 & Engineering Program. The review of these Documents explains in more detail why 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 the Bartow County Water System's Office during normal business hours. The addresses where a copy is available are listed on the next page.

During the development and design of this project, the Bartow County Water System has solicited public input. They conducted a public meeting on April 27, 2017, to further discuss this project and allow additional public input. The project has undergone an Executive Order 12372 Review through the Georgia State Agencies. The project has also been submitted to the U.S. Army 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: Madina Mugisa, Environmental Engineer  
Drinking Water Program  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE - Suite 1362 East  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9000

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.



Keith Carnley, Program Manager

Issue Date: August 21, 2017

Loan Recipient:

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