

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

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Mark Williams, Commissioner

Reply To
Drinking Water Permitting & Engineering Program
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NOTICE OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS

The Hart County Water and Sewer 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 extending the Hart County Water and Sewer Authority water system into the Bethany Church area of Hart County. 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:	Hart County Water and Sewer Authority – Bethany Church Area System Improvements
Project Location:	Hart County, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$2,255,000
Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount:	\$2,255,000

Project Description

Under this project, the Hart County Water and Sewer Authority project will provide a secure, safe and reliable source of water for the residents of Bethany Church area of Hart County, thus improve the lives of its citizens. Currently the residents in the area suffer from inadequate water supply from depleting or contaminated wells, and do not have access to a public water supply.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will improve the reliability of the Authority's water system and help the Authority continue to supply treated water to its citizens. The proposed project is needed to keep the system in good working order. 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 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 Hart County Water and Sewer 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 Hart County Water and Sewer 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
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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.

Kirk Chase, Program Manager

Issue Date: June 8, 2016

Loan Recipient:

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