



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

Whitfield County has made an application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, and the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority for a loan through the State Revolving Fund (SRF). This loan is for the replacement of sewer lines and a lift station. 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: Whitfield County
US Highway 41 Sewer Capacity Upgrade
GEFA Loan No. CW2017-007

Project Location: Whitfield County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$1,600,000

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$1,600,000

Project Description

Whitfield County proposes the replacement of sewer lines along US Highway 41 and a lift station in order to increase capacity for a new office park and promote development.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve Whitfield County and the new Business Park. The project will provide the necessary capacity for the increased future development. Minor negative temporary impacts associated with construction may include noise and erosion/sedimentation. Additionally, minor impacts to surrounding wetlands due to creek crossing may require mitigation. Mitigation measures will be in place during construction and no anticipated adverse secondary impacts are associated with the project. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement has been made.

The reason for the decision not to prepare such a statement is 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. The project will take place primarily on previously disturbed land.

The current rates for wastewater are not anticipated to increase.

A public information meeting was held on October 2, 2017 to discuss the proposed project. No comments were received during the 30-day advertisement period or during the meeting.

An Environmental Review Record concerning the proposed project has been made by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division that documents the environmental review of the project and provides more detail explaining why an environmental impact statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at the Division's address listed below. A copy of the SRF planning document is available for public examination upon request at Whitfield County during business hours and at the Division between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

No further environmental review of this 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 30 days of the issuance date of this notice to:

Ms. Kelli-Ann Sottile
Environmental Protection Division
Watershed Protection Branch
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Suite 1152 East
Atlanta, Georgia 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 issuance of this Notice.

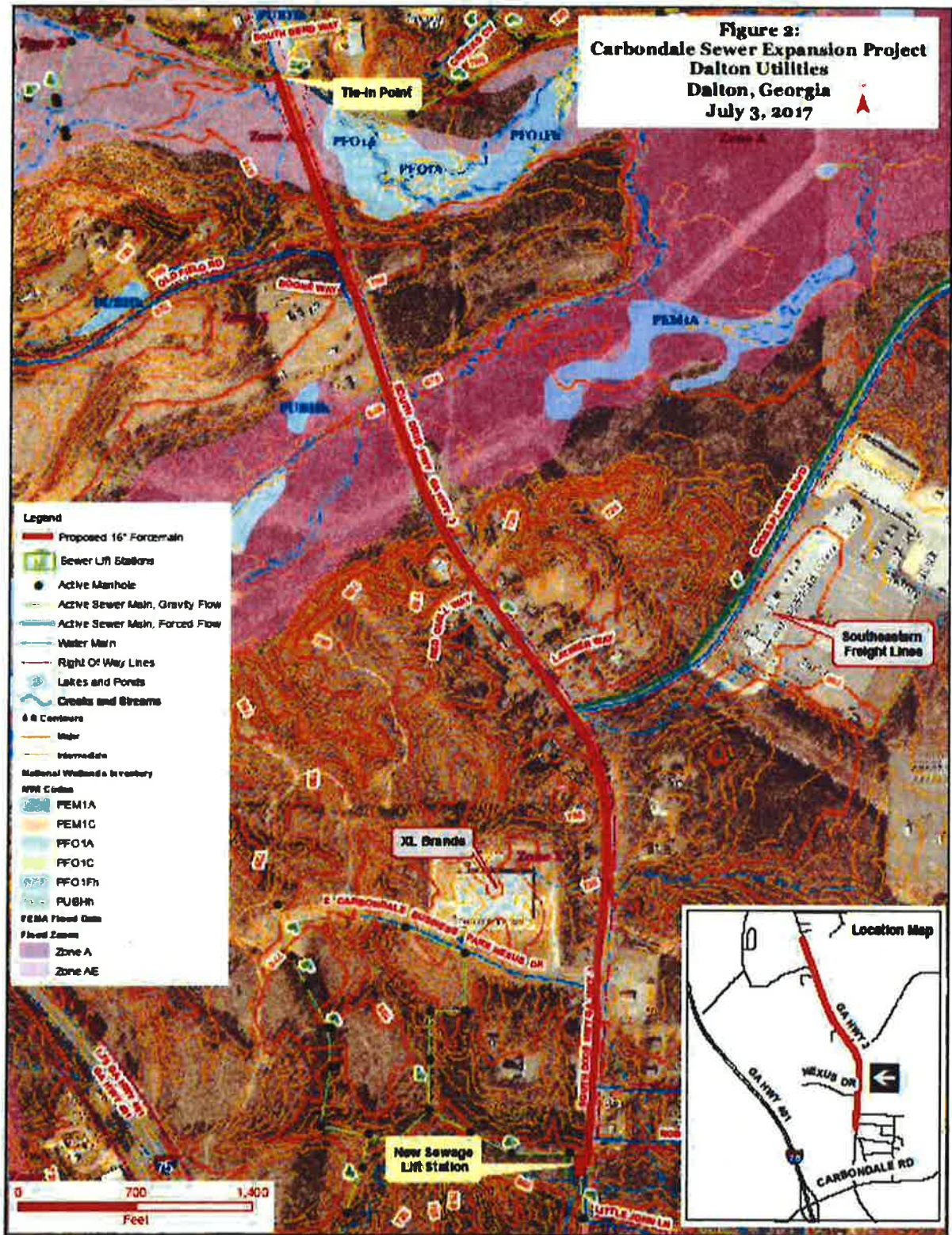
Loan Recipient: Whitfield County
P.O. Box 248
Dalton, GA 30722

Issue Date: 2-1-2018



Richard E. Dunn
Director
Environmental Protection Division

**Figure 2:
Carbondale Sewer Expansion Project
Dalton Utilities
Dalton, Georgia
July 3, 2017**



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