

August 31, 2021

Honorable Dollie Horton, Chairman
Fort Valley Utility Commission
500 Anthoine Street
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

RE: GEFA Loan No. CW-2020-009
Categorical Exclusion
Sanitary Sewer Improvements
NPDES Permit No. GA0031046
EPD # 2019-190
Peach County

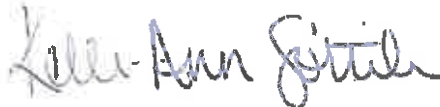
Dear Chairman Horton:

Attached is a copy of a *Categorical Exclusion (CE)* prepared for the above-referenced project. A NONSI was previously issued on October 7, 2020 under the above-referenced loan number. The purpose of this CE is to address additions to the scope of work under this loan; therefore, this CE does not replace the referenced NONSI.

The public comment period for this CE is 30 days. **Please ensure that the CE is posted at a conspicuous location, such as at the Commission's Offices, for public review for 30 days from the date of this letter.**

If you have any questions, please contact me at 404-463-4945 or kelli-ann.sottile@dnr.ga.gov.

Sincerely,



Kelli-Ann Sottile
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Attachment: Categorical Exclusion

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

**Sanitary Sewer Improvements
Fort Valley Utility Commission
(Peach County)
GEFA Loan No. CW-2020-009**

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has conducted a review of the above project in accordance with the State's Environmental Review Process (SERP). EPD has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, no further environmental review is planned.

The proposed project consists of rehabilitation and/or replacement of approximately 4,200 LF of deteriorating sewer mains to address inflow and infiltration. Existing buildings will not be impacted as a result of this project, and any impacts to the SWST Railroad and historic curbing will be avoided and/or mitigated. All construction will be located within easements and/or right-of-ways, and affected areas will be restored to pre-project conditions to the greatest extent possible.

This project is eligible for a categorical exclusion because it meets the following specific criteria, outlined in the SERP: functional replacement of equipment and minor rehabilitation of existing facilities. Furthermore: the project will not create a new or relocate an existing discharge to surface or ground waters; the project will not substantially increase the volume of discharge or loading of pollutants; the project will not provide capacity to serve a population 30% greater than the existing population; the project will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment; the action will not directly or indirectly affect cultural resources, habitats of endangered or threatened species, or environmentally important natural resource areas; and the action is cost-effective and should cause no significant public controversy.

This determination becomes effective after thirty (30) days following its distribution by EPD. This exclusion may be revoked at any time if: 1) the project is altered and no longer meets the requirements of a categorical exclusion, 2) new evidence shows that serious environmental issues exist, or 3) a local, State or Federal law is being or may be violated. The information which supports this decision is on file with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division and is available for public review upon request. A copy of the proposed project documentation is also available for review at the Fort Valley Utility Commission Offices in Peach County, Georgia.

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All interested agencies, groups and persons supporting or disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit comments within thirty (30) days of the publish date of this notice via email to kelli-ann.sottile@dnr.ga.gov or to the following address:

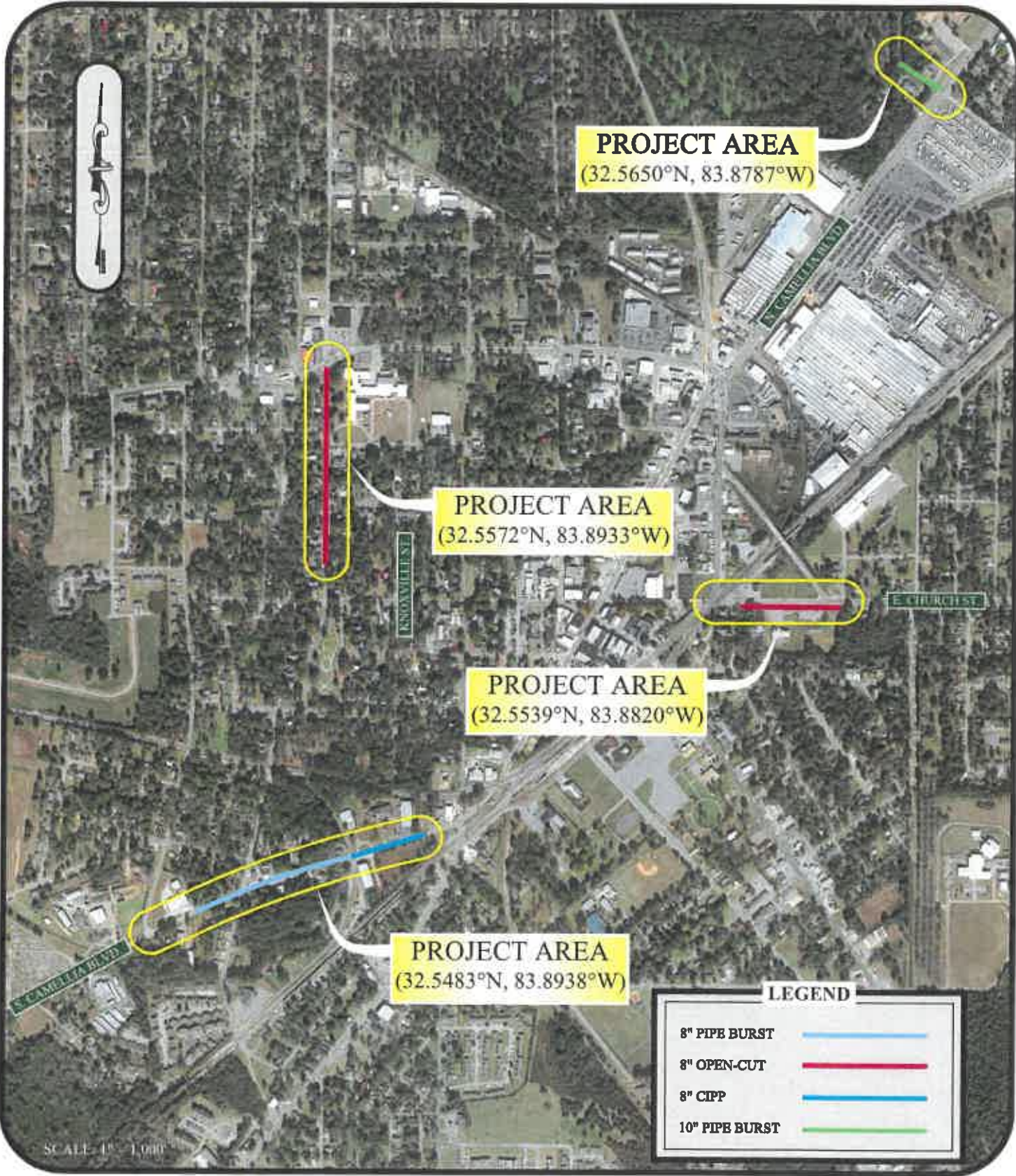
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After evaluating the comments received, EPD will make a final decision regarding approval of the project. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after publication of this Notice.



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PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA**

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