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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Town of Leesburg
Cherokee County

SRF Project No. CS010884-01

May 14, 2020

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made \$260,000 in financial assistance available to the Town of Leesburg using funds from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan program. In accordance with State and Federal regulations that govern the program, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management has conducted a review to assess the potential impacts upon the environment that may result from implementation of this project.

The Town of Leesburg proposes a project to rehabilitate its sanitary wastewater collection system. The proposed improvements will consist of system wide TVI (television video inspection) of gravity sewer pipes and manholes with cleaning and point repairs performed, as necessary. Completion of these improvements will allow The Town to maintain regulatory compliance by significantly reducing SSOs (sanitary sewer overflows) due to high volumes of I/I (Inflow/Infiltration) with heavy rainfall events.

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion (CE) from further environmental study under the guidelines specified by the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) which specifically include actions which are solely directed toward minor rehabilitation of existing facilities, functional replacement of equipment, or towards the construction of new ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities. However, this decision may be reconsidered if significant adverse information concerning the potential environmental impacts of the project is discovered.

Comments relative to this project should be submitted in writing to Ms. Corynella L. Price, SRF Section, Permits & Services Division, Alabama Department of Environmental Management, P.O. Box 301463, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1463, no later than 30 days after the date of public notice. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management will not take formal action to proceed with the project without carefully evaluating any public comments opposing the project.

Sincerely,

Lance R. LeFleur
Director

LRL/DKB/CLP/kbh

Attachment



The Categorical Exclusion is promulgated in the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) in Part IV, Section B: Categorical Exclusions for Clean Water State Revolving Fund Projects: (Italicized sections apply.)

1. The following clean water projects are eligible for categorical exclusions.
 - a. Actions which are solely directed toward minor rehabilitation of existing facilities, functional replacement of equipment, or towards the construction of new ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities;
 - b. Actions which do not affect the degree of treatment or capacity of the existing facility including, but not limited to, infiltration and inflow corrections, replacement of existing mechanical equipment or structures, and the construction of small structures on existing sites;*
 - c. Actions which are for minor upgrading and minor expansion of existing treatment works in sewerred communities with a population less than 10,000;
 - d. Actions where on-site technologies are proposed in unsewered communities of less than 10,000;
 - e. Construction of new wastewater collection systems for existing communities, only if ancillary or appurtenant to existing facilities;
 - f. Projects where funding is being provided for planning and/or engineering costs only (in which case the requirements of IV. B.1 a-f do not apply).
2. In order to determine if a clean water project is eligible for a CE, all of the following conditions must not apply:
 - a. The action is known or expected to have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment, either individually, cumulatively over time, or in conjunction with other federal, State, local, tribal or private actions.
 - b. The action is known or expected to adversely impact:
 - 1) Cultural resources areas such as archaeological and historical sites,
 - 2) Endangered or threatened species and their critical habitats,
 - 3) Environmentally important natural resources areas such as floodplains, wetlands, important farmlands, or aquifer recharging zones.
 - c. This action is known or expected not to be cost-effective or to cause significant public controversy.
 - d. The facilities to be provided will
 1. Create a new, or
 2. Significantly relocate an existing discharge to surface or ground waters.
 - e. The facilities will result in more than 30% increases in the volume of discharge or the loading of pollutants from an existing source or from new facilities to receiving waters.
 - f. The facilities would provide capacity to serve a population 30% higher than the anticipated design population.



ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Lisa D. Jones
Executive Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

March 22, 2019

Adam J. Lea
LADD Environmental
P.O. Box 680869
Fort Payne, AL 35968-1609



Re: AHC 19-0671
Town of Leesburg-Wastewater Collection System rehabilitation
Cherokee County

Dear Mr. Lea:

We concur with the above referenced project provided all construction activities will occur within either the highway right-of-way or in previously disturbed areas. Any area that is to be involved and does not fall into one of the above categories will require a cultural resource assessment by a professional archaeologist. Submit the resulting report to our office for review and determination prior to project initiation.

However, should artifacts or archaeological features be encountered during project activities, work shall cease and our office shall be consulted immediately. Artifacts are objects made, used or modified by humans. They include but are not excluded to arrowheads, broken pieces of pottery or glass, stone implements, metal fasteners or tools, etc. Archaeological features are stains in the soil that indicate disturbance by human activity. Some examples are post holes, building foundations, trash pits and even human burials. This stipulation shall be placed on the construction plans to insure contractors are aware of it.

We appreciate your commitment to helping us preserve Alabama's historic archaeological and architectural resources. Should you have any questions, please contact Amanda McBride at 334.230.2692 or Amanda.McBride@ahc.alabama.gov. Have the AHC tracking number referenced above available and include it with any future correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee Anne Wofford".

Lee Anne Wofford
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

LAW/AMH/nw



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MOBILE DISTRICT
218 SUMMIT PARKWAY, SUITE 222
HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA 35209

May 14, 2019



North Branch
Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: File Number SAM-2019-00321-CMS, Leesburg Wastewater Collection System
Rehabilitation

Town of Leesburg
Post Office Box 1
Leesburg, Alabama 35983

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is in response to the March 18, 2019 letter, submitted on your behalf by LADD Environmental Consultants, Inc., regarding the proposed wastewater collection system rehabilitation project in Leesburg, Cherokee County, Alabama. This has been assigned file number SAM-2019-00321-CMS, which should be referred to in all future correspondence regarding this project.

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act requires that a Department of the Army (DA) permit be obtained for the placement or discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the United States (U.S.), including wetlands, prior to conducting the work (33 U.S.C. 1344). If the project will involve work in or a discharge or placement of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the U.S. under our regulatory jurisdiction, issuance of a DA permit may be required prior to conducting the proposed work.

The statements contained herein do not convey any property rights or any exclusive privileges, and do not authorize any injury to property or obviate the requirements to obtain other local, State, or Federal assent required by law for the activities discussed above. If the scope of work or project location changes, you are urged to contact this office.

A copy of this letter is being provided to Adam Lea with LADD Environmental Consultants, Inc. at Post Office Box 680869, Fort Payne, Alabama 35968.

Thank you for your cooperation with our permit program. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me at (205)-290-9096 or courtney.m.shea@usace.army.mil.

For additional information about our Regulatory Program, visit our web site at <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>. Also, please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey located near the bottom of the webpage. Your responses are appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

Sincerely,

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

March 18, 2019

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Mr. William Pearson
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services
Alabama Ecological Services Field Office
1208 B Main Street
Daphne, AL 36526-4419

RE: Environmental Review for SRF Funding for Proposed Leesburg
Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation for the Town of Leesburg
in Cherokee County, Alabama

Dear Mr. Pearson:

The Town of Leesburg is in the process of performing an environmental review pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the Alabama Department of Environmental Management's (ADEM) State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program in order that it may access the environmental impacts of proposed wastewater collection system rehabilitation in the Town of Leesburg, Alabama. The attached maps show the locations that will be affected by the proposed improvements.

All of the proposed area is previously disturbed by the installation of the collection system. Work will primarily be performed without excavation for manhole lining and gravity sewer video inspection. Minor excavation may be required for point repairs on the existing gravity line or other minor repairs identified during project design. Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be required to be provided and maintained by the Contractor, and will be included in the Construction Contract Documents.

We are writing at the direction of ADEM's SRF Program to obtain your concurrence/approval and to request any comments that you may have concerning this project. An SRF Loan is being sought for project funding. A topographical map of the affected area is attached and some additional street maps are included to help identify the locations of the proposed improvements.

Please send any concurrence and/or comments concerning this project to my office. We would appreciate a response within 30 days, if possible. If you need additional information or wish to discuss this project, please let me know. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1208-B - Daphne, Alabama 36526
Phone: 251-441-5181 Fax: 251-441-6222

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[Signature]

No federally listed species/critical habitat are known to occur in the project area. As described, the project will have no significant impact on fish and wildlife resources. IF PROJECT DESIGN CHANGES ARE MADE, PLEASE SUBMIT NEW PLANS FOR REVIEW. We recommend use of best management practices specific to your project (See <http://www.fws.gov/daphne/section7/bmp.html>)

[Signature]
William J. Pearson, Field Supervisor

MAR 28 2019

Date

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FAX LABEL

To: Adam Lea
From: Bill Pearson
Fax: 256-845-5383
Pages: MAR 28 2019
Phone: Date:

LADD ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, INC.

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EAST ALABAMA REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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Lori Hodge Corley
Executive Director



April 23, 2019

Mr. Adam J. Lea, P.E.
Ladd Environmental Consultants, Inc.
P.O. Box 680869
Fort Payne, AL 35968

Re: Environmental Review for SRF Funding for Proposed Leesburg
Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation for the Town of Leesburg
in Cherokee County, Alabama

Dear Mr. Lea,

This is in reference to your letter dated March 18, 2019. We concur with this proposal.

If you have any further questions, please contact us at 256-237-6741.

Thank you,

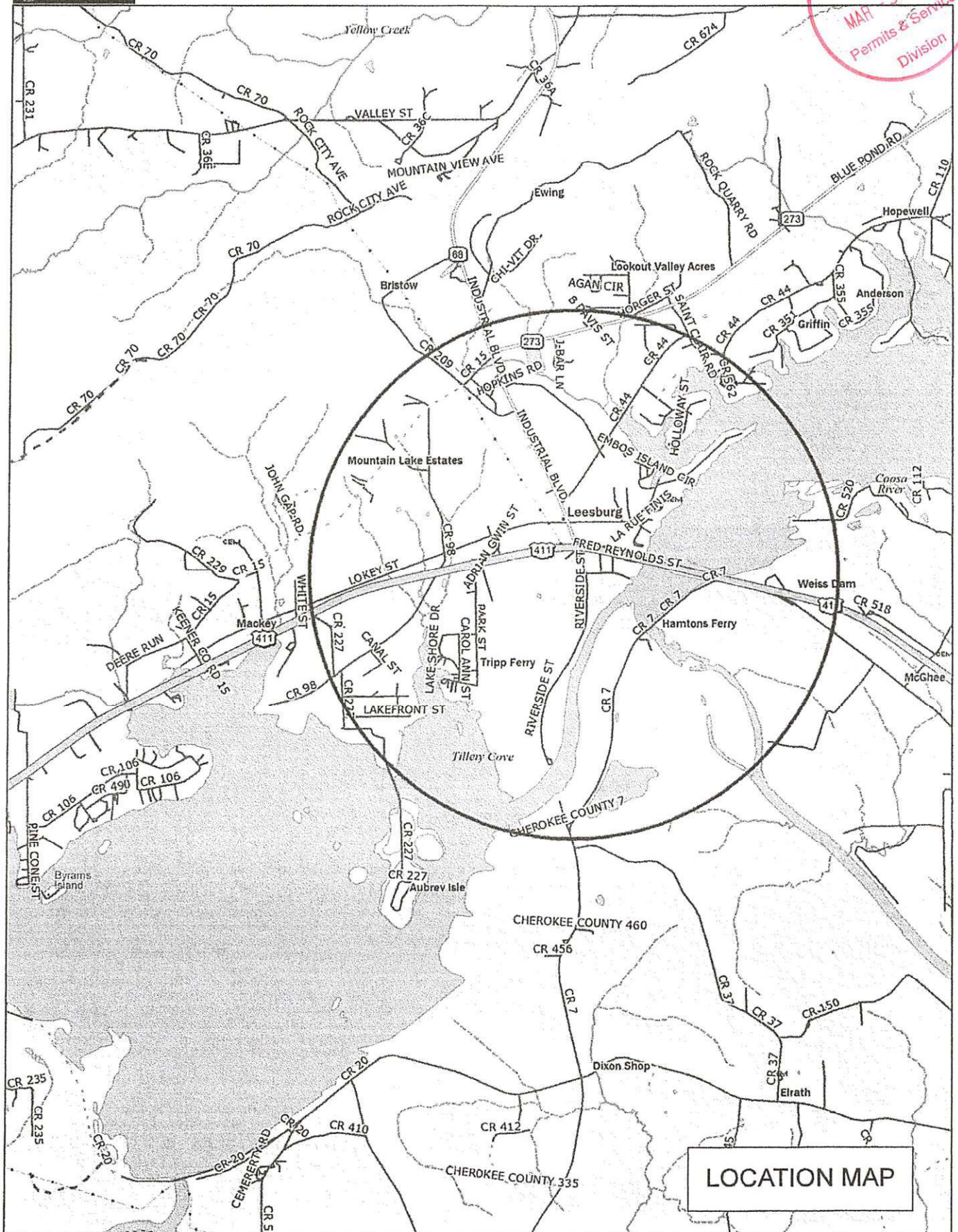
Lori Corley

Executive Director
East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
256-237-6741



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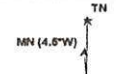




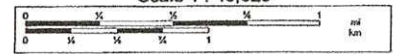
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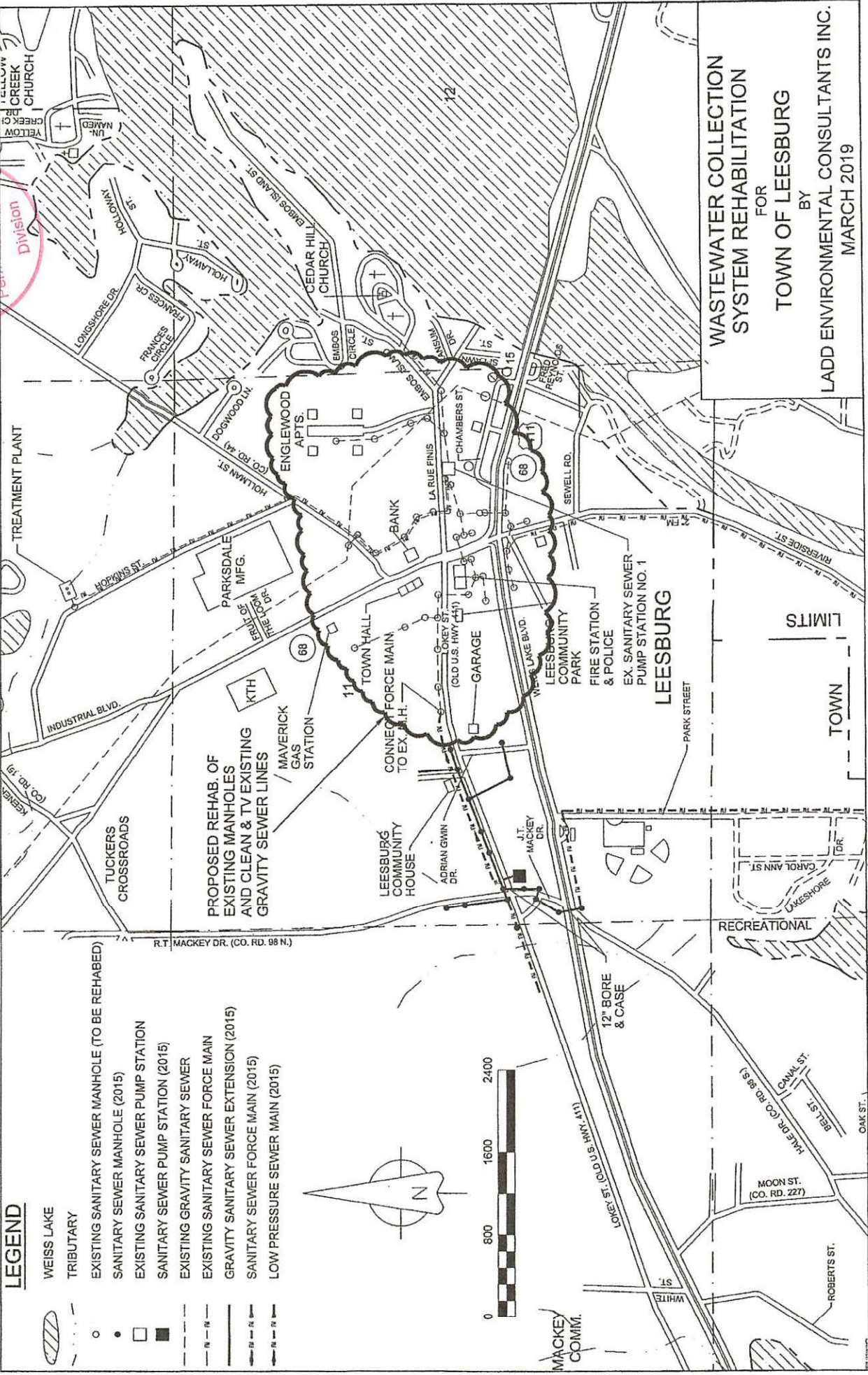


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- EXISTING SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE (TO BE REHABED)
- SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE (2015)
- EXISTING SANITARY SEWER PUMP STATION
- SANITARY SEWER PUMP STATION (2015)
- EXISTING GRAVITY SANITARY SEWER
- EXISTING SANITARY SEWER FORCE MAIN
- GRAVITY SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION (2015)
- SANITARY SEWER FORCE MAIN (2015)
- LOW PRESSURE SEWER MAIN (2015)

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FOR
TOWN OF LEESBURG
BY
LADD ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS INC.
MARCH 2019

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