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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Chattahoochee Valley Water Supply District
Chambers County

SRF Project No. FS010132-02

November 8, 2021

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made \$8,000,000 in financial assistance available to the Chattahoochee Valley Water Supply District using funds from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) 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 Chattahoochee Valley Water Supply District (CVWSD) proposes a project to provide safe and reliable drinking water within its water system. The proposed project will consist of installation of new clearwells, new high service pump station, new filters, upgrades to the existing water treatment plant which includes the filtration, electrical, treatment, instrumentation, and SCADA system improvements. Completion of the proposed project will help maintain compliance, provide safe potable drinking water to all customers, improve the efficiency of the treatment process and meet current and future demands of the water system.

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 Mrs. Chavon R. Jones, SRF Section, Permits and Services Division, Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Post Office Box 301463, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1463, no later than 30 days after the date of this 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

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Chattahoochee Valley Water Supply District
SRF# FS010132-02

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

1. The following drinking water projects are eligible for categorical exclusions:
 - a. *Actions intended solely for minor rehabilitation, functional replacement, or ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities.*
 - b. Minor construction, including:
 - (1) New wells or replacement wells for water supply purposes if ancillary to the existing system;
 - (2) Improvements not intended to increase capacity of the system;
 - (3) Facilities for the disinfection of public water supplies;
 - (4) Facilities such as looping that will result solely in the provision of adequate public water system pressure;
 - (5) *Construction of water tanks;*
 - (6) Construction of new water lines in previously disturbed areas within one mile of the existing distribution system.
 - c. Projects where funding is being provided for planning and/or engineering costs only (in which case the requirements of IV.C.1.a-d do not apply).
2. In order to determine if a drinking water project is eligible for a CE, all of the following must not apply:
 - a. The action is known or expected to directly or indirectly adversely impact any of the following:
 - (1) Cultural or historical resources;
 - (2) Endangered or Threatened Species and/or their critical habitats;
 - (3) Environmentally important natural resource areas such as floodplains, wetlands, prime agricultural land, or aquifer recharge zones.
 - b. The action is not cost effective.
 - c. The action will cause significant public controversy.
 - d. The action will create a new or expanded surface drinking water source.

This project complies with the above requirements and has been determined to be eligible for a Categorical Exclusion.



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May 19, 2021

Lauren Barber
Goodwyn Mills and Cawood
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Re: AHC 21-0707
2021 Water Treatment Facility Improvements
Chambers County

Dear Ms. Barber:

Upon review of the above referenced project, we have determined that project activities will have no effect on cultural resources eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, we concur with the proposed project activities.

Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office does not constitute consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, other Native American tribes, local governments, or the public. If archaeological materials are encountered during construction, the procedures codified at 36 CFR 800.13(b) will apply. Archaeological materials consist of any items, fifty years old or older, which were made or used by man. These items include but are not limited to, stone projectile points (arrowheads), ceramic sherds, bricks, worked wood, bone and stone, metal, and glass objects. The federal agency or the applicant receiving federal assistance should contact our office immediately. If human remains are encountered, the provisions of the Alabama Burial Act (*Code of Alabama* 1975, §13A-7-23.1, as amended; Alabama Historical Commission Administrative Code Chapter 460-X-10 Burials) should be followed. This stipulation shall be placed on the construction plans to ensure 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 Eric Sipes at 334.230.2667 or Eric.Sipes@ahc.alabama.gov. Have the AHC tracking number referenced above available and include it with any future correspondence.

Sincerely,

Lee Anne Wofford
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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May 18, 2021

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**RE: 2021 Water Treatment Facility Improvements
Chattahoochee Valley Water Supply District
Chambers County, Alabama**

Dear Mr. Pearson:

The Chattahoochee Valley Water Supply District (CVWSD), with the help of Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC (GMC) is seeking concurrence under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). GMC is in the process of performing an environmental review pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. The CVWSD is applying for State Revolving Funds (SRF) through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) for the purpose of improving the water treatment plant (WTP). Each improvement and their description can be found in the below table.

Improvement	Description
Proposed Clearwell	Provide more storage and adequate chlorine contact time
Proposed High Service Pumping Station	Provide connectivity between current and proposed clearwells
Electrical Improvements	Increase electrical capacity
Filtration Repairs	Increase productivity, efficiency, and redundancy
Proposed Filters	Increase filtration capability
Backwash Pump Improvements	Updates to yard piping, valves, chemical systems, etc.

The project site is located within the City of Lanett in Section 36, Township 22 North, Range 28 East. All construction and improvements will be conducted at the existing 4.4-acre WTP. Please refer to the attached maps to view the proposed project locations.

According to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) Environmental Conservation Online System (ECOS), accessed May 13, 2021, the endangered and threatened species listed within the project areas for Chambers County, Alabama include:

Group	Common Name	Scientific Name
Clams	Oval Pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema pyriforme</i>

No critical habitat was identified in the project area. A description of the specie and its preferred habitat is below.

Oval Pigtoe (*Pleurobema pyriforme*)

The oval pigtoe is a small to medium-sized mussel that can grow to 2.4 inches. The shell is suboviform and compressed with a shiny smooth, yellow to dark brown, and rayless outer layer. It is found in the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint, Ochlockonee, and Suwannee River and Econfinia Creek basins. The oval pigtoe occurs in small to medium-sized creeks to small rivers where it inhabits silty sand to sand and gravel substrates, usually in slow to moderate currents.



GMC biologists visited the project area on May 13, 2021 to assess the site for potential habitat. The project area consisted of an existing WTP and previously disturbed, regularly mowed grassy field. No waters of the U.S. including wetlands or streams were identified on site. See attached representative photographs of the existing site conditions.

The proposed project is located within the existing WTP footprint and no preferred habitat exists for the identified specie. It is GMC's opinion that the specie listed above and its habitat will not be impacted by the proposed project.

We would appreciate a response as soon as possible. If you need any further information or wish to discuss this project, please let us know. To help expedite the review process, your response can be e-mailed to lauren.barber@gmcnetwork.com

Sincerely,
GOODWYN MILLS CAWOOD, LLC

Lauren Barber
Environmental Scientist



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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>).

William J. Pearson, Field Supervisor

6/8/21
Date

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Lori Hodge Corley
Executive Director

May 24, 2021

Lauren Barber, Environmental Scientist

Goodwyn Mills Cawood

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Re: 2021 Water Treatment Facility Improvements Chattahoochee Valley Water Supply District Chambers County, Alabama

Dear Ms. Barber,

The East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission is aware that The Chattahoochee Valley Water Supply District (CVWSD) is in the process of completing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Review to conduct water treatment facility improvements.

On behalf of the Board of the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission, our planning staff has evaluated the effects of this project. We have determined that this project is compatible with the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the East Alabama Region and we concur with it.

Good luck with this project.

Sincerely,

Lori Corley

Executive Director



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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MOBILE DISTRICT
600 VESTAVIA PARKWAY, SUITE 203
THE SHELBY BUILDING
VESTAVIA HILLS, ALABAMA 35216

November 2, 2021

North Branch
Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Department of the Army, No Permit Required, File Number SAM-2021-00589-JEB, Chattahoochee Valley Water Supply District, Chambers County, Alabama

Chattahoochee Valley Water Supply District
Attention: Mr. Tony Segrest
Post Office Box 37
Valley, Alabama 36854

Transmitted electronically to T.SEGREST@EAWSFD.com

Dear Mr. Segrest:

This letter is in response to your May 19, 2021 request concerning proposed water treatment facility improvements in Section 36, Township 22 North, Range 28 East, Lanett, Chambers County, Alabama (Latitude N 32.857485°, Longitude W -85.190090°). This project has been assigned file number SAM-2021-00589-JEB, which should be referred to in all future correspondence regarding this project.

As stated in your letter the project will consist of upgrades to existing facilities, filtration repairs and electrical improvements within the footprint of existing infrastructure, which are activities typically not regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Section 404 of the Clean Water Act specifically addresses discharges of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands, and requires that a Department of the Army (DA) permit must be obtained prior to conducting any work that would include a discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the United States.

Because the Chattahoochee Valley Water Supply District facility improvement project does not involve a discharge of dredged and or fill material in areas beyond the existing development footprint, the activity is not regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and a DA permit is not required for the project as proposed. However, you may need to coordinate with us in the future if construction activities would be expanded or modified in any way that will impact jurisdictional waters of the U.S.

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 assents required by law for the activities discussed above. If the scope of work or project location changes, you are urged to contact this office for a verification of this determination.

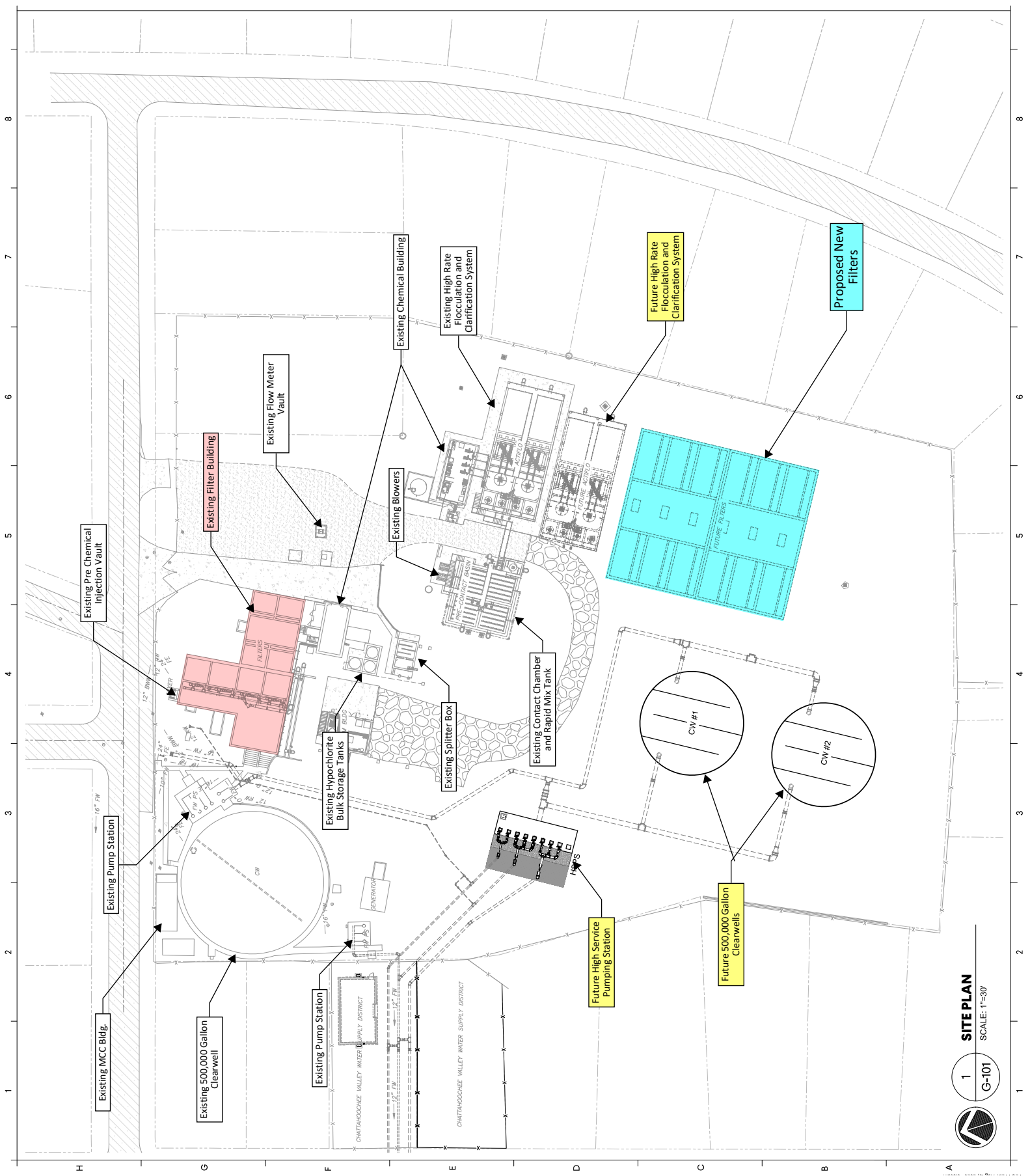
Electronic copies of this letter are being provided to your agent, Goodwin, Mills and Cawood, Inc., Attention: Ms. Lauren Barber at lauren.barber@gmcnetwork.com.

Thank you for your cooperation with our permit program. If you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact me at james.e.buckelew@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,

Eric Buckelew
Senior Project Manager
North Branch

Attachments



1 SITE PLAN
SCALE: 1"=30'
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CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY WATER TREATMENT PLANT
WATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS
2021 DWSRF APPLICATION
For the Chattahoochee Valley Water Supply District
Chambers County, Alabama

SAM-2021-00589-JEB



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REF. SHEET: LANETT SOUTH, ALABAMA QUADRANGLE MAP
DESCRIPTION: REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE

FIGURE 1

USGS QUADRANGLE MAP
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REF. SHEET: ESRI WORLD IMAGERY
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FIGURE 2


AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH
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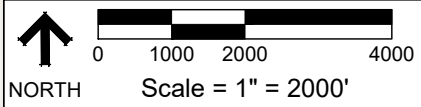
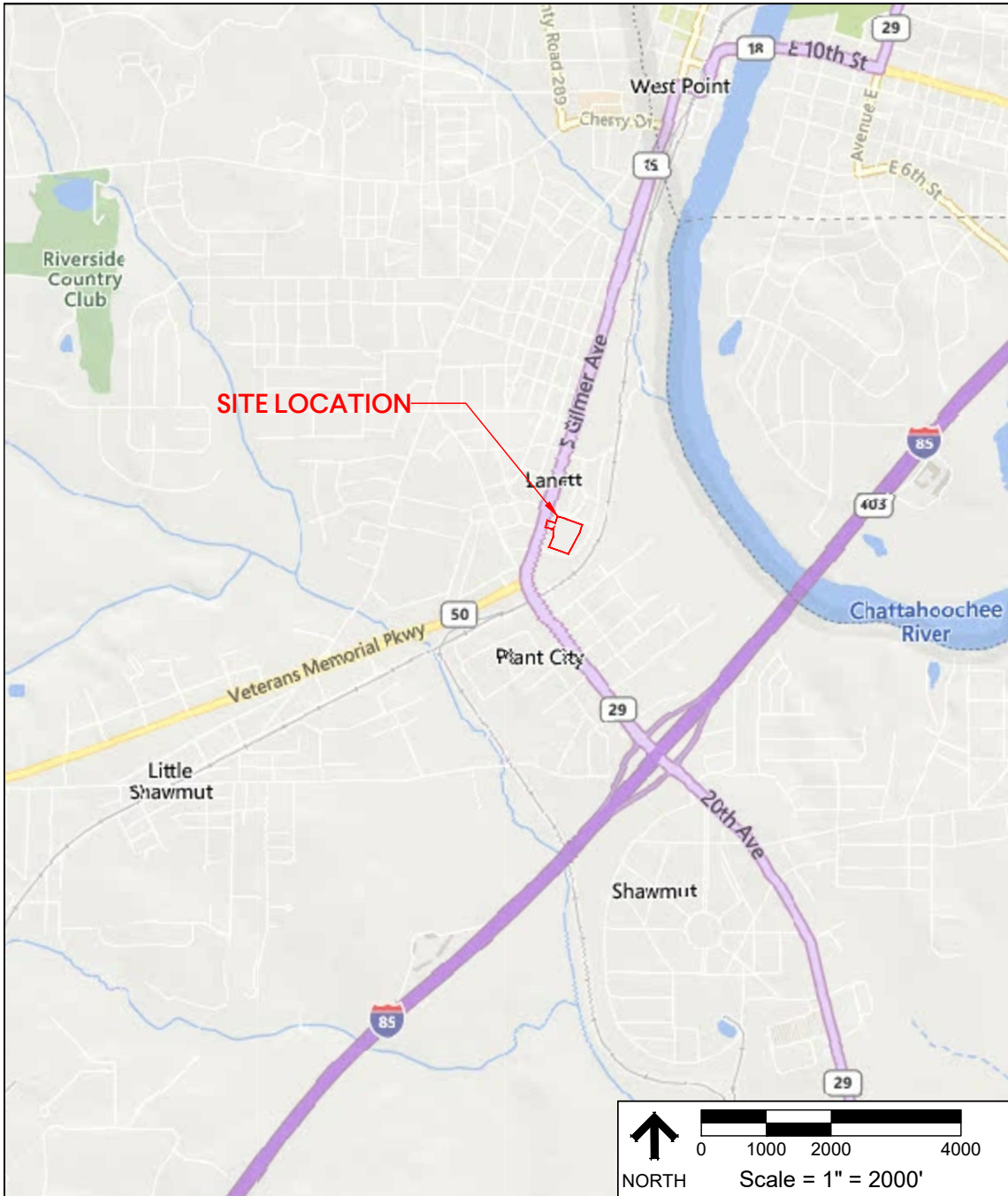
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Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name
LbC3	Lloyd gravelly clay loam, severely eroded, sloping



<p>REF. SHEET: CHAMBERS COUNTY SOIL SURVEY DESCRIPTION: REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE</p> <p>Water Treatment Facility Improvements Lanett, Chambers County, Alabama</p>	<p>FIGURE 3</p> <p>SOIL MAP GMC # DATE: 05/18/2021 DRAWN BY: LAB</p>	<p>2660 East Chase Lane, Suite 200 Montgomery, AL 36117 T 334.271.3200 GMCNETWORK.COM</p>	
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REF. SHEET: ESRI WORLD STREETS
 DESCRIPTION: ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT
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FIGURE 4
 GENERAL LOCATION MAP
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