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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Town of Holly Pond
Cullman County

CWSRF Project No. CS010848-02

August 31, 2020

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made \$680,000 in financial assistance available to the Town of Holly Pond 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 Holly Pond is proposing sanitary sewer improvements to identify and correct inflow and infiltration (I/I) problems within the sewer collection system, upgrades to two sanitary sewer pump stations, and rehabilitation and upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant. The proposed project consists of investigation work to identify the in-situ infrastructure conditions of both piping and manholes to facilitate rehabilitation and replacement of the gravity sewers. Two sanitary lift stations will be rehabilitated with upgrades to electrical components to improve efficiency and reliability. The wastewater treatment plant will be rehabilitated and upgraded due to components exceeding their useful life. The proposed projects will improve the treatment efficiency of the overall wastewater 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 Mr. William A. Lott, SRF and Operator Certification 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 this CE. 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/EJR/WAL/kbh

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 effect 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

October 11, 2019

Timothy R. Rylee
Insite Engineering
5800 Feldspar Way
Hoover, AL 35244

Re: AHC 20-0025
Town of Holly Pond Sanitary Sewer Collection System and Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades
Cullman County

Dear Mr. Rylee:

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,

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

October 31, 2019

North Branch
Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Department of the Army, No Permit Required, File Number SAM-2019-00935-JLB, Town of Holly Pond Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation

Town of Holly Pond
c/o InSite Engineering
Attention: Mr. Tim Rylee
5800 Feldspar Way
Hoover, Alabama 35244

Transmitted electronically to Tim@insiteengineering.org

Dear Mr. Rylee:

This is in response to your October 2, 2019 letter, on behalf of the Town of Holly Pond, concerning proposed rehabilitation of an existing sanitary sewer collection system. Specifically, work will occur at pump station 3 (Lat. 34.1851°N, Long. 86.6112°W), pump station 4 (Lat. 34.1888°N, Long. 86.6153°W), and the Holly Pond Wastewater Treatment Plant (Lat. 34.1778°N, Long. 86.6030°W) in Holly Pond, Cullman County, Alabama. This project has been assigned file number SAM-2019-00935-JLB, which should be referred to in all future correspondence regarding this project.

As stated in your letter and additional emailed correspondence of October 30, 2019, the project will consist of the replacement of mechanical and electrical apparatuses entirely within the footprints of existing structures. Due to the lack of proposed work involving ground disturbance outside of the existing facility footprints, these equipment and electrical rehabilitation activities are not typically regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) specifically addresses discharges of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the United States (U.S.), 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 U.S.

Because the Town of Holly Pond sanitary sewer system rehabilitation project does not involve a discharge of dredged and/or fill material, 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 sewer collection system activities 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.

Thank you for your cooperation with our permit program. If you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact me at (205)-945-7591 or jacob.l.brown@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,

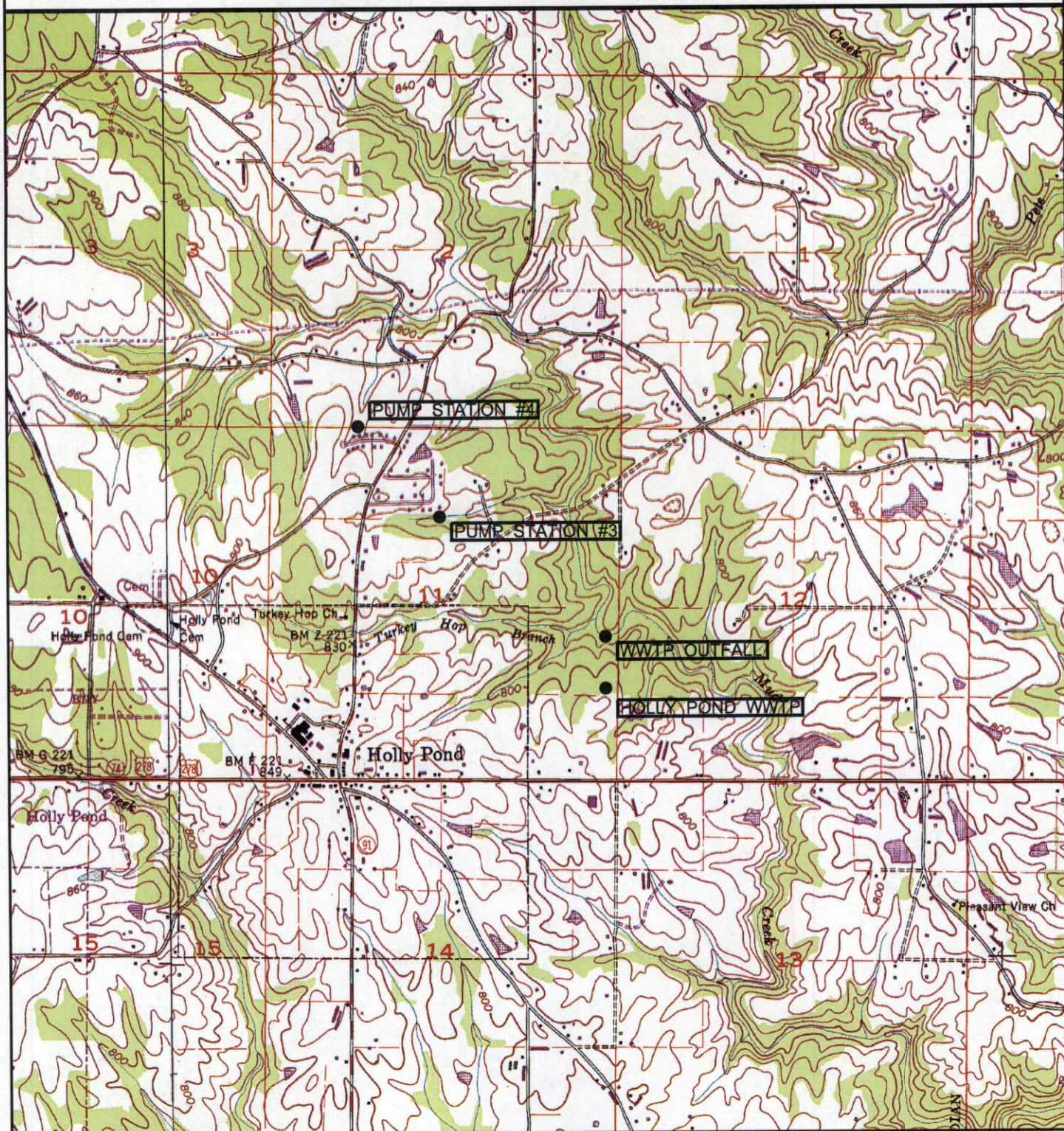
Logan Brown
Regulatory Specialist
North Branch

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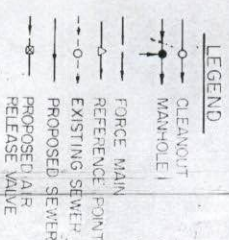
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LOCATION: HOLLY POND, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

SCALE: 2000



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WASTEWATER COLLECTION
THE TOWN OF WILLOW
WILLOW POUD

From: [Timothy R Rylee](#)
To: [Brown, Jacob L CESAM](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: SAM-2019-00935-JLb // Town of Holly Pond Sanitary Sewer
Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 3:23:23 PM
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The plan is to replace pumps, hatches, piping, electrical panels, etc.. All work will be done within the existing pumping station sites.

If the pumping station structures need to be replaced they will go back in the same location they are currently in. However the intent is to use the existing structures as is.

Thanks
Tim

On Oct 30, 2019, at 3:13 PM, Brown, Jacob L CESAM <Jacob.L.Brown@usace.army.mil> wrote:

Mr. Rylee,

Could you please describe the nature of pump station rehabilitation? Specifically, will they be installing new software or are they planning to replace/reconstruct any structure? If they plan on replacing/reconstruction structures, will it occur entirely within the existing footprint of the pump station?

Thanks,

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Regulatory Specialist
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October 21, 2019

InSite Engineering, LLC
ATTN: Tim Rylee, P.E.
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Hoover, AL 35244

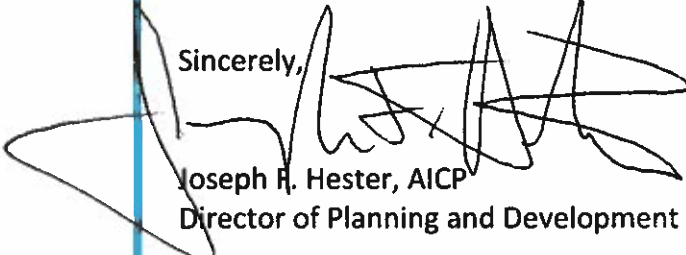
**RE: Letter of Concurrence
Town of Holly Pond, Cullman County
2019 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan**

Dear Mr. Haynes:

The North Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments (NARCOG) has reviewed the information provided for the proposed project in the Town of Holly Pond, and we offer our concurrence. NARCOG understands that the proposed project consists of performing work within the existing sanitary sewer collection and plant. The proposed projects will include the following: identify and resolve infiltration and inflow issues; upgrades to sanitary sewer pump stations, and upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant. These proposed projects will ensure that the facilities operate more efficiently and meet the regulations set forth by the Town and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), which improve the quality of life for the residents of Holly Pond.

In conclusion, NARCOG finds the proposed project to be consistent and compatible with local, state, and regional plans. Should you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at (256) 355-4515.

Sincerely,



Joseph R. Hester, AICP
Director of Planning and Development

cc: Jeffrey A. Pruitt, AICP, Executive Director
File

TA/WJP #2

2020-TA-0060



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BY: *CJP*

October 2, 2019

Mr. William J. Pearson
U.S. Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
1208-B Main Street
Daphne, Alabama 36526

Dear Mr. Pearson;

My name is Timothy Rylee, P.E., and I work for InSite Engineering, LLC. We are consulting engineers for the Town of Holly Pond, Alabama.

The Town of Holly Pond, Alabama has proposed to perform work within the existing sanitary sewer collection and plant. The projects will include the following: identify and resolve infiltration and inflow issues, upgrades to sanitary sewer pump stations to ensure they operate more efficiently, and upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant to meet the needs of the regulations set forth by the governing body., and will be in accordance with ADEM regulations and standards.

LOCATION

Please find attached a vicinity map of the existing water system network, water treatment plant and raw water pumping station. The locations for each corner are as follows: NW corner: Township 9S, Range 1W, Section 34; SW corner: Township 10S, Range 1W, Section 15; NE corner: Township 9S, Range 1E, Section 31 and SE corner: Township 10S, Range 1E, Section 18. For reference, the Town of Holly Pond WWTP is located in Township 10S, Range 1W, Section 11.

The sites for the proposed projects areas have been previously disturbed and/or are in property owned by the Town of Holly Pond, roadway right-of-way and easements

SUMMARY

In accordance with ADEM CWSRF funding procedures we are requesting concurrence of this modification from your agency. According to the CWSRF Applicants Instructions a response from your agency is required to meet all standards and guidelines for all applicants. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Please respond to care of Tim Rylee, InSite Engineering, LLC or via email at tim@insiteengineering.org

Sincerely,
InSite Engineering, LLC

Timothy R. Rylee, P.E. Timothy R. Rylee, P.E.
File 19016.00/2019CWSRF/FWS Letter

5800 Feldspar Way
Hoover, Alabama 35244



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

No endangered or threatened species or 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.

William J. Pearson
William J. Pearson, Field Supervisor

10/15/2019
Date

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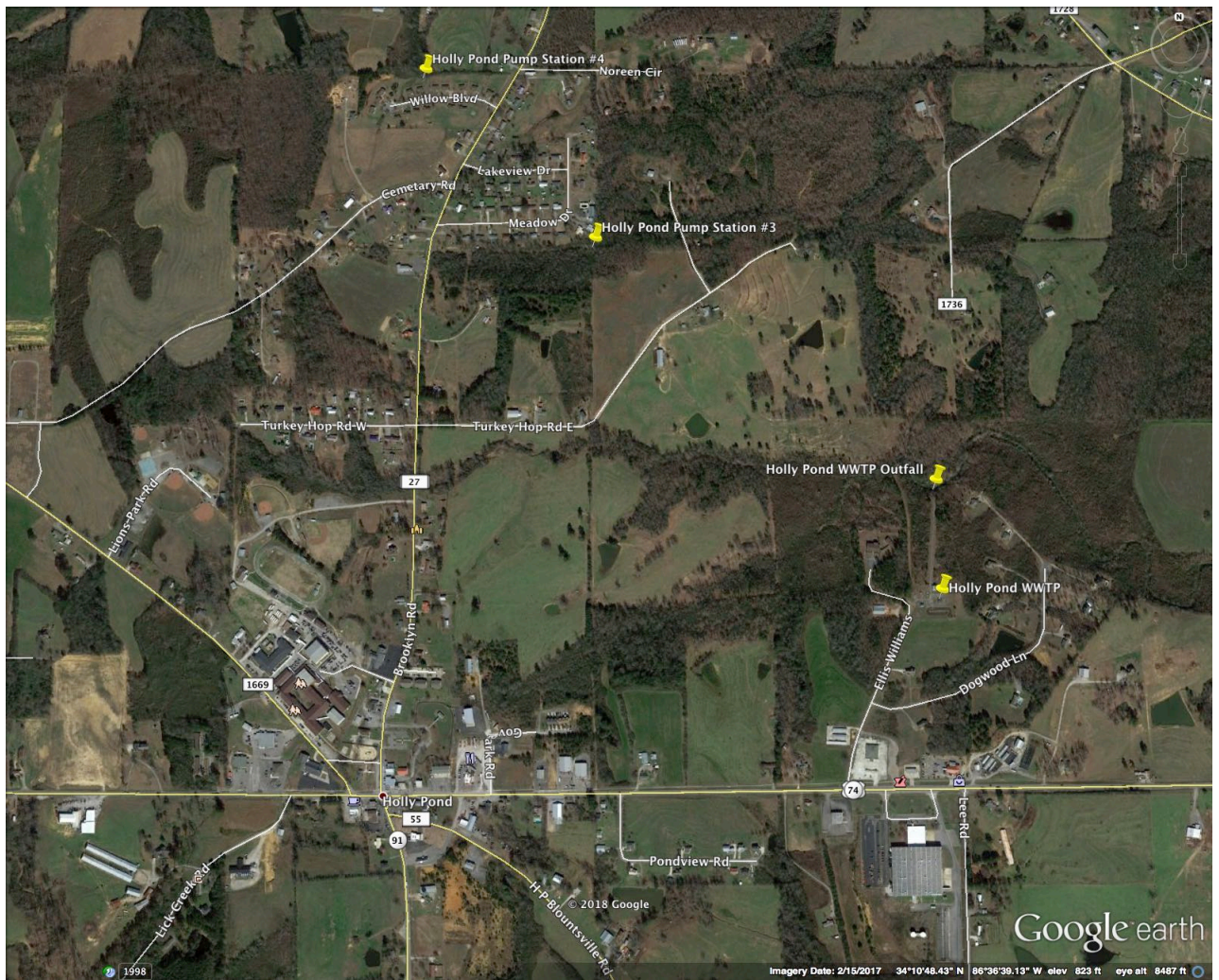


Figure I – Town of Holly Pond, Alabama

NAME: HOLLY POND WWTP

LOCATION: HOLLY POND, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

SCALE: 2000

