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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

City of Dothan
Houston County

SRF Project No. FS010123-02

January 18, 2023

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made \$12,528,272 in financial assistance available to the City of Dothan 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 City of Dothan proposes to replace antiquated water distribution lines that have reached their useful service life. This project includes the construction and inspection for the upgrade and replacement of certain galvanized and unlined cast iron water lines. These water lines are responsible for numerous leaks causing service interruptions and requiring roadway replacements. Additionally, these antiquated water lines are responsible for numerous water quality complaints due to odorous and discolored water. In addition, this project will include the replacement of failing infrastructure including larger diameter water lines along the Ross Clark Circle (SR210) loop which serves as a backbone to the City of Dothan water system. Since the Ross Clark Circle distribution pipe was installed there have been multiple failures resulting in property damage and large-scale service interruptions to critical industrial and health care institutions, thereby adversely affecting customer quality of life. Completion of these projects will eliminate water outage and low pressure issues in the distribution system and enable the system to provide safe reliable water.

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 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/EJR/WAL



City of Dothan
SRF# FS010123-02

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:
3.
 - 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.

Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

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August 22, 2022

Angie J. Akos, P.E.
City of Dothan
P.O. Box 2128
Dothan, AL 36302

Re: DWSRF Project No. FS010123-02 for the City of Dothan

Dear Ms. Akos:

We appreciate your contacting us with information regarding the above referenced proposed project and application the City of Dothan is submitting for financial assistance through the State of Alabama Department of Environmental Management Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program.

Specifically, your request for review involves improvements to the city's water distribution system. We have reviewed your information and believe, based on your brief project description, that the proposed project would serve a public benefit to the citizens residing in the project areas by providing improved water quality and consistent services and avoiding property damage and widespread service interruptions. We believe this project is consistent with known regional development plans and that your project description as submitted will have no adverse impact.

Therefore, we are concurring with your project plans based on your submitted information and wish the City of Dothan the best of luck in proceeding with the project and application for financial assistance through the DWSRF Program. Should the project scope change, please notify us for further consultation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "KS", is written over a horizontal line.

Kenneth S. (Scott) Farmer, AICP
Executive Director

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August 15, 2022

Mr. Bill Pearson
Field Supervisor
Fish and Wildlife Service
1208-B Main Street
Daphne, Alabama 36526

Re: Proposed 2022 Ross Clark Circle and Red Water Replacement
DWSRF Project No. FS010123-02
Dothan, Alabama

Dear Mr. Pearson:

The City of Dothan is seeking to acquire grant and loan funds through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program. As part of the DWSRF Program requirements, applicants must receive concurrence for the proposed project from the Fish and Wildlife Service.

This project includes the replacement of several miles of small and medium diameter galvanized and cast-iron water lines that are the cause of frequent water main leaks and street repairs and frequent water quality complaints. The project also includes large diameter water lines located around the Ross Clark Circle (SR210). These antiquated water lines are responsible for frequent and large-scale water main breaks, often resulting in property damage and widespread service interruptions to critical customers. All of these water lines are located in disadvantaged areas of the community. See attached vicinity maps.

Please review the information provided and provide your response to Dothan Utilities. To expedite the process, responses may be emailed to ajakos@dothan.org. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Angie J. Akos, P.E.
Assistant Director – Water Operations



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

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
William J. Pearson, Field Supervisor

8/29/2022
Date

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Lisa D. Jones
Executive Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Tel: 334-242-3184
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September 14, 2022

Angie Akos
200 Kilgore Drive
Dothan, AL 36301

Re: AHC 22-1013
2022 Ross Clark Circle and Red Water Replacement
Houston County

Dear Ms. Akos:

We concur with the above referenced project provided all construction activities will occur within **existing and previously disturbed** highway right-of-way and/or other previously disturbed areas. For the purposes of this letter, previous disturbance is defined as mechanical disturbance to either culturally sterile subsoil, or the maximum depth of the proposed undertaking. It should be noted that agricultural plowing does not typically meet this threshold of disturbance, nor do previously undisturbed portions of the ROW that require clearing of additional vegetation. 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.

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.

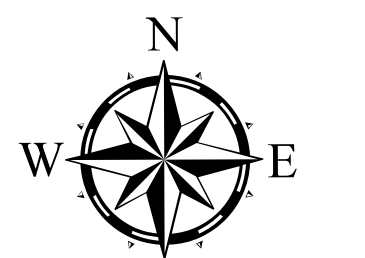
We appreciate your commitment to helping us preserve Alabama's historic archaeological and architectural resources. Should you have any questions, please contact Amanda McBride at 334.230.2692 or Amanda.McBride@ahc.alabama.gov. Have the AHC tracking number referenced above available and include it with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

Sincerely,

Lee Anne Wofford
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

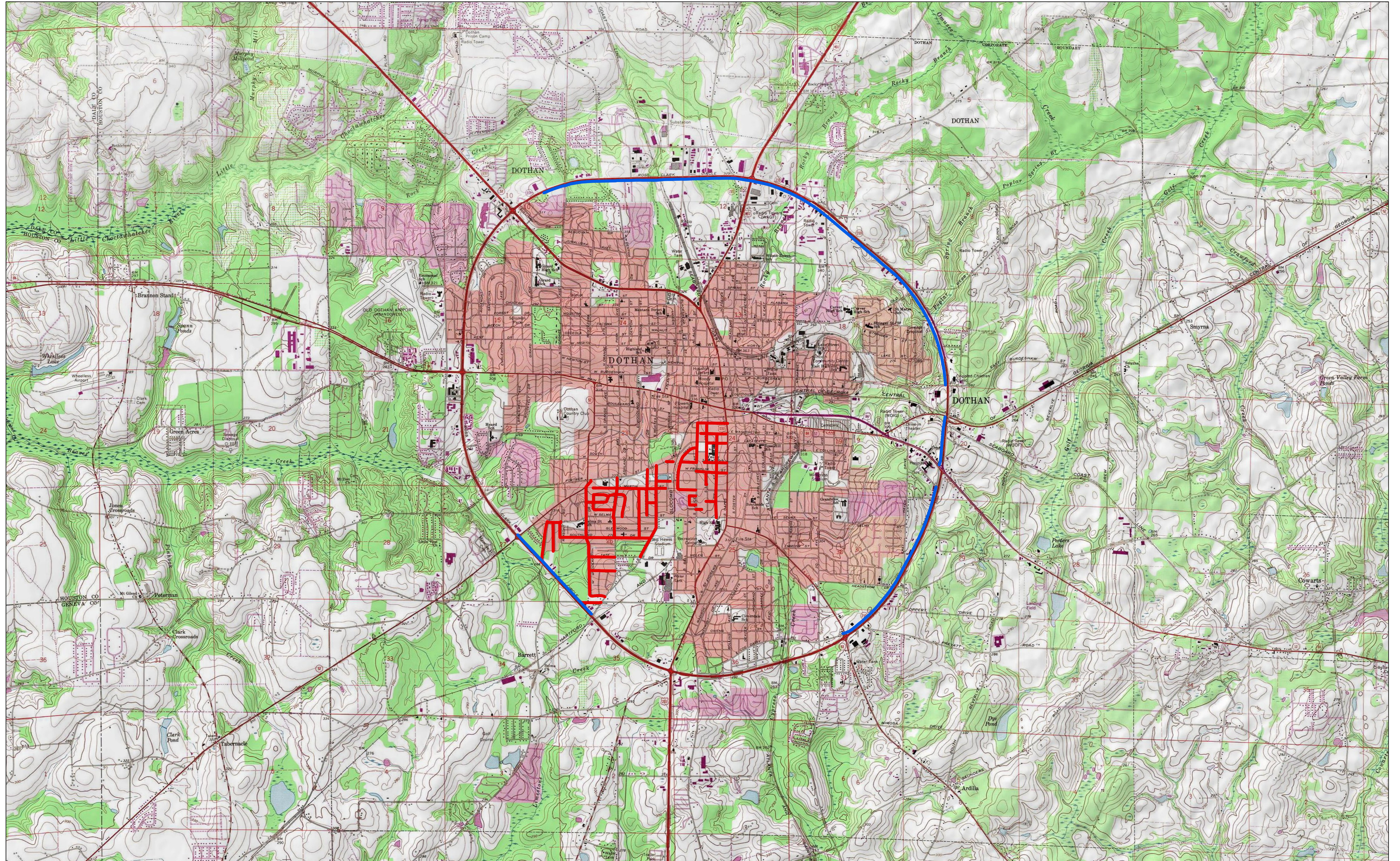
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Dothan SRF and Redwater Water Main Rehabilitation



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1 inch = 2000 ft

Referenced Maps Used:
USGS Midland City, Alabama Quadrangle Topographic 7.5 Series Map Number 31085-C4-TF-024 1969 Revised 1981
USGS Dothan East, Alabama Quadrangle Topographic 7.5 Series Map Number 31085-B3-TF-024 1969 Revised 1981
USGS Dothan West, Alabama Quadrangle Topographic 7.5 Series Map Number 31085-B4-TF-024 1969 Revised 1981



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August 15, 2022

Mr. Brad Crosson – Regulatory Director
Inland Branch, Regulatory Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Mobile District
P.O. Box 2288
Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001

Re: Proposed 2022 Ross Clark Circle and Red Water Replacement
DWSRF Project No. FS010123-02
Dothan, Alabama

Dear Mr. Crosson:

The City of Dothan is seeking to acquire grant and loan funds through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program. As part of the DWSRF Program requirements, applicants must receive concurrence for the proposed project from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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AL Branch

Brantley, Denise

From: Brantley, Denise
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 6:19 AM
To: 'Steven.b.crosson@usace.army.mil'
Subject: SRF Concurrence Letter with attached maps
Attachments: Letter addressed to_Brad Crosson_Inland Branch_US Army Corps of Engineers_15AUG2022_SIGNED.pdf; ROSS CLARK CIRCLE.pdf; Proposed Redwater Map.pdf

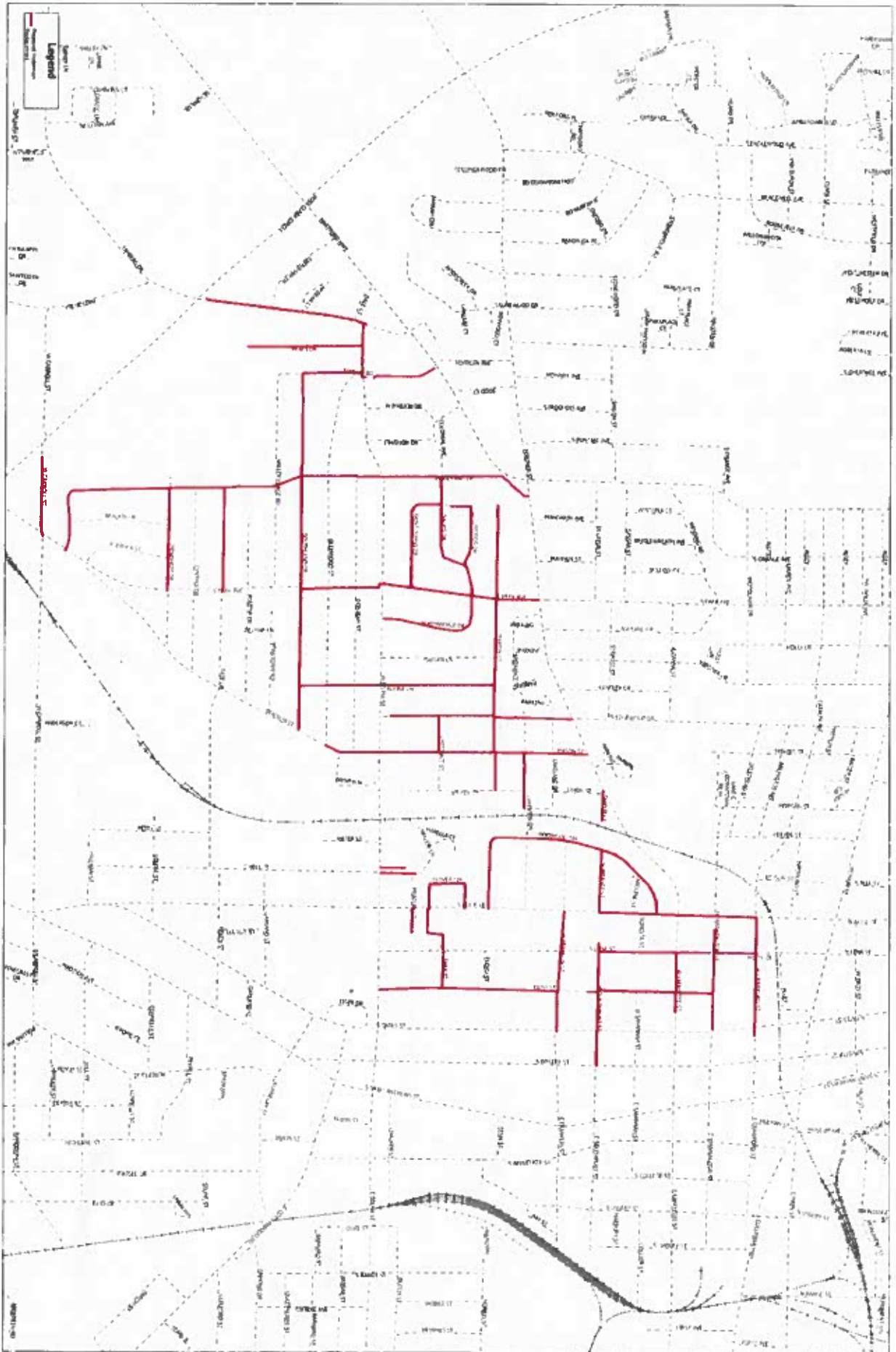
Please see attached letter with maps. Original will be sent via usps.

Thank you,

Denise Brantley

Dothan Utilities
Administrative Coordinator
334-615-3240

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Ross Clark Circle



Akos, Angie J

From: McDonald, Lindsay
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2023 3:58 PM
To: Akos, Angie J
Subject: FW: Acknowledgment Email - SAM-2022-00849 (2022 Ross Clark Circle and Red Water Replacement)
Attachments: New.pdf

-----Original Message-----

From: Akos, Angie J <ajakos@dothan.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2022 1:31 PM
To: Mosley, Hank <hmosley@dothan.org>
Subject: FW: Acknowledgment Email - SAM-2022-00849 (2022 Ross Clark Circle and Red Water Replacement)

-----Original Message-----

From: CESAM-RD <CESAM-RD@usace.army.mil>
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2022 11:36 AM
To: Akos, Angie J <ajakos@dothan.org>
Subject: Acknowledgment Email - SAM-2022-00849 (2022 Ross Clark Circle and Red Water Replacement)

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mobile District is in receipt of your recent request. This request has been assigned the following file number, which should be referred to in all future correspondence with this office concerning this project:

File Number: SAM-2022-00849

Following an initial review of your request a project manager will contact you if any additional information is required.

The USACE, Mobile District now utilizes paperless communication, and you will receive only electronic copies of any correspondence from us concerning this matter (including any possible permit authorizations), unless a paper copy is specifically requested. If you wish to receive paper copies of our correspondence you should send a written request to this office at the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Mobile District, Regulatory Division (RD-A) Post Office Box 2288 Mobile, Alabama 36628.

Electronic copies of this email and any future correspondence will also be sent to your agent, if applicable, and to any relevant agencies.

For additional information on our Regulatory program, visit our website at:

Stephanie L. Wilson
Regulatory Systems Administrator
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Desk: 251-694-3785
Cell: 251-376-4841

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From: Wilson, Stephanie L CIV USARMY CESAM (USA) <Stephanie.L.Wilson@usace.army.mil>
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2022 9:47 AM
To: CESAM-RD <CESAM-RD@usace.army.mil>
Subject: FW: Scanned Document (Dothan Utilities)

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From: Wilson, Stephanie L CIV USARMY CESAM (USA) <Stephanie.L.Wilson@usace.army.mil>
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2022 9:39 AM
To: Wilson, Stephanie L CIV USARMY CESAM (USA) <Stephanie.L.Wilson@usace.army.mil>
Subject: Scanned Document

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Akos, Angie J

From: Mosley, Hank
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2023 3:40 PM
To: Akos, Angie J
Subject: FW: SAM-2022-00849-City of Dothan SRF funded water line replacement

From: Mosley, Hank
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2022 1:17 PM
To: Lott, Bill <WAL@adem.alabama.gov>
Subject: FW: SAM-2022-00849-City of Dothan SRF funded water line replacement

Bill,
Please see below for the update on the compliance letter from the US Army Corps of Engineers in reference to the City of Dothan Ross Clark Circle Improvements and Woodland Redwater Project.

Thanks,
Hank Mosley

From: Hamilton, Elizabeth A CIV USARMY CESAM (USA) <Elizabeth.A.Hamilton@usace.army.mil>
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2022 11:24 AM
To: McDonald, Lindsay <lmcdonald@dothan.org>
Subject: SAM-2022-00849-City of Dothan SRF funded water line replacement

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Ms. McDonald,

I apologize for the delay in my review. Due to an overwhelming increase in workload and subsequent inquiries, I am unable to provide status updates at this time. A typical Regulatory Project Manager workload is about 20-30 projects and our team is presently balancing 70-80 projects (per Project Manager), resulting from a loss in Project Management staff and a surge in Regulatory requests. Consequently, review times have been significantly impacted and are currently delayed. Responding to daily inquiries from 70-80 applicants/agents requesting status updates further impedes our ability to complete reviews. While our leadership is working to bring on new teammates, which will eventually help to alleviate workloads and improve review times, it will take some time to get them through the hiring process and sufficiently trained. In the meantime, our team will continue working tirelessly to process active requests in the order which they are received. We sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding while we work through these difficulties.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth A. Hamilton
Senior Project Manager

**South Alabama Branch
Mobile District, Regulatory Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

Akos, Angie J

From: Hamilton, Elizabeth A CIV USARMY CESAM (USA)
<Elizabeth.A.Hamilton@usace.army.mil>
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2022 2:12 PM
To: Akos, Angie J
Subject: JD Request // SAM-2022-00849-EAH // City of Dothan - Replacement of Drinking Water Lines

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Ms. Akos,

This message is in reference to the City of Dothan's request for a No Permit Required Letter, assigned file number SAM-2022-00849-EAH. In order for us to complete our review, please provide the following:

- a. A .kmz or shapefile of the lines to be replaced.
- b. A delineation of any potentially jurisdictional waters/wetlands to be crossed by the replacement utility lines.
 1. Indicate methods of replacement (directional boring, trenching, etc.) for these locations.
 2. Any water crossings to be directionally bored, should be indicated on plans showing the entry/exit points.

Please provide this information within 30-days of the date of this email or the request will be withdrawn.

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Email: Elizabeth.A.Hamilton@usace.army.mil

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Subject: FW: JD Request // SAM-2022-00849-EAH // City of Dothan - Replacement of Drinking Water Lines
Attachments: Watermains to be replaced.dbf; Watermains to be replaced.prj; Watermains to be replaced.idx; Watermains to be replaced.shp; Watermains to be replaced.shx

From: McDonald, Lindsay
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2022 12:24 PM
To: Elizabeth.A.Hamilton@usace.army.mil
Subject: JD Request // SAM-2022-00849-EAH // City of Dothan - Replacement of Drinking Water Lines

From: Hamilton, Elizabeth A CIV USARMY CESAM (USA) <Elizabeth.A.Hamilton@usace.army.mil>
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