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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The City of Alexander City
Tallapoosa County

SRF Project No. CS010329-04

April 27, 2022

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made \$9,179,200 in financial assistance available to The City of Alexander City 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 City of Alexander City proposes a project to construct adequate systems to convey wastewater flow along HWY 280 to the Sugar Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant for treatment and discharge. The project consists of two new pump stations along with force main and appurtenances from the new pump stations to the treatment plant. Force main will be installed along existing right of way. The project will alleviate current capacity problems and prevent sanitary sewer overflows.

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. Juliette Waid, 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 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.

Lance R. LeFleur
Director

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The City of Alexander City
SRF# CS010329-04

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 no 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.

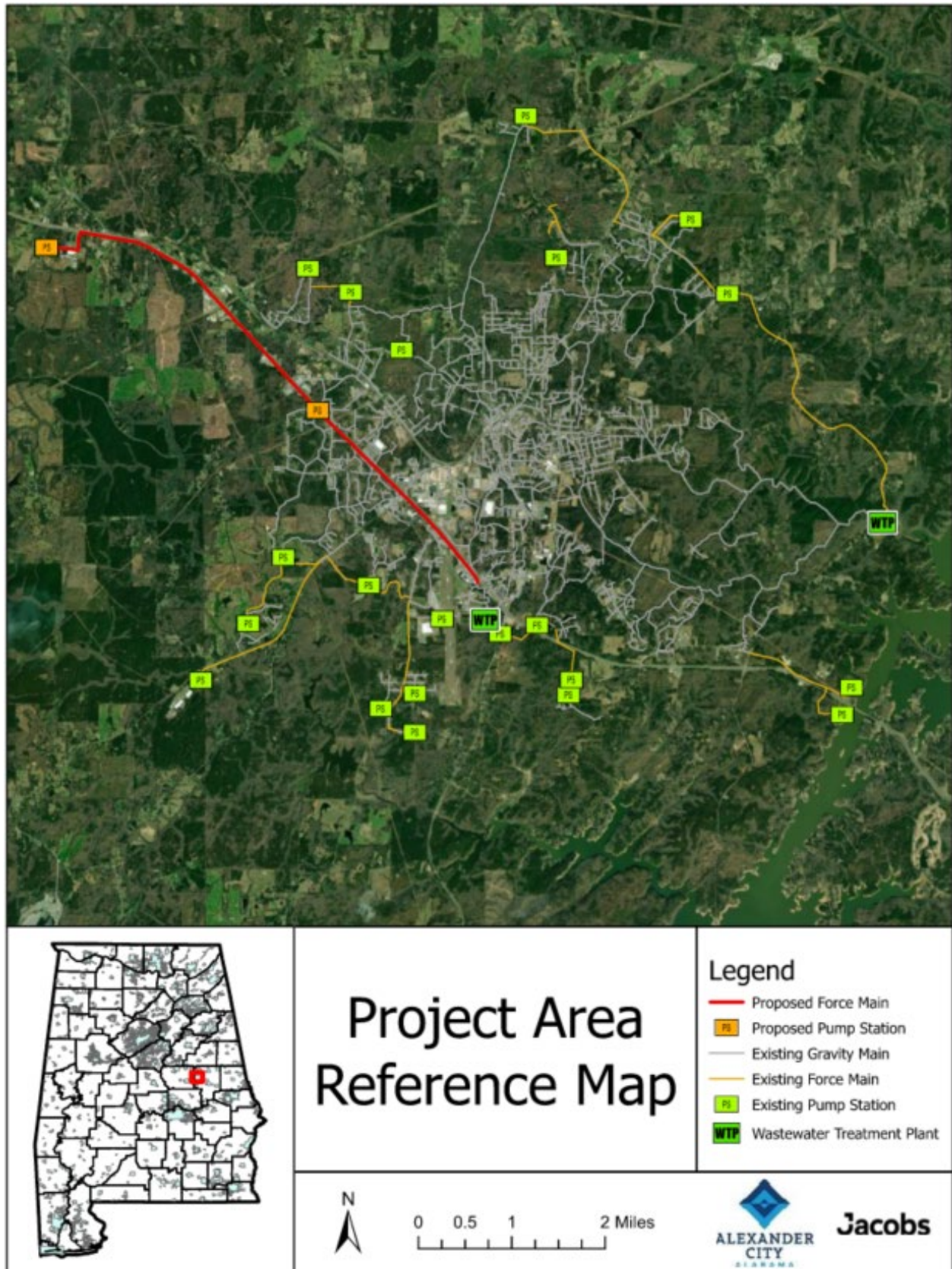


Figure 1: Project Area Reference Map



ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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October 18, 2021

Taylor Griswell
People & Places Solutions
4121 Carmichael Road Suite 400
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Re: AHC 21-1246
Project Clean Water
Coosa County

Dear Mr. Griswell:

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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September 28, 2021

Attention: Bill Pearson
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1208-B Main Street
Daphne, Alabama 36526

Project Name: Project Clean Water
Project Number: D3466203

Subject: Request for Letter of Concurrence
CWSRF # CS010329-04
Project Clean Water
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Mr. Pearson,

The City of Alexander City has submitted a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan pre-application to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM). The project site is located in Kellyton, Alabama just west of Alexander City, Alabama. The loan will be used to construct adequate assets to convey wastewater flow from the Kellyton Industrial Park to the Sugar Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) in Alexander City. Please find attached preliminary engineering report of the proposed project which includes maps showing the location of the proposed facilities.

In accordance with the application, we request your review and a response in writing including any comments and concurrence of the project within 30 days of the date of this letter to aid in submitting the application by the appropriate deadline. Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions regarding this request or require any additional information, please feel free to contact Dana Raughton at (334) 321-1862 or me.

Yours sincerely,
Taylor Griswell
Taylor Griswell, P.E.
Project Engineer
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Copies to: Gerard Brewer, P.E./City of Alexander ()
Dana Raughtin, P.E./JACOBS



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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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

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October 20, 2021

Lori Hodge Corley
Executive Director

Taylor Griswell
Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.
4121 Carmichael Rd.
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RE: Project Clean Water
Project Number: D3466203
CWSRF: CS010329-04
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Mr. Griswell,

We, at the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (EARPDC) are committed to ensuring residents of Alexander City have adequate sewage infrastructure available for sewage collection and treatment. Project Clean Water focuses on key infrastructure upgrades that will provide enhanced sewage collection and treatment to this community of 14,000 residents.

We, at the EARPDC strongly support Project Clean Water and its benefits will provide an innovative approach to the conveyance of wastewater flow from the Kellyton Industrial Park to the Sugar Creek Wastewater Treatment plant in Alexander City. At its current state the existing treatment system sewer is insufficient and can no longer support the existing flow, this is of high priority for Alexander City and its residents.

The proposed project aligns entirely with the goals outlined in our Economic Development District's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) which is the provision of water supplies and sewage treatment facilities within the region.

Adequate sewage disposal is of high priority for the Alexander City and EARPDC; therefore, securing adequate funding is critical to completing the necessary project that will ensure the Alexander City community receives a basic need for sewage disposal. We strongly encourage the ADEM to fund this project for the Alexander City community.

Sincerely,

Lori Hodge Corley, Executive Director
EARPDC



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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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

March 14, 2022

North Branch
Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Department of the Army Pre-Application Consultation, File Number SAM-2021-01111-JEB, City of Alexander-Project Clean Water

City of Alexander
c/o Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.
Attention: Taylor Griswell
4121 Carmichael Road, Suite 400
Montgomery, Alabama 36106

Transmitted electronically to Taylor.Griswell@jacobs.com

Dear Mr. Griswell:

This is in response to your September 28, 2021 letter, submitted on behalf of the City of Alexander, requesting comments regarding proposed improvements to the City of Alexander wastewater treatment and collection system. The work would occur throughout the City of Alexander and along U.S. Highway 280 in Tallapoosa County, Alabama, centered near Latitude 32.931947°N, Longitude -85.961920°W. This project has been assigned file number **SAM-2021-01111-JEB**, which should be referred to in all future correspondence regarding the 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). Based on our review of the information you provided and other publicly available mapping resources, it appears the proposed replacement and installation of new water lines may require discharges of fill material into jurisdictional streams and/or wetlands that would require a DA permit. However, without a formal delineation of the potential jurisdictional aquatic resources within the project area and more specific construction design and land disturbance footprint information, the nature and extent of aquatic resource impacts that may require a permit remains unclear.

It appears that Nationwide Permit 58 (NWP 58) for Utility Line Activities for Water and Other Substances **may** be applicable to the proposed wastewater system rehabilitation improvements that may impact waters of the U.S.; therefore, a copy of NWP 58 is enclosed for reference as further planning and design of the proposed work is undertaken. Please be aware that the conditions of NWP 58 require the applicant to submit a pre-construction notification (PCN) to this office, and receive a written verification of coverage under the permit prior to commencing the activity if either of the following criteria are met: (1) a Section 10 permit is required; or (2) the discharge will result in the loss of greater than 1/10-acre of waters of the United States. Additionally, pre-construction notification would be required if the proposed work would potentially affect federally listed threatened and endangered species and/or their designated

critical habitats, if the work would affect known historic properties or cultural resource sites or such sites that are potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and if the work would affect Federal navigation project waters such as the Black Warrior River, Tombigbee River, etc. If none of the aforementioned conditions would be triggered by the proposed work, it is possible the proposed work may already be authorized under NWP 58 provided the work would be conducted in compliance with all terms and conditions in the attached copy of Nationwide Permit 58.

If the City of Alexander is specifically requesting written verification under a NWP 58 for Utility Line Activities for Water and Other Substances to cover any of the proposed water system maintenance and improvement work, please submit a complete pre- construction notification (PCN) in accordance with General Condition 32 (b) Content of Pre- Construction Notification to this office accompanied by a wetland delineation for the entire project, as well as locations (latitude/longitude) of the stream and/or wetland impacts, and the flow classifications of the streams (perennial, intermittent, ephemeral).

Nothing in this letter shall be construed as excusing you from compliance with other Federal, State, or local statutes, ordinances, or regulations that may affect any proposed work.

You may contact me at james.e.buckelew@usace.army.mil or 251-690-3184 if you have questions concerning this matter. We appreciate your cooperation with the USACE Regulatory Program. For additional information about our Regulatory Program, visit our website at www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx. Also, while you are there please take a moment to complete our customer service survey located on the right side of the webpage. Your responses are appreciated and will help us improve our services.

Sincerely,



Eric Buckelew
Senior Project Manager
North Branch

Attachments