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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

City of Selma

Dallas County

DWSRF# FS010256-03

May xx, 2023

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made \$5,783,885 in financial assistance available to the City of Selma using funds from the FY 2022 SRF loan and American Recovery Plan Act(ARPA) Drinking Water/Waste Water grant programs. In accordance with State and Federal regulations that govern the programs, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management has conducted a review to assess potential impacts upon the environment that may result from implementation of this project.

The City of Selma proposes to make major upgrades and rehabilitation of existing wells and associated treatment plants, and the re-routing and replacement of existing water pipes to make them more accessible for repairs as el as replacing seriously deteriorated pipes with excessive leakage. The upgrades to the existing wells will greatly increase water supply and production in the system. The rerouting and replacement of the existing water mains will benefit a significant number of existing residential customers as well as those residents housed at the Dallas County Jail.

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 potential environmental impacts of the project is discovered.

Comments relative to this project should be submitted in writing to Mr. John Laney, 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 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 LeFleur, Director Alabama Department of Environmental Management

LRL/EJR/JWL/kbh Attachment



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.

CONCURRENCE



ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Lisa D. Jones Executive Director State Historic Preservation Officer

> Tel: 334-242-3184 Fax: 334-242-1083

468 South Perry Street Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900

November 29, 2022

D. Ray Hogg, Jr. I Satterfield Street Selma, AL 36701

Re: AHC 23-0160

Well, Water Treatment and Distribution Improvements-City of Selma

Dallas County

Dear Mr. Hogg:

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

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Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

LAW/AMH/nj



MB 1 Satterfield St Selma, AL 3670 Le 0/084, 875, 1960

HOGG STONE & ASSOCIATES ENGINEERS, INC.

October 12, 2022

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

Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Selma

FY 2022 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project

Project No. FS 010256-03

Dear Mr. Pearson:

The Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Selma is proposing to submit a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Application to the State of Alabama Department of Environmental Management. Funds will be used to implement various improvements to the system's drinking water system at various locations throughout the City.

The Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Selma (hereinafter referred to as the Selma Water Works) proposes to make water production and distribution improvements. Water production improvements include drilling of a new well No. 3 to replace the existing well. upgrades at Well Numbers 7, and 8, and replacement of the SCADA system. Also, included is the re-routing of existing water mains at Selfield, Bush Hog and the Ford Dealership, Attached is a USGS Quad Map showing locations of proposed improvements.

As part of the Environmental Information Document (EID), we are hereby requesting concurrence on this project from your agency.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call at (334) 875-1960 or email me at hoggeng@bellsouth.net.

Sincerely,

HSA ENGINEERS, INC.

D. Ray Hogg, Jr. P.E

CC: Hon. James Perkins, Jr. **Board Members** Ms. Maxine Tarver

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

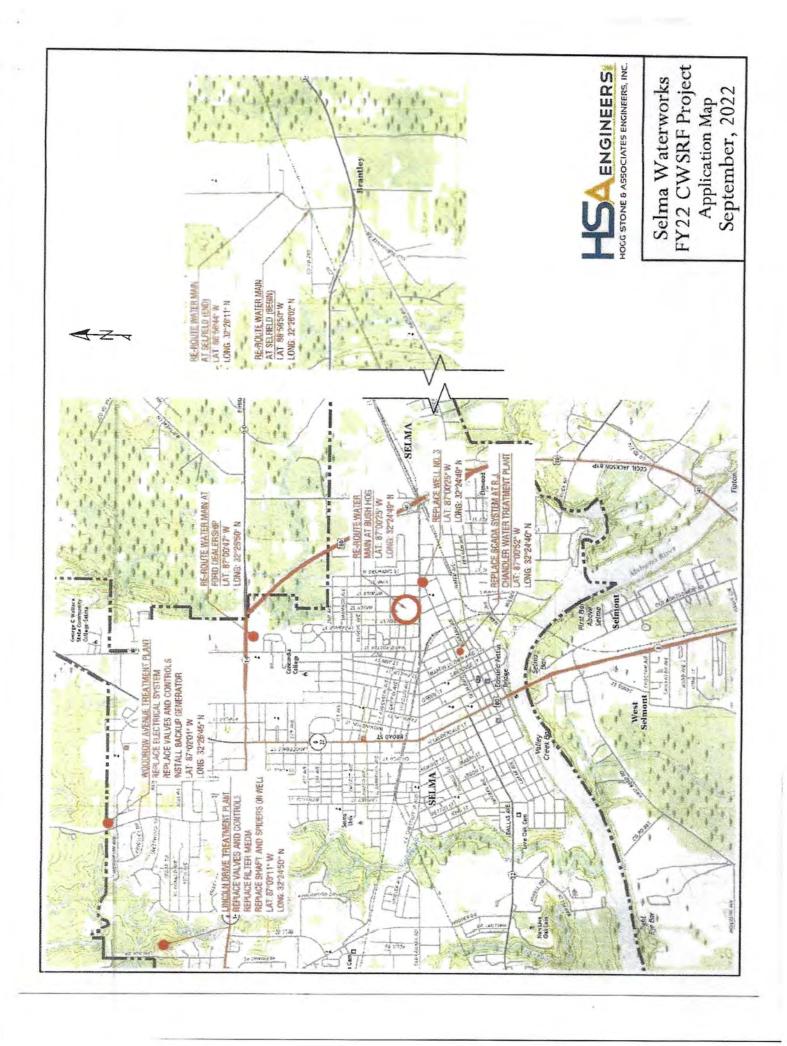
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best management practices specific to your project (See

William J. Pearson, Field Supervisor

Date

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MOBILE DISTRICT 600 VESTAVIA PARKWAY, SUITE 203 VESTAVIA HILLS, AL 35216

November 14, 2022

North Branch Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Department of the Army, No Permit Required, File Number SAM-2022-01057-AKG, City of Selma Water Works and Sewer Board—water system rehabilitation,

Dallas County, Alabama

DWSRF Project No.: FS010256-03

City of Selma Water Works and Sewer Board % Hogg Stone and Associates Engineers, Inc. Attention: Mr. D. Ray Hogg, Jr., P.E. 1 Satterfield Street Selma, Alabama 36701

Transmitted electronically to: hoggeng@bellsouth.net

Dear Mr. Hogg:

This is in response to your letter, on behalf of the City of Selma Water Works and Sewer Board, dated October 12, 2022, requesting Department of Army (DA), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) review of the proposed water system rehabilitation through a State Drinking Water Revolving Fund loan. The work would occur at multiple locations throughout the City of Selma in Dallas County, Alabama. The approximate center coordinate of the work area is latitude 32.431084° North, longitude -86.996916° West. This project has been assigned file number SAM-2022-01057-AKG, which should be referred to in all future correspondence regarding this project.

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. However, as indicated in your letter, the water system relocations, have been planned to utilize directional boring methods to install the replacement lines below streets, sidewalks, and stream and/or wetland features present within the project alignment. Directional boring beneath jurisdictional waters and wetlands is an activity typically not regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) as this method of installation would not involve the discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the U.S.

Based on our findings regarding the City of Selma Water Works and Sewer Board's water system rehabilitation, as specified herein, a DA permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will not be required, at this time, to implement the water line

replacements proposed at locations throughout the city, the drilling of a well number 3, the upgrades to well numbers 7 and 8, or the SCADA system replacement, as proposed. However, you may need to coordinate with us in the future if the scope of work and/or construction activities and methods would be modified or increased in such a way that impacts to jurisdictional waters of the U.S. will be required. 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 U.S., including wetlands, prior to conducting the work (33 U.S.C. 1344).

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 locations change, you are urged to contact this office for a verification of this determination.

We appreciate your cooperation with the USACE Regulatory Program. Please contact me at amy.k.gavin@usace.army.mil or (334) 467-8779, if you have any questions concerning this matter. For additional information about our Regulatory Program, you may visit our web site at http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx. Also, please take a moment

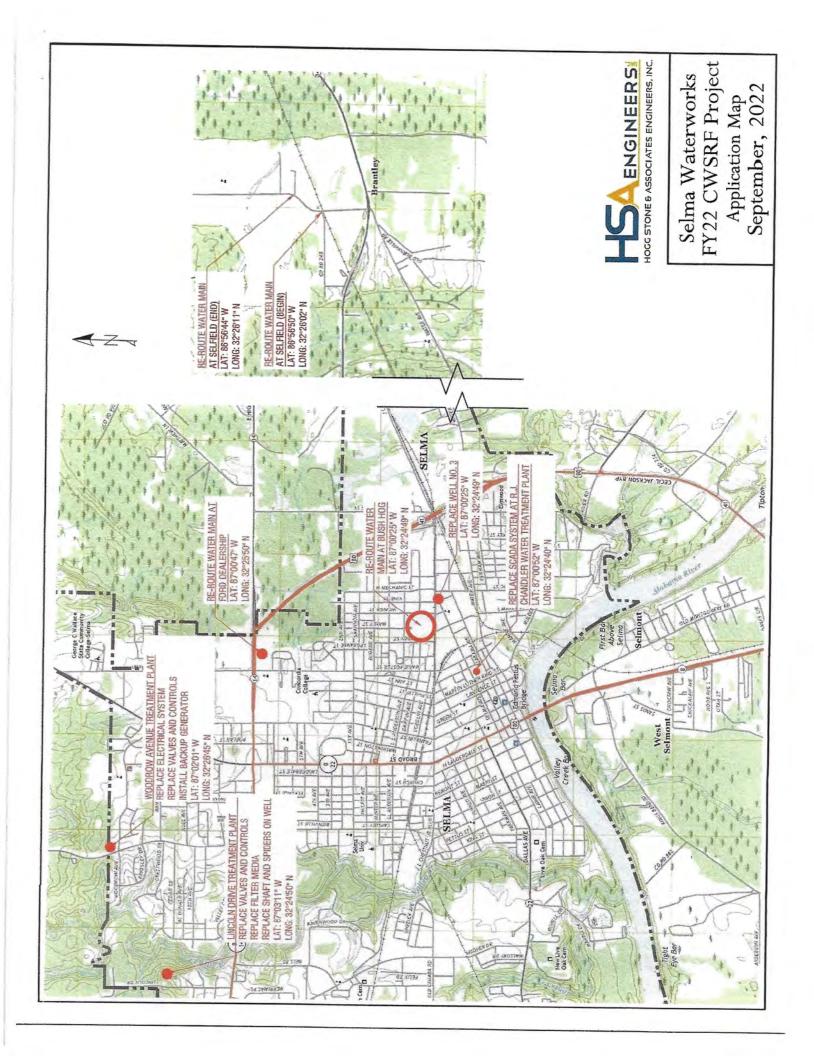
to complete our customer satisfaction survey located under the Menu header on the right side of our webpage. Your responses are appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

Sincerely,

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Amy K. Gavin Senior Project Manager

Enclosures





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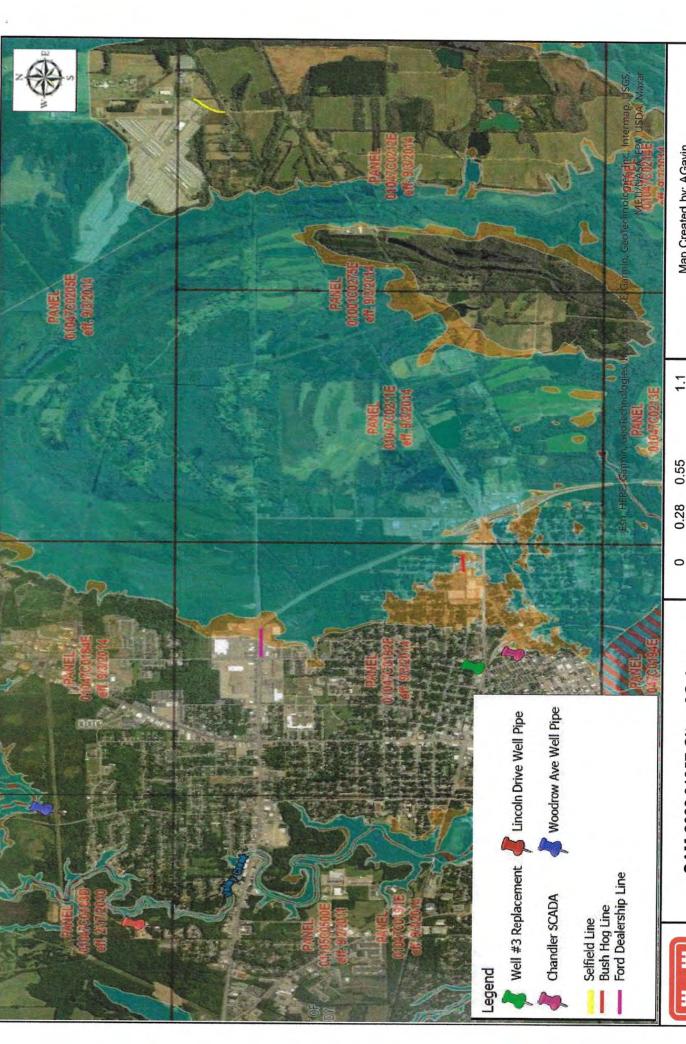
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SAM-2022-01057 City of Selma Water System NHD Map



SAM-2022-01057 City of Selma Water System FEMA Flood Map

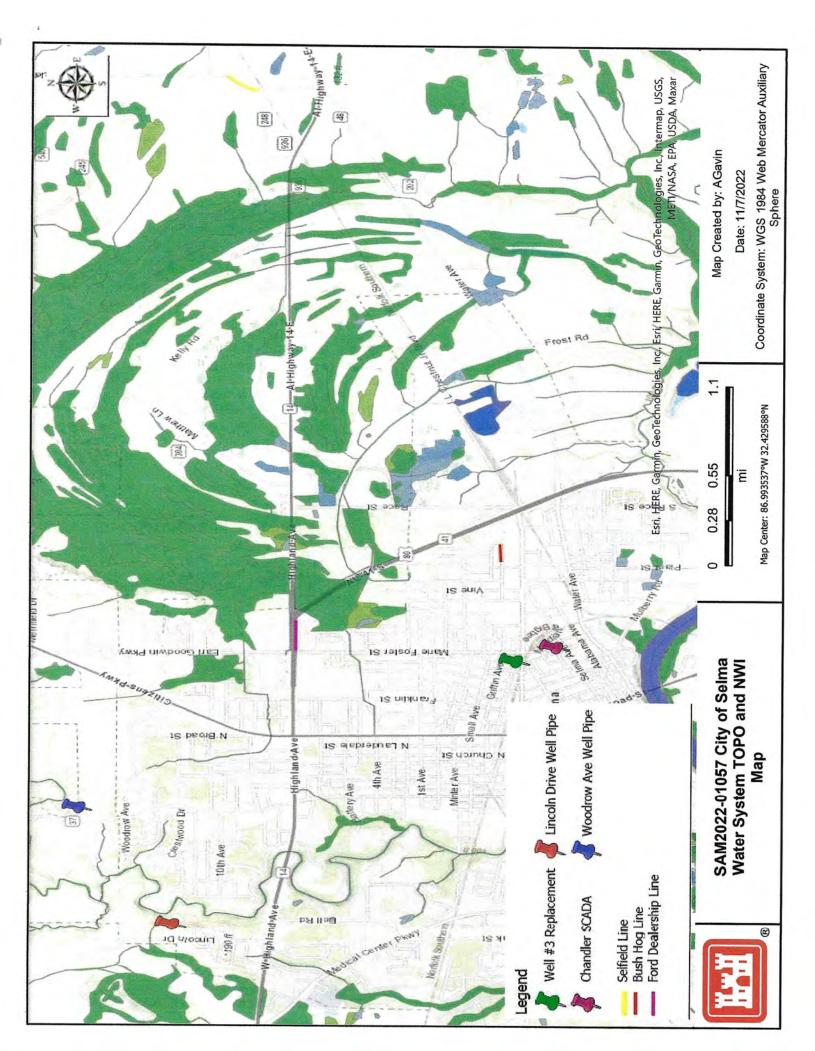
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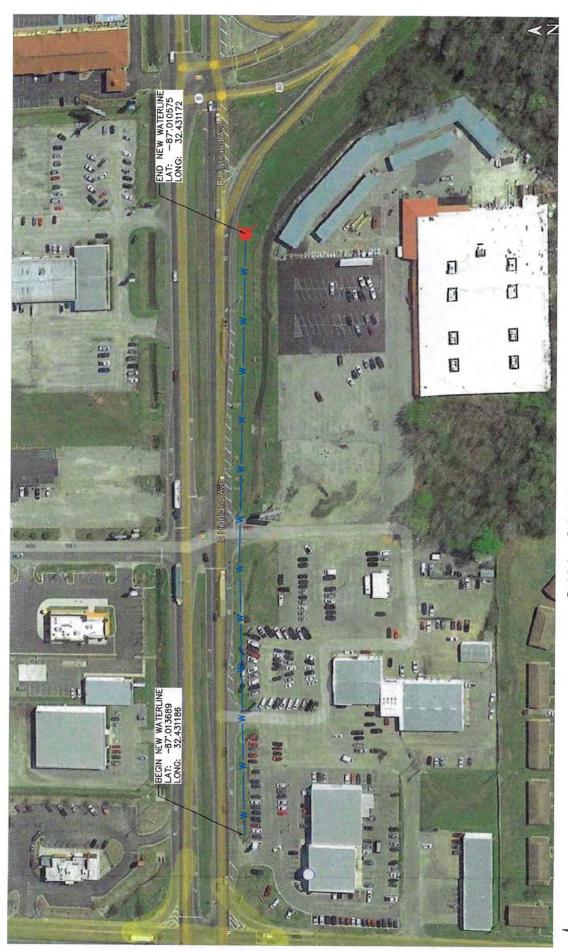
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SAM-2022-01057 AKG
CITY OF SELMA WATERWORKS & SEWER
WATER IMPROVEMENTS

SCALE: N.T.S.

Ray Hogg

From: Gavin, Amy K CIV USARMY CESAM (USA) <Amy.K.Gavin@usace.army.mil>

Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 1:05 PM

To: hoggeng@bellsouth.net
Cc: meredith.hsaeng@gmail.com

Subject: SAM-2022-01057 City of Selma Water Works and Sewer Board // NPR Letter Attachments: 2022-11-14.NPR.22-1057.npr due to activity_HDD water lines ltr_final.pdf

Mr. Hogg,

Attached you should find electronic copy of the USACE No Permit Required for the City of Selma water system rehabilitation in Dallas County. Please be aware, hard copy of this correspondence will not be provided unless specifically requested in writing to the address below. Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this correspondence.

USACE - Regulatory Division Mobile District - Birmingham Field Office 600 Vestavia Parkway, Suite 203 Vestavia Hills, Alabama 35216

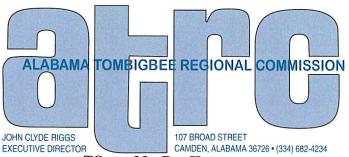
Please let me know if I can be of further assistance

Very Respectfully,

Amy Gavin
Senior Project Manager
USACE - Regulatory Division
Mobile District - Montgomery Field Office

Cell: (334) 467-8779

amy.k.gavin@usace.army.mil



TO: Mr. Ray Hogg
H S A Engineers, Inc.
1 Satterfield Street
Selma, Alabama 36701

FROM: Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission

107 Broad Street

Camden, Alabama 36726

334-682-4234 Fax: 334-682-4205

PROJECT/PROGRAM: ADEM-SRF- Drinking Water Project

Project number FS 010256-03 Total Project - \$5,783,885.00 Project consists of water production, treatment and distribution improvements.

APPLICANT:

The Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Selma

This office has reviewed the above project/program. Our comments are indicated below. If you have questions, please contact the A-95 Review Officer at the Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission office listed above.

DATE: January 4, 2023

No Interest		
Concur	<u>X</u>	
Need More Data (see below)		
Cannot Concur		ATRC Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission
Consistent with Regional Plans	<u> X</u>	
Consistent with Local Plans		
Additional Comments:		
Signed: A-95 Review Officer	Dolson /	

Floodplains, floodways and wetlands impact(s)

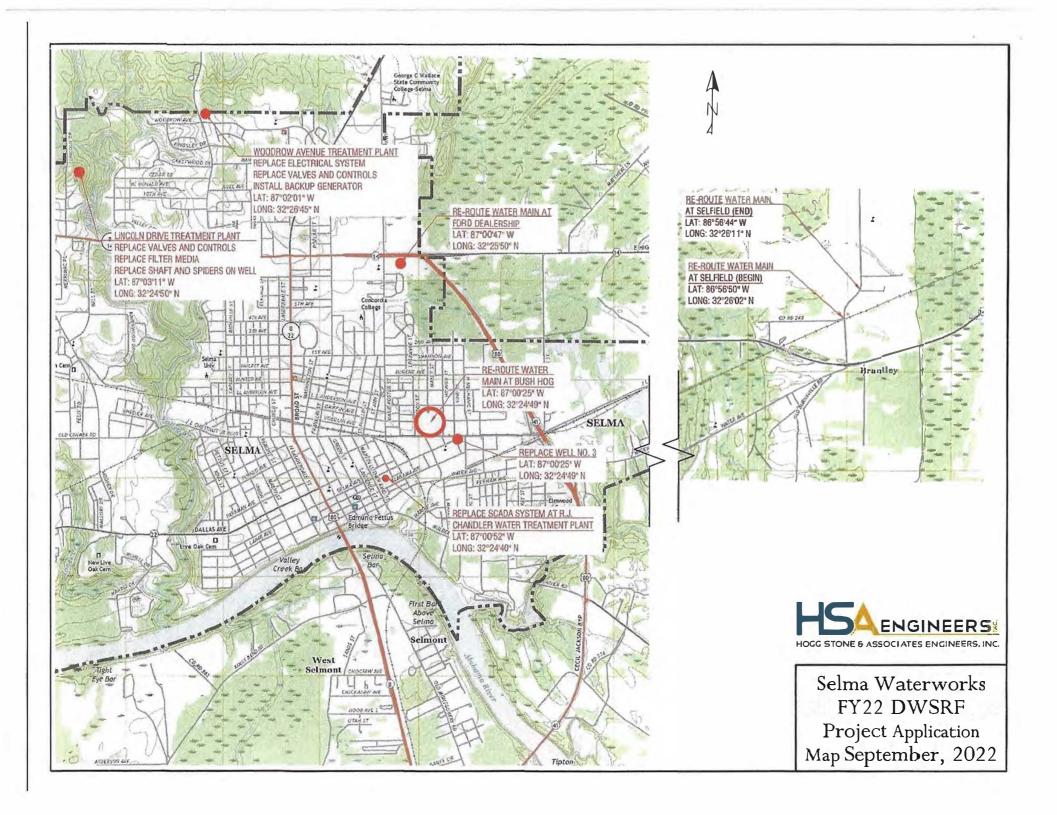
The project area is the entire city limits of Selma. Parts of the proposed project are located within "The 100-year flood plains"

Panel Name: City of Selma, Alabama - Numbers 1 through 5 of 5

Panel Number: 010065 001 through 005

Effective Date: March 4, 1986

The project will have no impact on existing floodplains.





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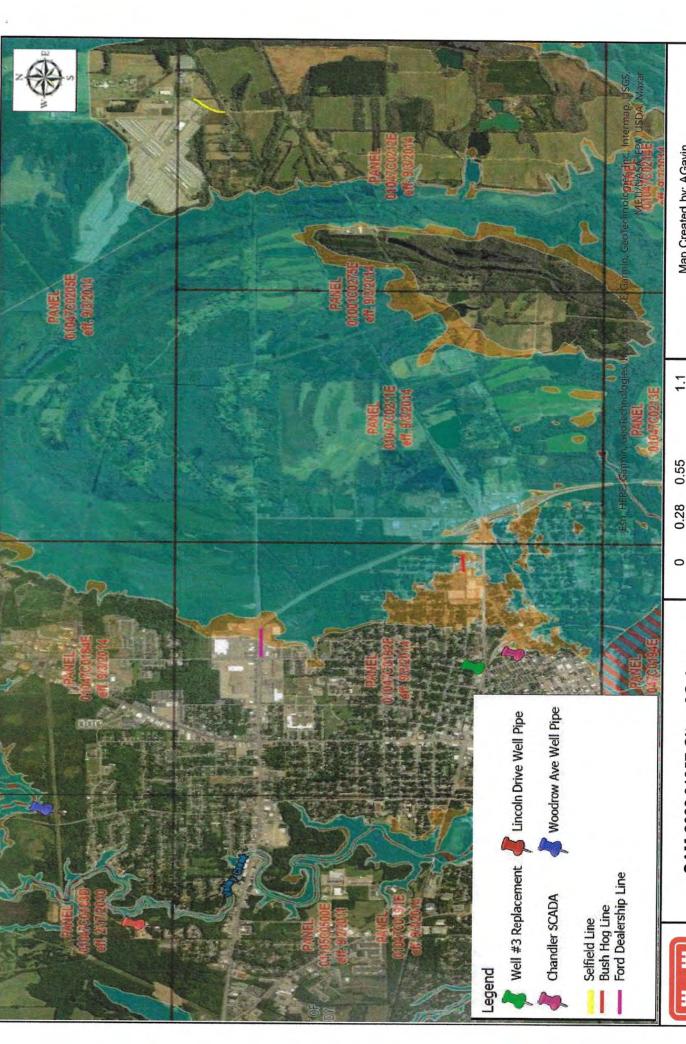
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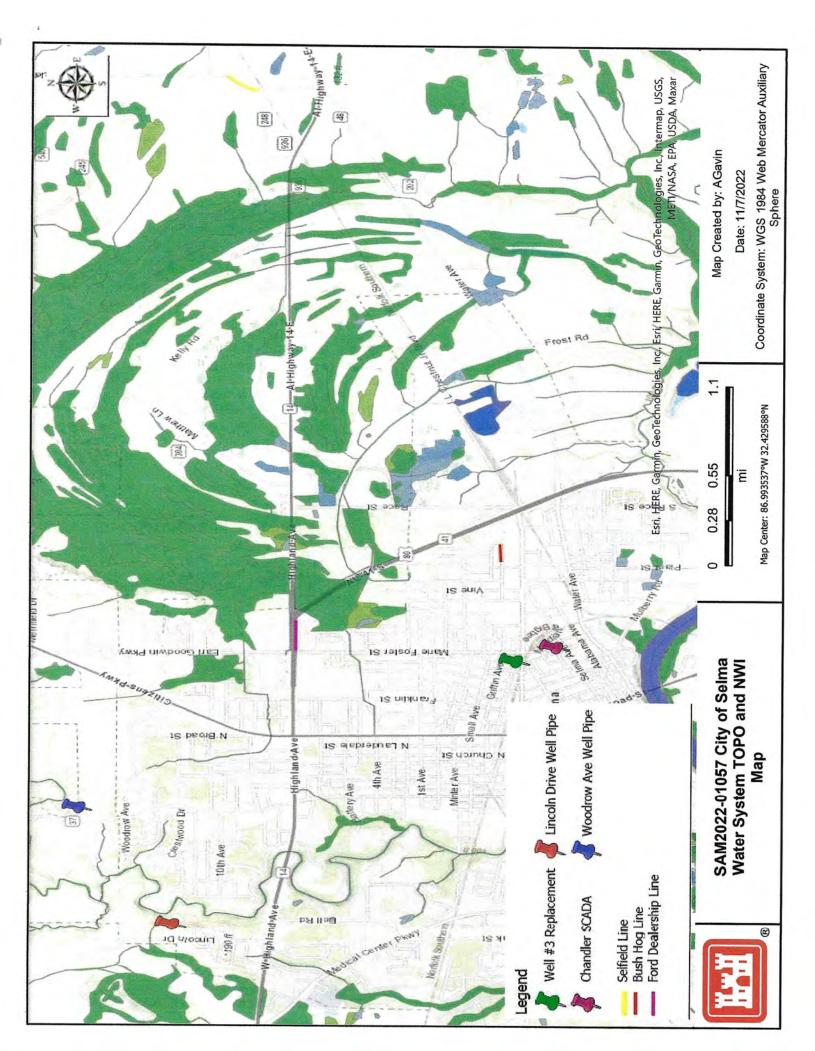
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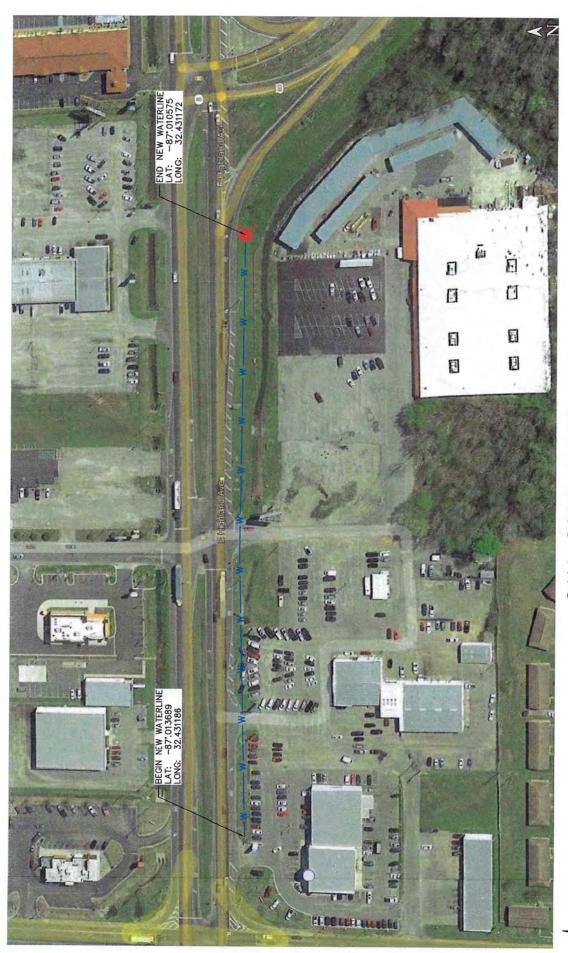
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