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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

City of Uniontown Waterworks and Sewer Board
Perry County

SRF Project No. CS011107-02

November 6, 2025

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made \$59,350 in financial assistance available to the **City of Uniontown Waterworks and Sewer Board** 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 Uniontown Waterworks and Sewer Board propose a project to upgrade the infrastructure within the sewer system. The proposed project consists of installing permanent pumps at the lift stations within the sewer system. Completion of this proposed project will provide Uniontown with a more economical option to maintain Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) within the sewer 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 Branch, 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,

Edward F. Poolos,
Director

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Attachment



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City of Uniontown Waterworks and Sewer Board
SRF# CS011107-02

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 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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State Historic Preservation Officer

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September 11, 2025

Keith Lowery
1055 Washington Street
Uniontown, AL 36786

Re: AHC 25-1174
Uniontown Sewer Improvements
Perry County

Dear Mr. Lowery:

Upon review of the above referenced project, we concur 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 determination of no effect to historic properties.

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 Hewett
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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

September 8, 2025

North Branch
Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Department of the Army, No Permit Required, File Number SAM-2025-00641-AGK, City of Uniontown Waterworks & Sewer Board – sewer system improvements, Uniontown, Perry County, Alabama
CWSRF Project No.: CS011107-02

City of Uniontown Waterworks & Sewer Board
% Lowery Environmental Engineering
Attention: Mr. Keith Lowery, PE
7713 Halcyon Forest Trail
Montgomery, Alabama 36117

Transmitted electronically to: kjlowery1974@gmail.com

Dear Mr. Lowery:

This is in response to your correspondence, on behalf of the City of Uniontown Waterworks & Sewer Board, dated August 18, 2025, requesting U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mobile District, Regulatory Division review of the proposed sewer system improvements through a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan. The work includes replacing the pumps at two existing lift station wet wells (self-contained units) within the collection system in Uniontown, Perry County, Alabama. This project has been assigned file number SAM-2025-00641-AGK, which should be referred to in all future correspondence regarding this project.

The USACE has regulatory responsibilities pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA)(33 U.S.C. 1344) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (RHA) (33 U.S.C. 403). Under Section 404 of the CWA, a Department of the Army (DA) permit is required for the discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the United States (U.S.), including wetlands, prior to conducting work. Under Section 10 of the RHA, a DA permit would be required prior to conducting any work that would affect the navigable capacity of a waterway as a result of work occurring in, over, or under navigable waters of the U.S. Based on our review of the project information provided on behalf of City of Uniontown the replacement of wet well pumps at Laney Hill and Harvest Select are activities typically not regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) as these activities would not involve the discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the U.S.

Based on our findings regarding the Uniontown's sewer system improvement project,

as specified herein, a DA permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act **will not be required**. However, should the location, construction methods, and/or scope of work change in such a manner that the discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the U.S. would be necessary, the town will need to re-coordinate with this office to determine any Department of the Army permitting that will be required prior to conducting work.

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,

Amy K.
Gavin

Amy K. Gavin
Senior Project Manager

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Enclosures



Lowery Environmental Engineering

"Specializing in Solutions for Drinking Water from the Source to the Tap."

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BY: MY [signature]

August 18, 2025

US Fish & Wildlife Service
Alabama Ecological Services Field Office
1208 Main St.
Daphne Alabama 36526

RE: Uniontown Sewer System Improvements
Perry County, SRF #FS010440-02

2025-0143709

Dear Sir/Ms.:

The Waterworks & Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown is in the process of obtaining funding from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) to improve the operation and maintenance of water system. An environmental assessment must be completed prior to funding.

We have enclosed a copy of a U.S. Geological Survey map showing the proposed project area. The work to be performed involves replacing the pumps in two self-contained existing lift station wet wells within the collection system. No disturbance of the area will be required for installation of these pumps. There are no easements or property acquisitions involved in this project.

Please indicate your concurrence or provide any comments concerning this proposed project.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Keith Lowery

Keith Lowery, P.E.

Enclosure: US Geological Survey Map



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 <https://www.fws.gov/project/best-management-practices-alabama>).

William J. Pearson
William J. Pearson
Field Supervisor
Alabama Ecological Services Field Office

SEP 08 2025

Date

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Date: August 25, 2025

Address: Waterworks & Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown, AL
1055 Washington Street
Uniontown, AL 33786

Applicant: Waterworks & Sewer Board of the City of Uniontown, AL

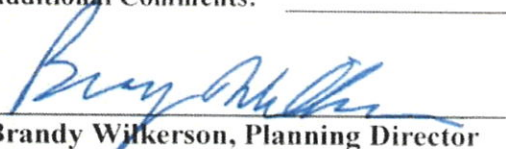
Project/Program: Work to be performed involves replacing the pumps in two existing lift station wet wells (self-contained units) within the collection system.
SRF #CS011107-02

Funding Source/Program: Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) assistance from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM)

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

No Interest	_____
Concur	<u>X</u>
Need More Data	_____
Connot Concur	_____
Consistent with Regional Plans	<u>X</u>
Consistent with Local Plans	<u>X</u>

Additional Comments: _____


Brandy Wilkerson, Planning Director

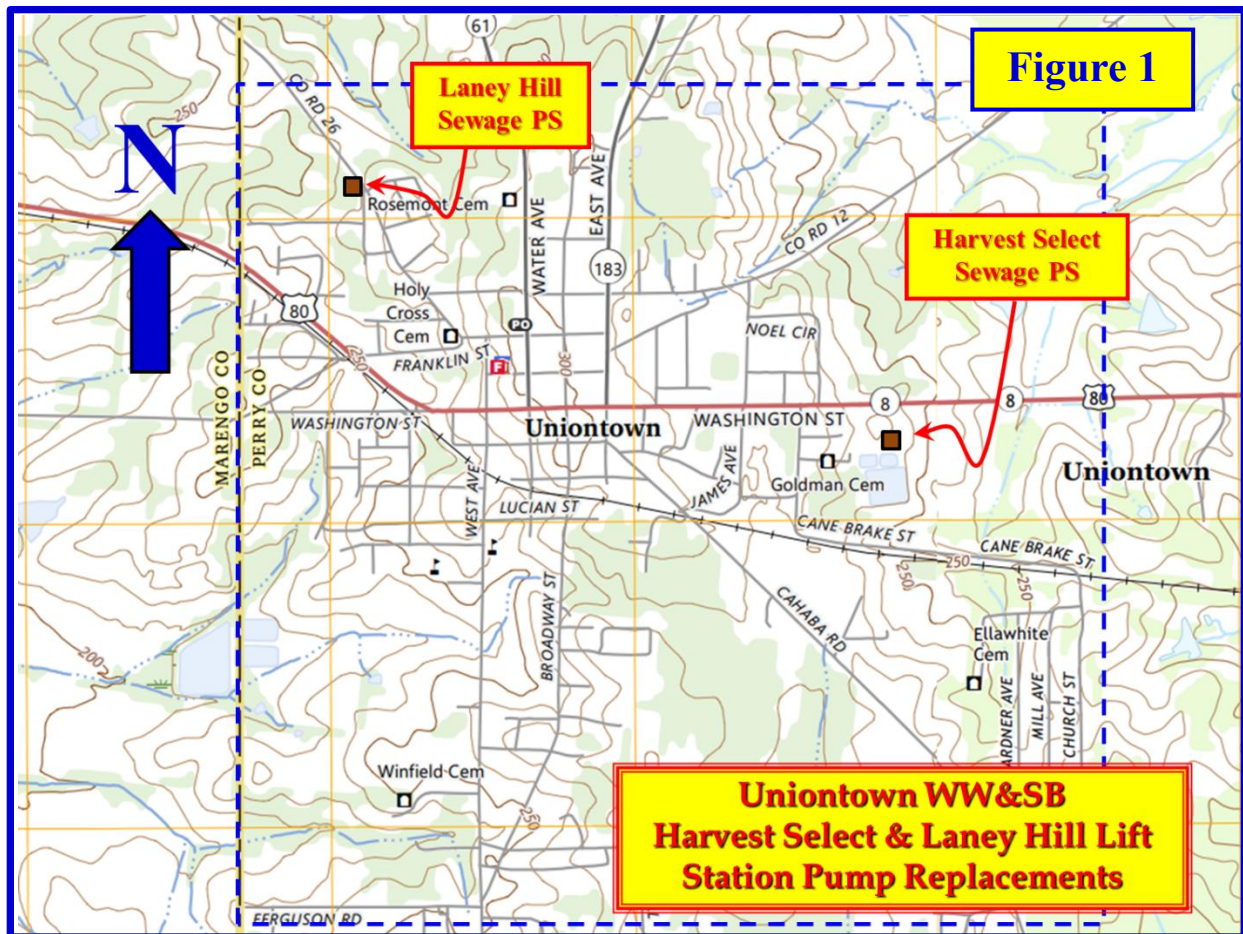


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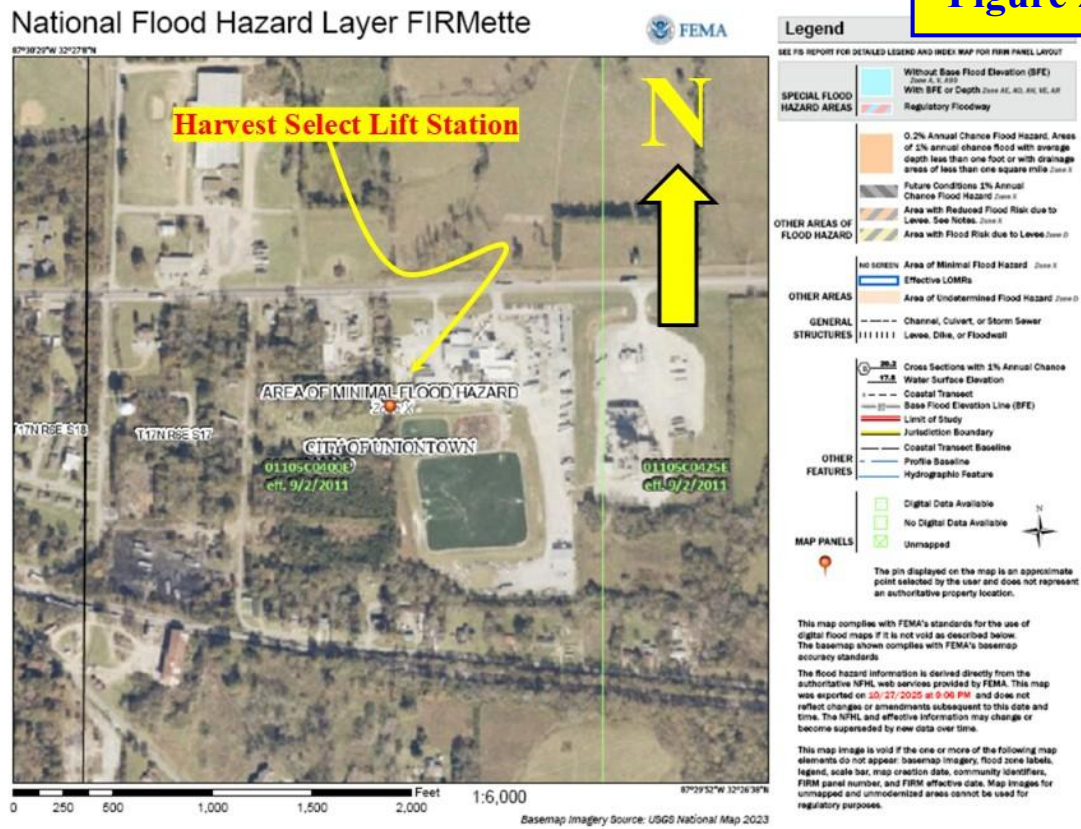


Figure 3

National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette



Legend

- SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT
- SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS**
- Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) Zone A, B, BFE
 - With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AD, AH, VE, AR
 - Regulatory Floodway
- OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD**
- 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard: Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X
 - Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X
 - Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee: See Notes, Zone X
 - Area with Flood Risk due to Levee: Zone D
- OTHER AREAS**
- No Screen: Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X
 - Effective LOMR: Effective LOMR
 - Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone D
- GENERAL STRUCTURES**
- Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer
 - Levee, Dike, or Floodwall
- OTHER FEATURES**
- Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation
 - Coastal Transect
 - Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
 - Limit of Study
 - Jurisdiction Boundary
 - Coastal Transect Baseline
 - Profile Baseline
 - Hydrographic Feature
- MAP PANELS**
- Digital Data Available
 - No Digital Data Available
 - Unmapped
- The pin displayed on the map is an approximate point selected by the user and does not represent an authoritative property location.

This map complies with FEMA's standards for the use of digital flood maps if it is not void as described below. The basemap shown complies with FEMA's basemap accuracy standards.

The flood hazard information is derived directly from the authoritative NFHL web services provided by FEMA. This map was exported on 10/27/2025 at 8:57 PM and does not reflect changes or amendments subsequent to this date and time. The NFHL and effective information may change or become superseded by new data over time.

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