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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

City of Uniontown Waterworks and Sewer Board
Perry County

SRF Project No. FS010440-02

November 6, 2025

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made \$92,500 in financial assistance available to the **City of Uniontown Waterworks and Sewer Board** 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 Uniontown Waterworks and Sewer Board propose a project to improve the reliability of the drinking water services within the distribution system. The proposed project consists of accurately mapping the location of water meters, fire hydrants and valves within the distribution and installation of generator and all related appurtenances. Completion of this proposed project will allow Uniontown to provide reliable water service during line breaks and emergency situations. 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 5:00 PM on Monday, December 8, 2025. 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# FS010440-02

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:
 - 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.

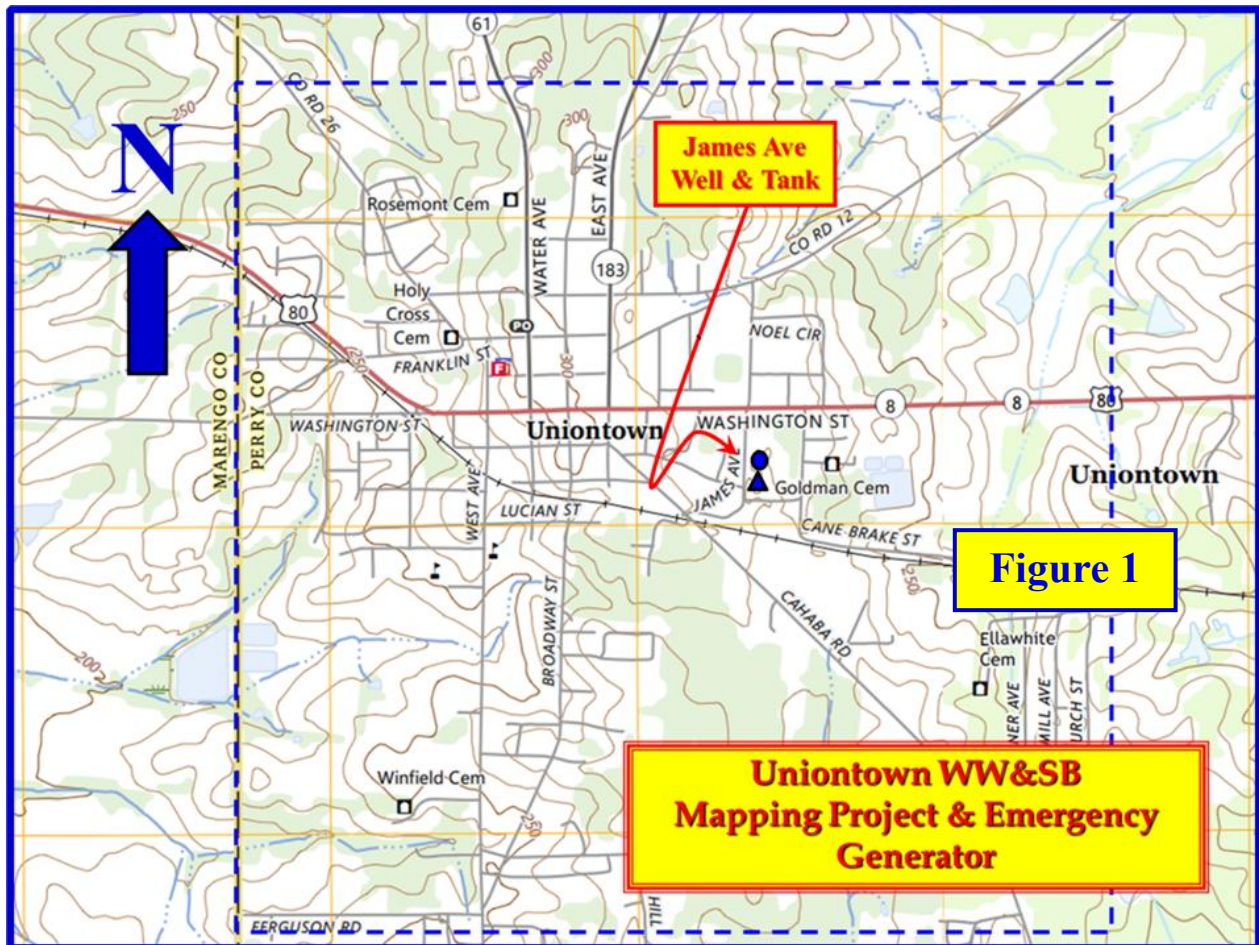


Figure 2

National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette



This map complies with FEMA's standards for the use of digital flood maps. If it is not valid 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 reported on 10/27/2025 at 9:03 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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ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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September 11, 2025

Keith Lowery
1055 Washington Street
Uniontown, AL 36786

Re: AHC 25-1173
Uniontown Water 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-2025-00640-AGK, City of Uniontown Waterworks & Sewer Board - water system improvements, Uniontown, Perry County, Alabama
DWSRF Project No.: FS010440-02

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, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mobile District, Regulatory Division review of the proposed water system improvements through a State Drinking Water Revolving Fund loan. The work includes the purchase of an emergency portable generator and the mapping of water meters, valves, and fire hydrants within the right-of-way of existing roadways at various locations in Uniontown, Perry County, Alabama. This project has been assigned file number SAM-2025-00640-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 purchase of a portable generator and mapping the existing structures 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 water 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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August 18, 2025

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

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

Dear Sir/Ms.:

2025-0143991

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

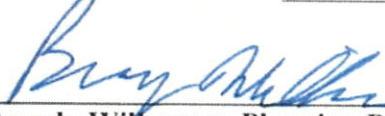
Project/Program: Work to be performed involves the mapping of water meters, valves and fire hydrants in the distribution system within disturbed State and County right of ways along existing roadways. Project also includes the purchase of an emergency generator.
SRF #FS010440-02

Funding Source/Program: Drinking Water State Revolving (DWSRF) 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	_____
Cannot Concur	_____
Consistent with Regional Plans	<u>X</u>
Consistent with Local Plans	<u>X</u>

Additional Comments: _____



Brandy Wilkerson, Planning Director