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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Town of Littleville
Colbert County

SRF Project No. CS010956-01

December 16, 2025

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made up to **\$9,322,870.00** in financial assistance available to the **Town of Littleville** using funds from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (**CWSRF-IIJA**) loan program and American Rescue Plan Act (**ARPA**). 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 Town of Littleville proposes a project to improve their wastewater treatment facility, sanitary sewer collection system, and sanitary sewer lift stations. The project consists of improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) to include repair of one drying bed, the addition of a second drying bed, revision of the sludge handling process, new controls and panels, and refinishing of the existing tankage. It also includes the rehabilitation of all remaining sanitary sewer mains that are at least 8-inches in diameter within the collection system, and improvements to existing lift stations. The proposed project would reduce sanitary sewer overflows, decrease system power consumption, reduce system operations and maintenance costs, and prevent the discharge of inadequately treated wastewater to the environment.

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. Kelly Bibb, 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

EFP/ADC/KMB/lbb

Attachment



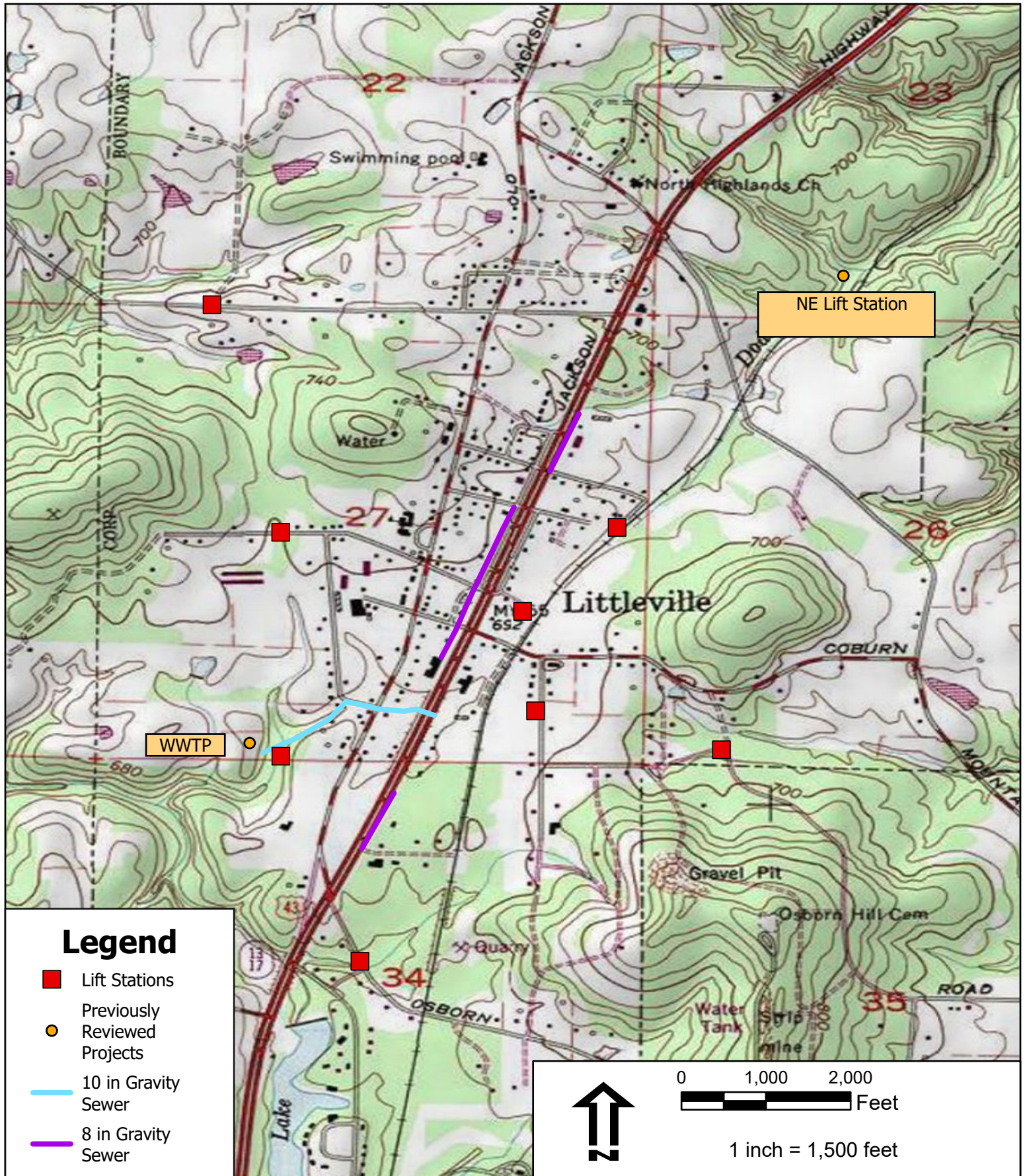
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The Categorical Exclusion is promulgated in the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) in Part IV, Section B: Categorical Exclusions for Clean Water State Revolving Fund Projects: (Italicized sections apply.)

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 sewerer 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.



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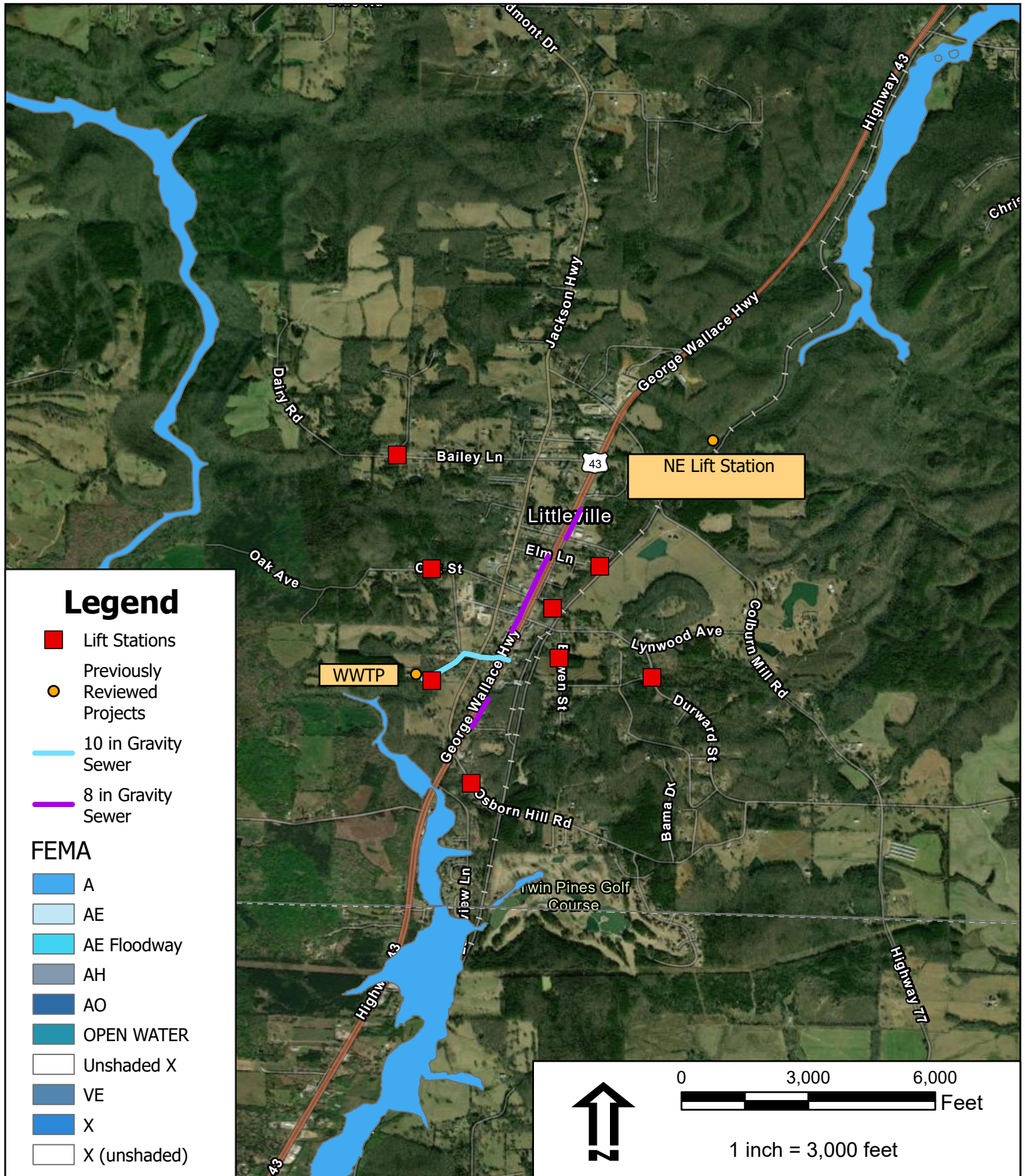
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Re: Project: Town of Littleville
Expanded Scope of Sanitary Sewer System Improvement work using
ADEM CWSRF funding

Ms. Groghan:

We are in receipt of your letter notifying NACOLG of proposed additions to sanitary sewer system improvements, which will be entirely undertaken as part of Littleville's ADEM CWSRF project and requesting agency review and comment on the entire scope of project work. NACOLG previously concurred with elements of this project including the replacement of Littleville's failing "northeast" sewer lift station via letter dated 9/12/24, and improvements to the wastewater treatment plant via letter dated 2/20/25. As your new letter describes, eight additional lift stations serving Littleville's sewer collection system are beyond their design life and require improvement via the installation of new pumps and controls. Additionally, sewer line repair and replacement work are needed including the rehab of 8" and 10" gravity main using CIPP technology and replacement of problematic septic tanks and service lines. The proposed improvements will benefit Littleville's sewer customers and mitigate potential health risks these inadequacies pose to both people and the surrounding environment. Therefore, this request is consistent and compatible with regional and local development plans and programs. This letter shall serve as regional concurrence with the proposed project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Jones", is written over a horizontal line.

Keith Jones
Executive Director
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July 21, 2025

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Re: AHC 25-0446
The Town of Littleville Sanitary Sewer Improvements-Wastewater Treatment Facility
Colbert County

Dear Ms. Groghan:

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 Hewett
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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Good Afternoon,

Thank you for reaching out about the changes to the plans for which the previous Grant Letter was written. Upon further review, it does not appear that the addition of these plans will alter our current understanding of your project. Please refer to the original letter provided for LRN-2025-00193. If the plans alter again, we will reassess the need for a permit again. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve our Public.

Very Respectfully,

Michael J Bowling

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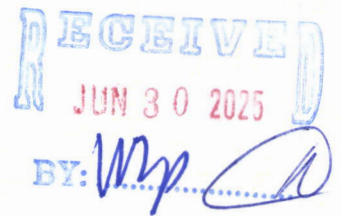
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June 30, 2025

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RE: **The Town of Littleville – Sanitary Sewer System Improvements**
Colbert County, Alabama
Project Code: 2024-0136561 Northeast Lift Station
Project Code: 2025-0054681 Wastewater Treatment Plant

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Dear Mr. Pearson:

The Town of Littleville, with the help of Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC (GMC), is seeking concurrence under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). GMC is in the process of performing an environmental review pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Littleville is applying for Clean Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF) through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) for the purpose of completing improvements to the sewer system and Wastewater Treatment Plant owned and operated by the Town of Littleville.

This letter is to notify this agency of new details to the proposed project and an amendment to the original concurrence letter dated September 12, 2024 concerning the northeast lift station and concurrence letter dated February 20, 2025 concerning the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The original projects included replacement and improvements to the northeast lift station and Wastewater Treatment Plant. This amendment includes additional information for the replacement of a total of eight (8) lift stations, sewer main pipe repair and replacement of septic tank and service lines. Please refer to the attached figures to view the proposed project locations.

Previously Reviewed Project Component: Northeast Lift Station Replacement: Lift Station Coordinates: 34.60047°N, 87.66425°W

The northeast lift station located on Colburn Mill Road is operating on one pump however the guiderails are severely deteriorated that neither pump can be removed for maintenance. If the second pump fails for any reason direct overflow would occur which would discharge to a nearby creek. The two (2) new pumps for the station will require a 16-week lead time before they will be available for installation, which makes time of the essence to begin the project.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements: Wastewater Treatment Facility Coordinates: 34.58543°N, 87.68353°W

The WWTF located on Peach Street, proposed project rehab includes repair to one drying bed, the construction of an additional drying bed, revision of the sludge handling process, new controls and panels and refinishing the existing tank. All rehab components for the proposed project will be accomplished within the footprint of the existing Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Addendum:

Lift Station Replacement:

The additional lift stations serving the Littleville sewer collection system are past their design life. Improvements include replacing the sewage lift stations which will be equipped with new modern pumps and controls. The pumps will run with a Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) control system and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA). The motors will be high efficiency and the pumps will be designed using new Flygt Impeller technology. The proposed improvements as mentioned above are



located within the footprint of the current existing Lift Station infrastructure located on Bailey Lane, Oak Street, Bowen Street, Peach Street, Green Lite Street, Osborn Hill Road, Walnut Street and Elm Avenue.

Lift Station Location	Coordinates	Project Code
Bailey Lane	34.59960°N, 87.68464°W	2025-0110785
Bowen Street	34.58647°N, 87.67417°W	2025-0110792
Elm Avenue	34.59241°N, 87.67154°W	2025-0110792
Green Lite Street	34.58955°N, 87.67453°W	2025-0110795
Oak Street	34.59222°N, 87.68225°W	2025-0110803
Osborn Hill Road	34.57834°N, 87.67985°W	2025-0110804
Walnut Street	34.58522°N, 87.66817°W	2025-0110807
Peach Street	34.58499°N, 87.68246°W	2025-0110806

Sewer Line Repair and Replacement:

The sewer main improvements include rehabbing 1,920 LF of 8" gravity main, 1,810 LF of 10" gravity sewer main utilizing Cured-In-Place Pipe Trenchless Technology (CIPP). Cured-In-Place Pipe (CIPP) uses a resin coated fabric, inserted within an existing pipeline from manhole to manhole. It is then cured with heat (hot water) for a period of time which hardens the resin creating a seamless pipeline, as well as replacing problematic septic tanks and service lines. There will be no ground disturbance, and no stream crossings or wetlands impacted. The 8" sewer gravity main is located on U.S. Highway 43 (Center Coordinates: 34.590439°N, 87.675935°W), the 10" sewer gravity main is located on Willow Drive (Center Coordinates: 34.586739°N, 87.680304°W).

The proposed improvements will benefit current customer base and the environment by ensuring the proper operation of this critical system asset, which will mitigate potential health risks to the population and to the surrounding environment from exposure to pathogens.

According to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) Environmental Conservation Online System (ECOS), accessed June 17, 2025, the endangered and threatened species listed within the project areas for Colbert County, Alabama include:

Group	Common Name	Scientific Name	Status
Mammals	Indiana Bat	Myotis sodalist	Endangered
Mammals	Gray Bat	Myotis grisescens	Endangered
Birds	Whooping Crane	Grus Americana	EXPN
Clams	Longsolid	Fusconaia subrotunda	Threatened
Clams	Alabama Lampmussel	Lampsilis virescens	EXPN
Clams	Birdwing Pearlymussel	Lemiox rimosus	EXPN
Clams	Clubshell	Pleurobema clava	EXPN
Clams	Cracking Pearlymussel	Hemistena lata	EXPN
Clams	Cumberland Bean (pearlymussel)	Villosa trabalis	EXPN
Clams	Cumberland Monkeyface (pearlymussel)	Theliderma intermedia	EXPN



Clams	Cumberlandian Combshell	Epioblasma brevidens	EXPN
Clams	Dromedary Pearlymussel	Dromus dromas	EXPN
Clams	Finerayed Pigtoe	Fusconaia cuneolus	EXPN
Clams	Oyster Mussel	Epioblasma capsaeformis	EXPN
Clams	Pink Mucket (pearlymussel)	Lampsilis abrupta	Endangered
Clams	Purple Cat's Paw (purple cat's paw pearlymussel)	Epioblasma obliquata	EXPN
Clams	Shiny Pigtoe	Fusconaia cor	EXPN
Clams	Winged Mapleleaf	Quadrula fragosa	EXPN
Snails	Anthony's Riversnail	Athearnia anthonyi	EXPN
Insects	Monarch Butterfly	Danaus plexippus	Candidate
Flowering Plants	Lyrate Bladderpod	Lesquerella lyrata	Threatened
Flowering Plants	Leafy Prairie-clover	Dalea foliosa	Endangered

There are no critical habitats at this location.

GMC Biologists completed a site evaluation within the project area on June 25, 2025, there is a stream identified within the project boundary. The proposed improvements as mentioned above are located within the footprint of the current existing infrastructure and sewer main improvements will be within the road ROW and as mentioned above utilizing CIPP for repairs, there will be no wetland or stream disturbance, therefore, it is GMC's opinion that none of the species listed above or their habitat will be impacted by the proposed project.

We would appreciate a response as soon as possible. If you need any further information or wish to discuss this project, please let us know. To help expedite the review process, your response can be e-mailed to sherri.groghan@gmcnetwork.com.

Sincerely,
GOODWYN MILLS CAWOOD, LLC

Sherri Groghan
Environmental Scientist



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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
Field Supervisor
Alabama Ecological Services Field Office

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September 15, 2025

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Sherri Groghan, Environmental Scientist
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Re: The Town of Littleville – Sanitary Sewer System Improvements - Colbert County, AL

Ms. Groghan,

This letter is in response to a request for comment on *The Town of Littleville – Sanitary Sewer System Improvements* project in *Colbert County, AL*. This project is *maintenance to existing infrastructure* and is therefore exempt from the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) per activities listed below:

Activities not subject to FPPA include:

- * Federal permitting and licensing
- * Projects planned and completed without the assistance of a Federal agency
- * Projects on land already in urban development or used for water storage
- * Construction within an existing right-of-way purchased on or before August 4, 1984
- * Construction for national defense purposes
- * Construction of on-farm structures needed for farm operations
- * Surface mining, where restoration to agricultural use is planned
- * Construction of new minor secondary structures such as a garage or storage shed.

Erosion and sediment control measures should be implemented and maintained during the construction phases of this project to protect land, water, and other related resources. Plans for construction should include sediment basins/traps and other erosion control practices, including coverage of bare soil by temporary/permanent vegetation and/or physical structures. If you have any questions, contact me at 334-530 0108 or dandre.yancey@usda.gov.

Thanks in Advance,

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