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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Clanton
Chilton County

SRF Project No. CS010304-08

September 6, 2026

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made financial assistance available to the **Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Clanton**. 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 Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Clanton proposes to make improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, with an estimated total project cost of **\$11,380,320**. The proposed work includes rehabilitation of the screw pumps, replacement of the main switch gear and electrical equipment, addition of variable frequency drives at the influent lift station, construction of an additional clarifier, and increases to sludge dewatering capacity. The upgrades will extend the useful life of the system, improve safety and efficiency, reduce operating and maintenance costs, and ensure future compliance.

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 related 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 this 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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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 sewer 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.

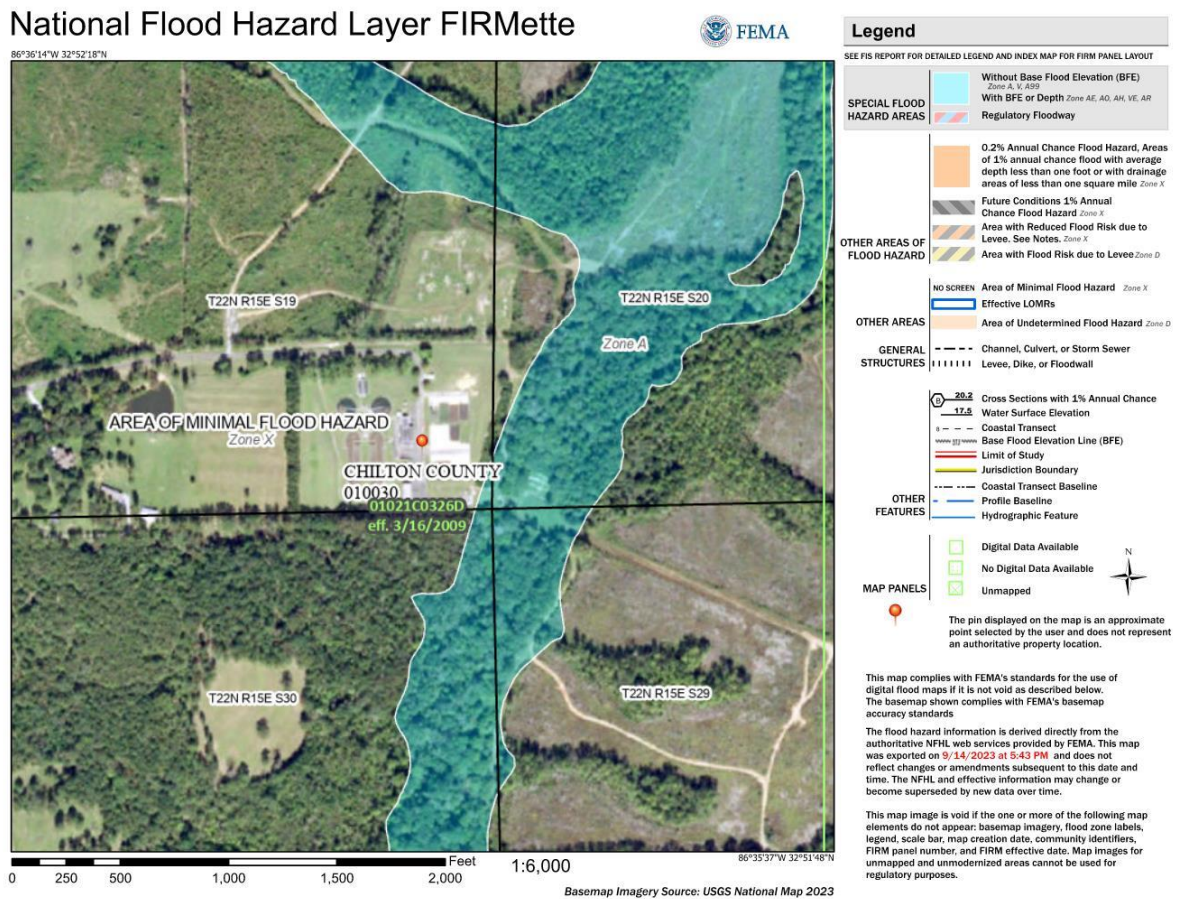


Figure 3: Floodplain Exhibit

Figure 4 shows the Emerging Wetland running along the river is east of our project locations. Construction activities will not affect existing contours or elevations within the bounds of any floodplain or wetland.

Walnut Creek WWTP Vicinity Map



Legend

- ★ Walnut Creek WWTP
- Clanton City Limits
- Streets

0 2,500 5,000 10,000
US Feet
1" = 5,000'



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September 15, 2023

Tanner Dean
Municipal Consultants, Inc.
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Birmingham, AL 35226

Re: AHC 23-1314
The Water Works and Sewer Board of The City of Clanton
Chilton County

Dear Mr. Dean:

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

LAW/AMH/nj



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MOBILE DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 2288
MOBILE, ALABAMA 36628-0001

October 16, 2023

South Alabama Branch
Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Department of the Army Jurisdictional Determination, File Number SAM-2023-00821, Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Clanton, Proposed Walnut Creek WWTP Improvements Phase 1 and 2, Chilton County, Alabama

Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Clanton
Attention: Tanner Dean
Email Address: tdean@municipalconsultants.org
200 Century Park, Suite 212
Birmingham, Alabama 35226

Dear Mr. Dean:

Reference is made to a letter dated September 13, 2023, received from the Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Clanton on your behalf regarding a request for a no permit required letter to make improvements to mechanical and electrical systems at their existing wastewater treatment plant in the City of Clanton. This project has been assigned file number SAM-2023-00821, which should be referred to in all future correspondence with this office concerning this project. The project is located at 1574 County Road 51; in Section 19, Township 22 North, Range 15 East; near Latitude 32.867792° North, Longitude -86.599024° West; in the City of Clanton, Chilton County, Alabama.

A desktop evaluation by this office has determined that the project, as described, does not involve activities in, over, or under navigable waters of the United States, as regulated under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), or include the discharge of fill material, permanent or temporary, in waters of the United States, including wetlands, as regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Based upon the information and plans your agent provided, we have determined the work described above does not require a DA permit, provided the work is conducted in conformance with the conditions outlined below:

- a. The activities will be conducted in accordance with the enclosed project description and plans.
- b. Appropriate best management practices shall be implemented and maintained to assure no fill material inadvertently enters waters of the United States, including

wetlands.

No permanent or temporary impacts to waters of the United States are authorized. 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 assent required by law for the activities discussed above. If the scope of work of your project changes, you are urged to contact this office for a verification of this determination.

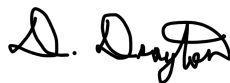
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You are receiving an electronic copy only of this letter. If you wish to receive a paper copy, you should send a written request to this office at the following address: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, Regulatory Division, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628.

Electronic copies of this verification are also being sent to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Mining and Non-Point Source Section, at fieldmail@adem.alabama.gov.

You can contact me by e-mail at davielle.n.drayton@usace.army.mil or at (912) 856-6796, should you have any questions. Please visit our web site at www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx for additional information about our Regulatory Program. Also, please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey located near the bottom of the webpage. Your responses are appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Drayton".

Davielle Drayton
Project Manager
Technical Regional Execution Center
Savannah District, Regulatory Division

Attachments

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September 13, 2023

Mr. Ronald King
US Fish and Wildlife Service
1208-B Main Street
Daphne, AL 36526

Re: The Water Works and Sewer Board of The City of Clanton
Proposed Walnut Creek WWTP Improvements Phase 1 & 2
FY 2023 SRF Loan Application

Dear Mr. King:

Please accept this correspondence as notification that The Water Works and Sewer Board of The City of Clanton ("The City") has been approved for funding through the SRF program. As part of the funding process, the City is required to request your Agency's concurrence. The City is proposing to make improvements to mechanical and electrical systems at their existing wastewater treatment plant at 1574 Co Rd 51, Clanton, AL 35046, in Chilton County. Work done relating to this project will be in previously disturbed areas on existing City property. A map is enclosed showing the locations of the project within the Plant.

The City respectfully requests a letter of concurrence (and any relevant comments) from your agency regarding these projects. The SRF funding program for these projects requires a full application to be completed and submitted to ADEM prior to beginning construction. As a result, your Agency's prompt response to this request for concurrence is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tanner Dean

cc: Stanley Higgins, Director of Utilities



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, Field Supervisor
Field Supervisor
Alabama Ecological Services Field Office

SEP 26 2023

Date

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October 3, 2023

Mr. Tanner Dean
Municipal Consultants, Inc.
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Birmingham, AL 35226

RE: City of Clanton – Walnut Creek Water Work Improvements

Mr. Dean:

This letter is in response to your request for concurrence for the subject project. The Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB) does not know of any reason to oppose, and therefore concurs with the project. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Ball, AICP
Executive Director