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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

City of Prattville
Autauga County

CS010254-19

September 14, 2026

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made financial assistance available to the **City of Prattville**. 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 Prattville proposes to replace aging gravity sanitary sewer main crossings over Fay Branch to ensure continued reliable service to its sanitary sewer system, with an estimated total project cost of **\$5,359,800.00**. The project consists of replacing multiple sewer crossings that have reached the end of their useful life. These gravity mains are critical components of a system that includes more than 30 miles of gravity sewers, force mains, and 8 sewer lift stations. Overall, the project will improve the integrity and functionality of the City's sewer infrastructure, helping prevent potential system failures and ensuring safe and efficient wastewater conveyance for the community.

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 identified in Attachment 1 (attached). 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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Attachment



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Attachment 1

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.

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May 11, 2026

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

RE: Project Code: 2026-0087922
Fay Branch Outfall Sewer Improvements
ADEM CWSRF Project
City of Prattville
Autauga County

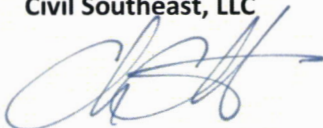
Mr. Carter:

The City of Prattville is currently in the process of improving its sewer system by replacing a section of its gravity outfall line. The project will be funded by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management Clean Water State Revolving Fund. Before funding can be granted, environmental and regulatory compliance must be met.

We would like to have your concurrence with this project by June 12, 2026, to move forward with this project for the City of Prattville. Thank you in advance for your expeditious response.

If you should have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
Civil Southeast, LLC

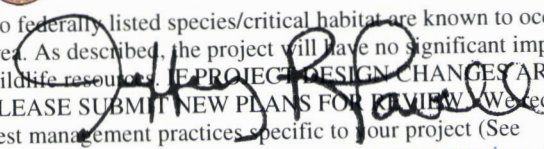


Chase Cotton, PE
Project Manager



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>).


Jeffrey R. Powell
Field Supervisor
Alabama Ecological Services Field Office

JUN 15 2026

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MOBILE DISTRICT
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THE SHELBY BUILDING
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September 1, 2026

North Branch
Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Department of the Army File Number SAM-2026-01604-LET, City of Prattville – Fay Branch sewer main replacement, Elmore County, Alabama

City of Prattville
Attention: Mr. Dale Gandy
101 West Main Street
Prattville, Alabama 36067
% Cahaba Consulting, LLC

Transmitted electronically to dale.gandy@prattvilleal.gov

Dear Mr. Gandy:

We are responding to your request for authorization to replace an existing undersized clay sewer line with approximately 11,000 linear feet of 21-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipeline on an alignment adjacent to the clay line being abandoned. Replacement of the sewer line, which feeds the Pine Creek wastewater plant, will require eleven (11) separate crossings of Fay Branch and tributaries to Fay Branch. The proposed work area is centered near Latitude N 32.4437, Longitude W -86.4040 within Sections 18 and 19, Township 17 North, Range 17 East in Elmore County, Alabama.

The regulated activity associated with the project described above includes the temporary discharge of fill material into waters of the United States (U.S.) as a result of the temporary side-casting of soil from the open trench installation of the 11 separate crossings of stream channel necessary to install the replacement sewer line on the new alignment adjacent to the existing clay line. The work, as proposed, appears to be authorized by a Nationwide Permit (NWP), specifically, NWP 58. No application or notification to the Mobile District Corps of Engineers is required for your project.

This letter does not verify permit eligibility, but indicates that your project may meet the requirements of this permit. **It is your responsibility to ensure that the work is performed in accordance with the terms and general conditions of this permit, as well as State 401 Water Quality Certification conditions prior starting work in waters of the U.S.** A copy of the above-referenced NWP and its associated Regional and General Conditions and State Water Quality Certification are attached for your review and compliance.

This letter is based solely on the information provided on your behalf as of August 28, 2026, and has not been verified by the Corps of Engineers. A change in location or project plans may require re-evaluation of your project and should be coordinated with this office prior to construction. Failure by the City of Prattville to comply with all terms and conditions of the Nationwide Permit invalidates the permit coverage and could result in a violation of the Clean Water Act and/or the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and may result in enforcement action.

The statements contained herein do not convey any property rights or any exclusive privileges, and do not authorize any injury to property. The city must also obtain all other local, State, and other Federal permits that may apply to this project.

An electronic copy of this letter is being provided to your agent, Cahaba Consulting, LLC, Attention: Mr. Carl Hubbert at chubbert@cahabaconsulting.com.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (205) 213-9623 or by email at leslie.e.turney@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

Leslie E. Turney
Chief, North Branch



ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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State Historic Preservation Officer

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May 19, 2026

Chase Cotton
P.O. Box 1900
Andalusia, AL 36420

Re: AHC 26-0630
Fay Branch Outfall Sewer Improvements
Autauga County

Dear Mr. Cotton:

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. Please note that many federal funding agencies now require a Secretary of Interior qualified archaeologist (as defined in 36 CFR Part 61, Appendix A) assist with these planning decisions on a project-by-project basis. We strongly recommend that your office check with the relevant federal agency to ensure that you are in compliance with their regulations and/or nationwide Programmatic Agreements.

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

LAH/AMH/nj



CARPDC

Central Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

Mayor Gordon Stone
Chair

Greg Clark
Executive Director

AUTAUGA, ELMORE & MONTGOMERY COUNTIES

May 18, 2026

Mr. Dale Gandy
Prattville Public Works
101 W Main Street
Prattville, AL 36067

RE: Fay Branch Outfall Sewer Improvements – State Revolving Loan Fund Application

Dear Mr. Gandy,

Acting as the clearinghouse for projects having regional impact, the Central Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (CARPDC) has reviewed the materials submitted regarding a project for the City of Prattville Public Works. The intention is for this project to be funded by the State Revolving Loan Fund assistance from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM). This project will consist of the installation of new steel casing pipe with a ductile iron carrier pipe within to connect to the existing sewer main on each side of Fay Branch. New sanitary sewer manholes and junction boxes will be installed as necessary. Improvements to the existing access road to this location will include new gravel surfacing. The project area will be restored through the use of riprap erosion protection and permanent grassing.

CARPDC has determined that the proposed project is in accordance with current regional plans, programs, and objectives, and will not duplicate ongoing efforts. Further review of this project by CARPDC will not be necessary unless a substantial change in the scope of the project occurs. In such instance, CARPDC reserves the right to review and comment on any changes to the project prior to construction. We would like to extend our full support of the project and offer any assistance we can provide. Please feel free to call if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Broxton Sanders
Planner III



Project Map
CWSRF - Fay Branch Outfall Improvements
Prattville, Alabama



PROPOSED GRAVITY
SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

LEGEND

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS (SFHAs) SUBJECT TO INUNDATION BY THE 1% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOOD

The 1% annual chance flood (100-year flood), also known as the base flood, is the flood that has a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. The Special Flood Hazard Area is the area subject to flooding by the 1% annual chance flood. Areas of Special Flood Hazard include Zone A, AE, AH, AO, AR, A99, V, and VE. The Base Flood Elevation is the water surface elevation of the 1% annual chance flood.

ZONE A No Base Flood Elevations determined.

ZONE AE Base Flood Elevations determined.

ZONE AH Flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually areas of ponding); Base Flood Elevations determined.

ZONE AO Flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually sheet flow on sloping terrain); average depths determined; for areas of unusual flow depths, velocities also determined.

ZONE AR Special Flood Hazard Area formerly protected from the 1% annual chance flood by a flood control system that was subsequently identified. Zone AR indicates that the former flood control system is being restored to provide protection from the 1% annual chance or greater flood.

ZONE A99 Area to be protected from 1% annual chance flood by a Federal flood protection system under construction; no Base Flood Elevations determined.

ZONE V Coastal flood zone with velocity hazard (wave action); no Base Flood Elevations determined.

ZONE VE Coastal flood zone with velocity hazard (wave action); Base Flood Elevations determined.

FLOODWAY AREAS IN ZONE AE

The floodway is the channel of a stream plus any adjacent floodplain areas that must be kept free of encroachment so that the 1% annual chance flood can be carried without substantial increases in flood heights.

OTHER FLOOD AREAS

ZONE X Areas of 0.2% annual chance flood; areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depths of less than 1 foot or with drainage areas less than 1 square mile; and areas protected by levees from 1% annual chance flood.

OTHER AREAS

ZONE X Areas determined to be outside the 0.2% annual chance floodplain.

ZONE D Areas in which flood hazards are undetermined, but possible.

COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES SYSTEM (CBRS) AREAS

OTHERWISE PROTECTED AREAS (OPAs)

CBRS areas and OPAs are normally located within or adjacent to Special Flood Hazard Areas.

1% annual chance floodplain boundary
0.2% annual chance floodplain boundary
Floodway boundary
Zone D boundary
Boundary dividing Special Flood Hazard Areas of different Base Flood Elevations; flood depths, or flood velocities
CBRS and OPA boundary
International, State, or County boundary
Corporate, Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, or Urban Growth boundary
Area Not Included boundary
History Reservation, Native American Lands boundary
Base Flood Elevation line and value; elevation in feet
Base Flood Elevation value where uniform within zone; elevation in feet
Reference to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988
Cross section line
Transect line
Geographic coordinates referenced to the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83)
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid values, zone 16
5000-foot grid ticks; Alabama State Plane coordinate system, east zone (FIPS 5021), Lambert Conformal Conic projection
Benchmark (see explanation in notes to Users section of this FIRM panel)
River Mile
Aqueduct, Culvert, Pump, Penstock, or Storm Sewer
Road or Railroad Bridge

MAP REPOSITORY
Refer to listing of Map Repositories on Map Index

EFFECTIVE DATE OF COUNTYWIDE FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP
November 19, 2008

EFFECTIVE DATES (OF REVISIONS) TO THIS PANEL
July 18, 2011
September 3, 2014, to reflect updated information; to change Special Flood Hazard Areas; to update map format; to update roads and road names; to incorporate previously issued Letters of Map Amendment; and to update corporate limits.

For community map revision history prior to countywide mapping, refer to the Community Map History table located in the Flood Insurance Study report for the jurisdiction.

To determine if flood insurance is available in this community, contact your insurance agent or call the National Flood Insurance Program at 1-800-464-6363.

MAP SCALE 1" = 500'

250 500 1000
0 150 300
FEET
METERS

NFP

PANEL 0409F

FIRM

FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

ELMORE COUNTY, ALABAMA AND INCORPORATED AREAS

PANEL 409 OF 550

SEE LOCATOR DIAGRAM OR MAP INDEX FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

CONTAINS	NUMBER	PANEL	SUFFIX
COMMUNITY	010406	0409	F
SHELLBROOK CITY OF	010370	0409	F
PRATTVILLE CITY OF	010002	0409	F

Notes to User: The Map Number shown below should be used when filing any claim with the Community Number shown above. When filing a claim with the Community Number shown above, the user should also file a claim with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) at 1-800-464-6363.

MAP REVISED **MAP NUMBER**
SEPTEMBER 3, 2014 **01051C0409F**

State of Alabama
Federal Emergency Management Agency

NOTE: MAP AREA SHOWN ON THIS PANEL IS LOCATED
WITHIN TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 17 EAST.

FLOOD HAZARD INFORMATION IS
NOT SHOWN ON THIS MAP IN AREAS
OUTSIDE OF ELMORE COUNTY

Flood Map
CWSRF - Fay Branch Outfall Improvements
Prattville, Alabama

