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# CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

City of Monroeville
Monroe County

SRF Project No. CS011061-03

November 5, 2026

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made financial assistance available to the **City of Monroeville.** 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 Monroeville proposes upgrades to the existing drainage system with an estimated total project cost of **$1,630,780.00**. Planned improvements consist of replacing existing drainage pipes with larger capacity conduits, installing additional drainage inlets where necessary to optimize collection efficiency, and clearing and stabilizing the existing drainage outfall to ensure long-term functionality. The proposed project will enhance capacity and improve stormwater management.

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

EFP/MDM/KMB/lbb
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City of Monroeville
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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 sewered 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.

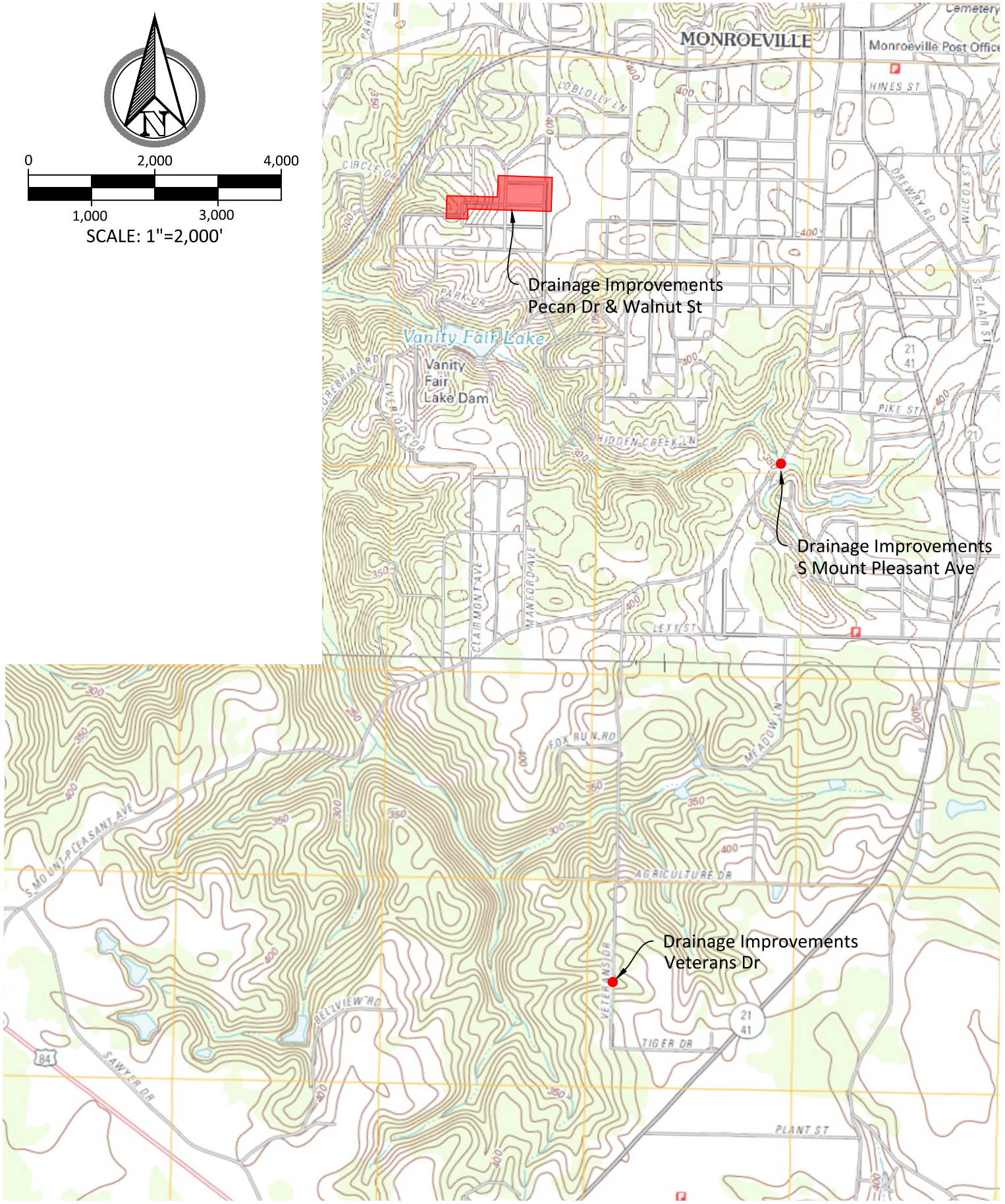
   b. The action is known or expected to adversely impact:
      1) Cultural resources areas such as archaeological and historical sites,
      2) Endangered or threatened species and their critical habitats,
      3) Environmentally important natural resources areas such as floodplains, wetlands, important 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.




# Project Map

## CWSRF Storm Drainage Improvements

Monroeville, Alabama

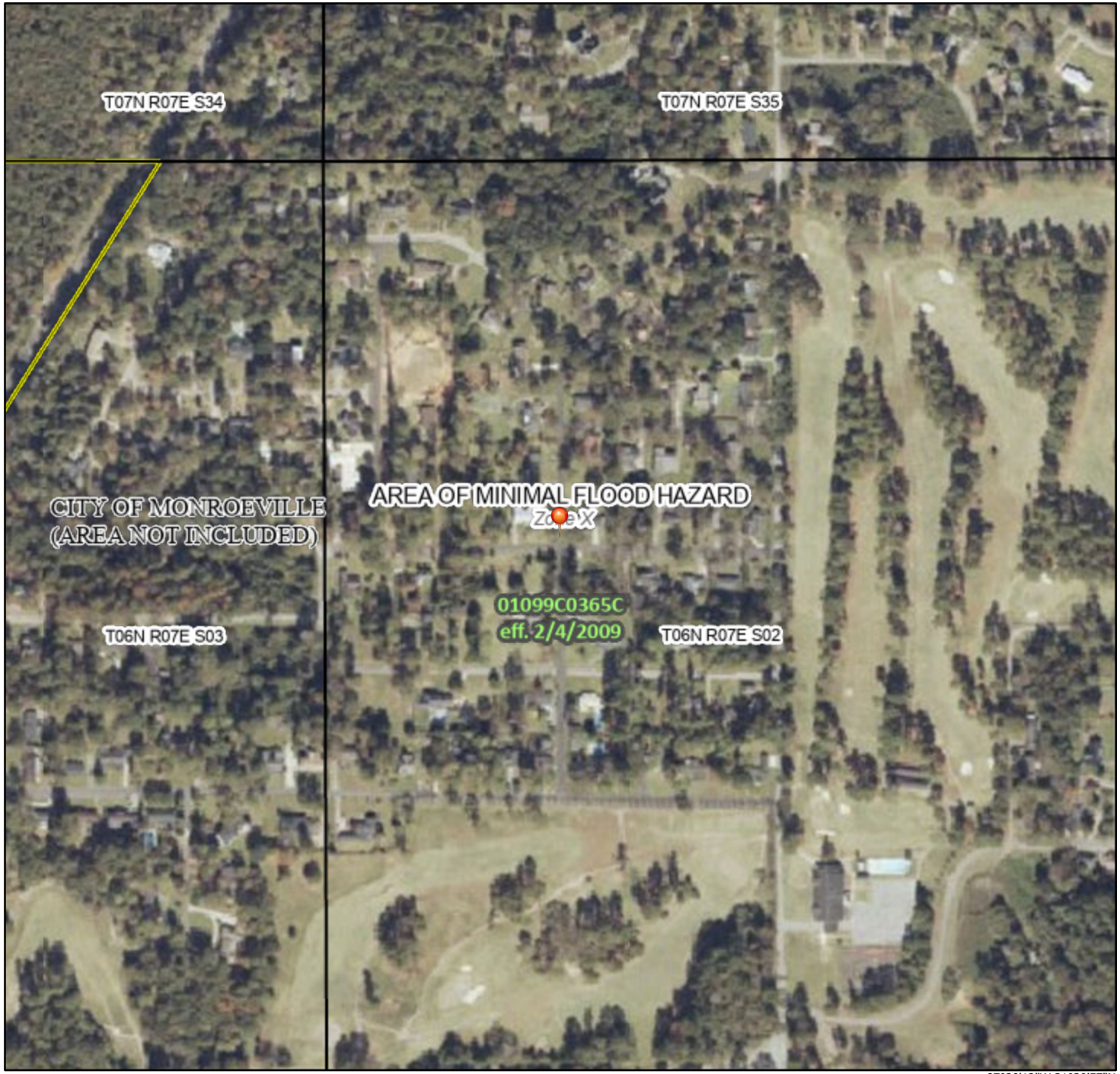
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# National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette

FEMA

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*Basemap Imagery Source: USGS National Map 2023*

## 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, V, A99*
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- Regulatory Floodway

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- 20.2 Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance
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- Limit of Study
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- Coastal Transect Baseline
- Profile Baseline
- Hydrographic Feature

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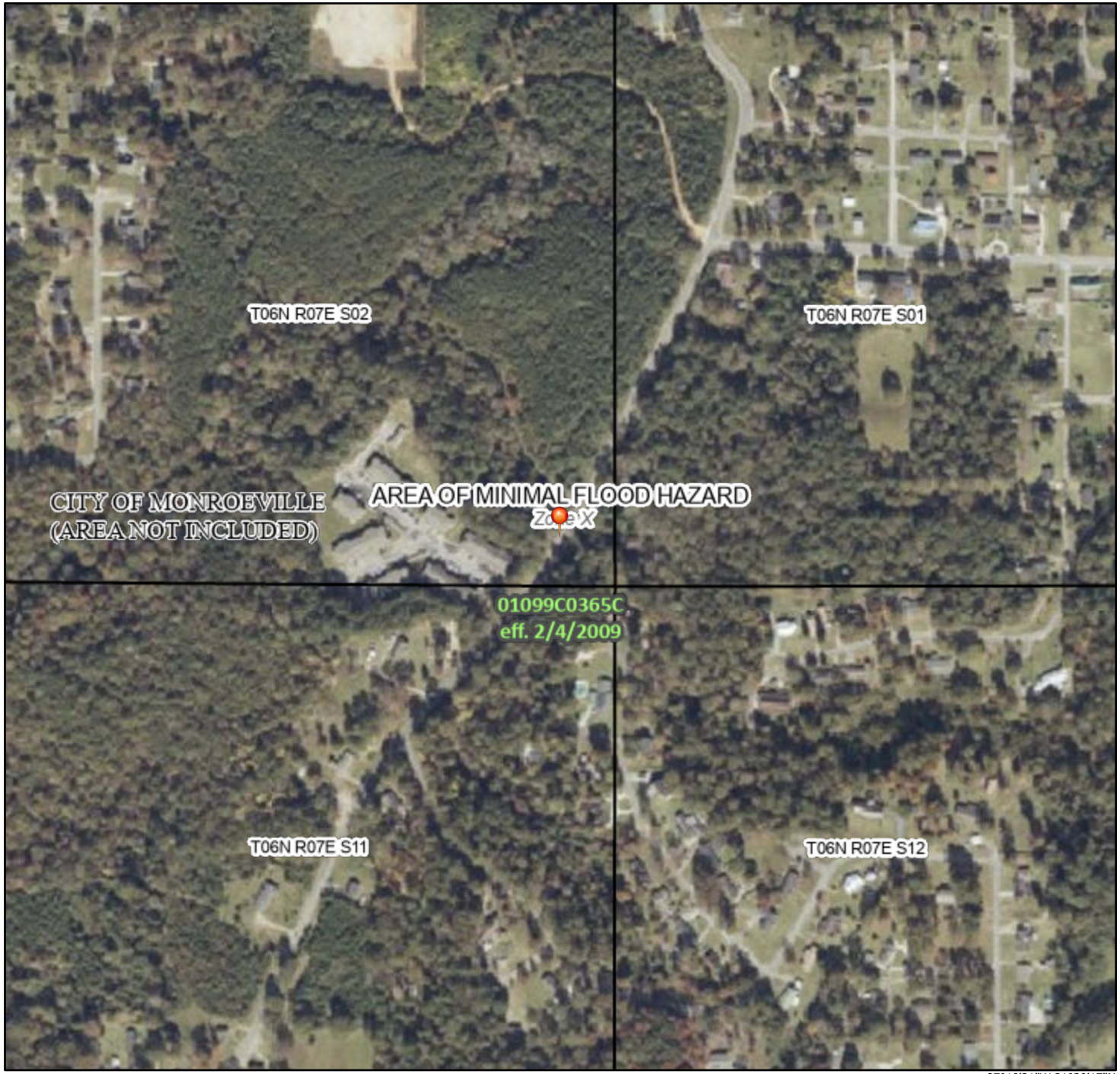
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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MOBILE DISTRICT
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MOBILE, AL 36602-1901

SRF Section
Oct 21, 2026
Permits & Services
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MAY 28, 2026

South Alabama Branch
Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Department of the Army, No Permit Required, File Number SAM-2026-00276-JJW, City of Monroeville, CWSRF Storm Drainage Improvements, Monroe County, Alabama

City of Monroeville
Attention: Mr.Chase Cotton, PE
Email Address: chase@civilse.com
P.O. Box 1900
Andalusia, AL 36421

Dear Mr. Cotton:

Reference is made to your request for a Department of the Army (DA) review of storm drainage improvements in Monroeville, Alabama. This project has been assigned File Number **SAM-2026-00276-JJW**, which should be referred to in all future correspondence with this office concerning this project. The project locations are on S Mount Pleasant Avenue, Veterans Avenue, and Pecan/Walnut Street; within Section 2, Township 6N, Range 7E; Latitude 31.508944° North and Longitude 87.327583° West; Monroeville, Alabama.

A review of the information you submitted indicates a DA Permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 **will not be required** for the improvement of the existing storm drainage system at several locations within the previously disturbed sewer easements. This determination is based on the nature of the proposed activities, as described in the attached project description/plans dated 20 February 2026. Any proposed modifications to the project location or scope of work, or anticipated ground disturbance or discharge of fill material in streams and/or wetland areas, should be coordinated with our office prior to commencing the activity.

The statements contained herein do not convey any property rights or any exclusive privileges, and do not authorize any injury to property nor shall it be construed as excusing you from compliance with other Federal, State, or local statutes, ordinances, or regulations that may affect proposed work.

Electronic copies of this letter are being provided to your agent, Chase Cotton at chase@civilse.com and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Mobile Branch / Coastal Section, Attention: Mr. Scott Brown, at coastal@adem.alabama.gov; and the Alabama Department of Conservation and

Natural Resources, State Lands Division, Attention: Mr. Jeremiah Kolb, at submerged.lands@dcnr.alabama.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 251) 979-7826 or Jennifer.J.Wilder@usace.army.mil. For additional information about our Regulatory Program, visit our web site at www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx. Also, please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey located near the bottom of the webpage. Your responses are appreciated and will help us improve our services.

Sincerely,

Jennifer J. Wilder

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Jennifer J. Wilder
Program Manager
South Alabama Branch
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Chase Cotton
P.O. Box 1900
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Re: AHC 26-0369
Storm Drainage Improvements-City of Monroeville
Monroe 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

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Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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***RE:*** ***Storm Drainage Improvements***
***ADEM CWSRF Project***
***City of Monroeville***
***Monroe County Alabama***

Mr. King:

The City of Monroeville is currently in the process of improving its storm drainage system. 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. All the work will occur within previously disturbed drainage easements.

If you should have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at chase@civilse.com or at 334.488.0933.

Sincerely,
**Civil Southeast, LLC**

Chase Cotton, PE
Senior Project Engineer

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
Alabama Ecological Services Field Office

JAN 28 2025
Date

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ALABAMA TOMBIGBEE REGIONAL COMMISSION
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Hon. Charles Andrews
City of Monroeville
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***RE: Storm Drainage Improvements***
***ADEM CWSRF Project***
***City of Monroeville***
***Monroe County Alabama***

Mayor Andrews:

The Alabama Tombigbee Regional Commission has reviewed your proposal for the referenced storm drainage improvements project and supports your efforts to pursue CWSRF funding.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Sincerely,
**Alabama Tombigbee Regional Commission**

Brandy Wilkerson
Planning Director

C: Civil Southeast, LLC