

**PUBLIC NOTICE
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

**August 28, 2019
Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission
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The Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission (JMWSC) has completed an Environmental Assessment under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 for a project known as Lydia Drive Gravity Sewer Extension. The JMWSC intends to use approximately \$376,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds appropriated by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to fund the project. The proposal involves constructing 2,751 linear feet of 8-inch gravity sewer along Pine Street to Lydia Drive in Pelion, South Carolina. No further environmental review of the proposal is to be conducted prior to the Request for Release of Funds.

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The JMWSC has determined that this proposal will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 is not required.

The reasons for the decision not to prepare an EIS are: 1) an ERR prepared for this proposal documents that the project will not have a significant effect on the human environment and that compliance with related federal environmental laws and standards has been achieved; 2) the project size is well below the 2,500 unit EIS threshold level established by Federal regulation at 24 CFR 58.37; 3) the project will have no adverse effects on public health or safety, nor will it have adverse effects on any ecologically sensitive areas; 4) the project is in compliance with Federal, State and local laws pertaining to the protection of the environment and conforms to the zoning and Master Plan of the County; 5) mitigating measures have been required with respect to stormwater runoff that adequately address the effects the project is deemed to have or be exposed to; and 6) mitigating measures for the protection of nearby historic properties have been required according to a Memorandum of Agreement signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer on November 20, 2017. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at 2546 Two Notch Road, Lexington, SC 29072, which may be examined or copied weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, groups or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the proposal may submit written comments to the JMWSC. All written comments received by September 20, 2019 will be considered and the JMWSC will not take any action on the proposal prior to this date.

**Jay Nicholson, General Manager
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