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## **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

City of Childersburg  
Talladega County

SRF Project No. CS010832-02

May 14, 2020

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made \$243,000 in financial assistance available to the City of Childersburg using funds from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan program. 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 Childersburg proposes a project to improve the existing stormwater drainage system in the city. Proposed improvements will consist of the construction of a stormwater retention pond and installation of large diameter stormwater drainage piping with related appurtenances, primarily in the southwestern area of the city. Completion of these improvements will significantly reduce residential flooding, having restored unrestricted stormwater flow with the increased drainage piping size. Moreover, residential properties, creeks and the Coosa River will experience reduced silt and chemical accumulations from reduced stormwater overflows and runoff.

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 Ms. Corynella L. Price, SRF Section, Permits & Services Division, Alabama Department of Environmental Management, P.O. 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,

Lance R. LeFleur  
Director

LRL/DKB/CLP/kbh

Attachment

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.



# ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

468 South Perry Street  
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Lisa D. Jones  
Executive Director  
State Historic Preservation Officer

March 18, 2019

Dave Bechtel  
Utility Engineering Consultants  
P.O. Box 100995  
Irondale, AL 35210

Re: AHC 19-0590  
City of Childersburg-Storm Drainage Improvements  
Talladega County

Dear Mr. Bechtel:

We concur with the above referenced project provided all construction activities will occur within either the highway right-of-way or in previously disturbed areas. 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.

However, should artifacts or archaeological features be encountered during project activities, work shall cease and our office shall be consulted immediately. Artifacts are objects made, used or modified by humans. They include but are not excluded to arrowheads, broken pieces of pottery or glass, stone implements, metal fasteners or tools, etc. Archaeological features are stains in the soil that indicate disturbance by human activity. Some examples are post holes, building foundations, trash pits and even human burials. This stipulation shall be placed on the construction plans to insure 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](mailto: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

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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MOBILE DISTRICT  
105 SOUTH TURNER BOULEVARD  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 33114

March 17, 2020

North Branch  
Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Department of the Army, File Number SAM-2019-00190-JSC, City of Childersburg - storm drainage improvements, UT to Tallasseehatchee Creek

City of Childersburg  
c/o Utility Engineering Consultants, LLC  
Attention: Mr. Dave Bechtel  
Post Office Box 19218  
Birmingham, Alabama 35219

Transmitted electronically to [dbechtel@uecllc.com](mailto:dbechtel@uecllc.com)

Dear Mr. Bechtel:

This letter is in response to your February 18, 2019 and January 29, 2020 letters, submitted on behalf of the City of Childersburg, regarding replacement of an existing storm drainage pipe with a larger 36-inch storm drainage pipe along Coosa Street and DeSoto Avenue in Childersburg, Talladega County, Alabama (Latitude N 33.263361, Longitude W 86.356401). The drainage pipe terminates near an unnamed tributary (UT) to Tallasseehatchee Creek. This project has been assigned file number **SAM-2019-00190-JSC**, which should be referred to in all future correspondence regarding this project.

Based on our review of the project information you submitted and mapping resources available to our office, it appears there may be jurisdictional waters of the United States (U.S.) within the vicinity of your proposed project that are subject to federal permitting authority under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. However, based on additional project information you provided, which states that no discharge of fill material into the UT to Tallasseehatchee Creek will be required to install a proposed new headwall at the terminus of the drainage pipe to be replaced, it appears that a Department of the Army (DA) permit would not be required at this time to conduct the work as proposed. This determination is based primarily on information provided by you, on behalf of the City of Childersburg, regarding the location and scope of work associated with this specific drainage improvement project.

Please be advised that Section 404 of the Clean Water Act requires that a Department of the Army (DA) permit be obtained for the placement or discharge of dredged and/or fill material into WOUS, including wetlands, prior to conducting the work (33 U.S.C. 1344). For regulatory purposes, the USACE defines wetlands as those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of

vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. If the project will involve work in or the discharge or placement of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the U.S. under our regulatory jurisdiction, issuance of a DA permit will be required prior to conducting the proposed work. Activities including land clearing operations involving removal of vegetation with mechanized equipment such as front-end loaders, backhoes, or bulldozers with sheer blades, rakes, or discs; windrowing vegetation; land leveling; or other soil disturbance in areas subject to USACE jurisdiction are considered a discharge of dredged and/or fill material under our permitting jurisdiction.

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 apply to the activities discussed above. If the scope of work or project location changes, you are urged to contact this office.

Thank you for your cooperation with our permit program. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me at (205) 290-9096 or [Jacob.L.Brown@usace.army.mil](mailto:Jacob.L.Brown@usace.army.mil).

For additional information about our Regulatory Program, visit our web site at <http://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 allow us to improve our services.

Sincerely,

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Logan Brown  
Regulatory Specialist  
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Attachments



# Utility Engineering Consultants, LLC

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BY: *[Signature]*

February 21, 2019

Mr. William J. Pearson, Field Supervisor  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
Daphne ES Field Office  
1208-B Main Street  
Daphne, AL 36526

Re: City of Childersburg  
Storm Drainage Improvements  
ADEM CWSRF Loan Program

Dear Mr. Pearson:

We are proposing to install a 36" storm drain along Coosa Street and DeSoto Avenue to prevent houses from being flooded and control storm runoff. The project upper end is at the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and DeSoto Avenue that proceeds north on DeSoto to Coosa Street where it turns west until arriving at the creek. This project will help alleviate flooding of housing in this area.

We are enclosing aerial maps and USGS location maps for your use. We respectfully request your concurrence with this project.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 205-951-3838.

Sincerely,

UTILITY ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, LLC

*[Signature]*  
Dave Bechtel, P.E.

DBB/jj

cc: Mr. Ken Wesson, Mayor



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 <http://www.fws.gov/daphne/section7/bmr.html>)

*[Signature]*  
William J. Pearson, Field Supervisor

MAR 08 2019

Date

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FAX LABEL

To: *Dave Bechtel*  
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# EAST ALABAMA

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Lori Hodge Corley  
Executive Director

February 26, 2019

Dave Bechtel, P.E.  
Utility Engineering Consultants, LLC  
2000 Crestwood Boulevard, Suite 100  
Irondale, AL 35210

Re: City of Childersburg  
Storm Drainage Improvements  
ADEM CWSRF Loan Program

Dear Mr. Bechtel,

This is in reference to your letter dated February 21, 2019 regarding a request for concurrence on the storm drainage improvements. We concur with this proposal.

If you have any further questions, please contact us at 256-237-6741.

Thank you,

Lori Corley

Executive Director  
East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission  
256-237-6741



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







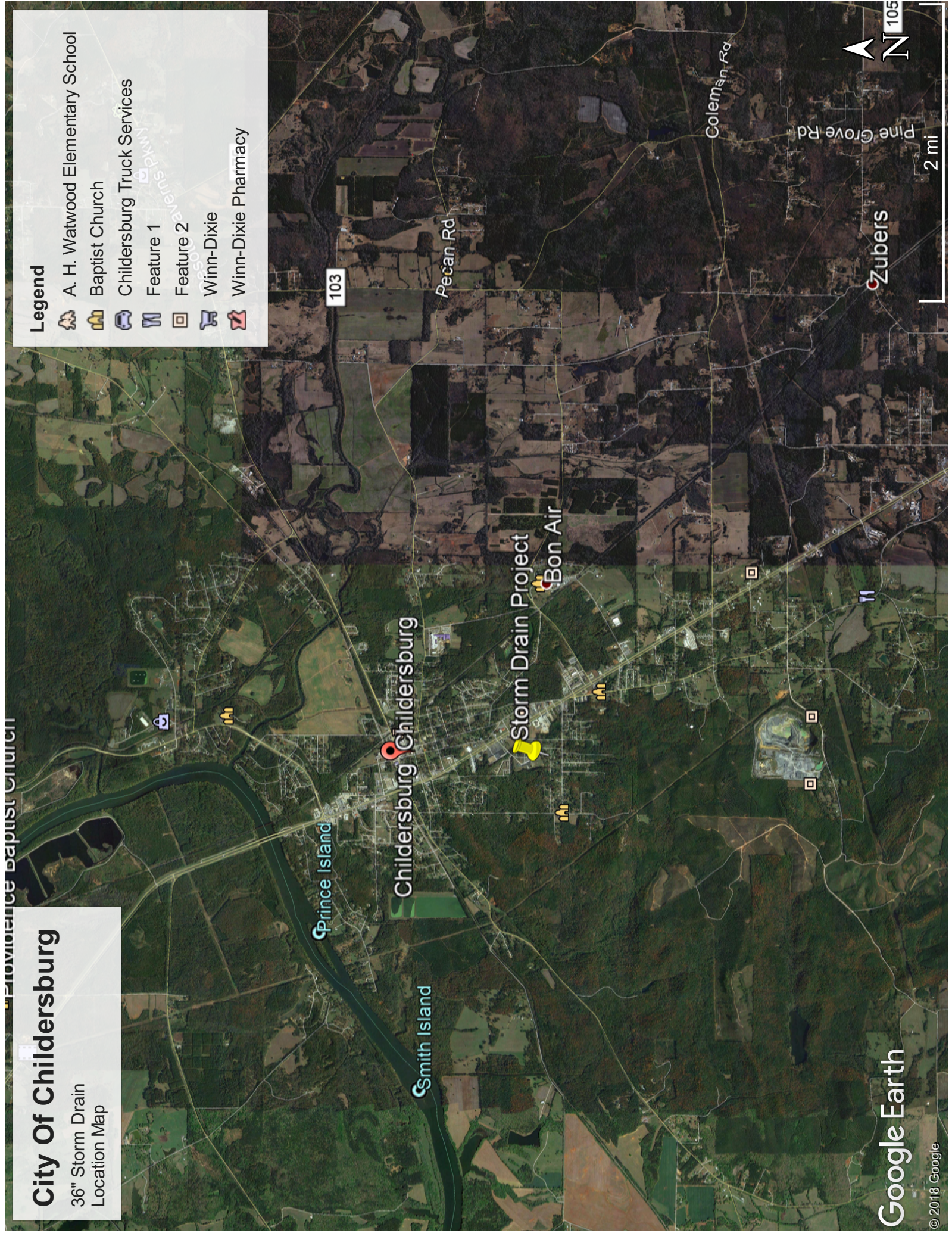


# City Of Childersburg

36" Storm Drain  
Location Map

## Legend

-  A. H. Watwood Elementary School
-  Baptist Church
-  Childersburg Truck Services
-  Feature 1
-  Feature 2
-  Winn-Dixie
-  Winn-Dixie Pharmacy







# City of Childersburg

Proposed 36" Storm Drain Project

## Legend

-  A. H. Watwood Elementary School
-  Storm Drain Project

