Categorical Exclusion

North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant:	Town of Drexel
Date:	October 1, 2026
Project Name:	Bryant Road Pump Station Rehabilitation and Sewer Line Replacement
Project Number:	SRF-W-HEL-0005
Estimated Project Cost:	$7,854,347
Estimated Funding Amount:	$5,000,000

Project Description:

Collection System

Gravity Sewer Outfall along the Howard Creek

Abandonment of approximately 6,590 LF (linear feet) of (dual) 12-inch and 740 LF of 24-inch gravity sewer pipe, and twenty-eight (28) manholes; installation of 3,500 linear feet of 18-inch and 655 LF of 24-inch gravity sewer pipe, and 16 manholes; rehabilitation of one (1) manhole; and stabilization of streambank.

Bryant Road Pump Station

Rehabilitation of Bryant Road pump station to include replacement of existing two (2) 916 GPM pumps with two (2) 1,750 GPM pumps.

WWTP/Flow Equalization Basins

Rehabilitation of the decommissioned WWTP to include conversion of the primary clarifier, trickling filter and secondary clarifier to three (3) flow equalization basins; installation of pumping skids and bypass pumps; demolition of existing equipment within the converted basins, and modification of the influent channel to raise the wall 2 feet above Base Flood Elevation (BFE).

And removal and replacement of pavement, roadways, driveways and curbs, and sedimentation and erosion-control devices; electrical, valves, vaults, and associated appurtenances.

The above-named applicant will receive funding assistance from the State Revolving Fund. The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Infrastructure (**Division**) has conducted a review of the project in accordance with the NCGS §159G-38. The Division has determined that this project is below the minor construction activities threshold outlined in the 15A NCAC 01C .0408; therefore, the project is exempt from inter-agency review, and the preparation of additional environmental documents is not required.

This determination shall become effective upon its distribution by the Division and will be available on the Division's website (https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-infrastructure/division-water-infrastructure/environmental-documents). This determination can be revoked at any time adverse information is made available. The documentation to support this decision will be on file with the Division, and is available for public scrutiny upon request.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed in writing to Ms. Stephanie Suter, Deputy Director, Division of Water Infrastructure, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, 1633 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699. Alternatively, she can be reached via telephone at 919.707.9044 or via e-mail at stephanie.suter@deq.nc.gov.

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