

Categorical Exclusion

North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant: Town of Gamewell
Date: August 5, 2026
Project Name: Sewer System Flood Resiliency Project
Project Number: SRF-W-HEL-0006
Estimated Project Cost: \$775,200 (2% fee to be financed with Principal Forgiveness awarded in the project).
Estimated Funding Amount: \$775,200

Project Description:

Eligible:

Lower Creek gravity sewer pipe near manholes #SMA1, #SMA3, and #SMC1

Relocation/abandonment of existing sewer pipe with the installation of 297 linear feet of 10-inch gravity sewer pipe and one (1) 4-foot manhole; and stabilization of 52 LF of streambank.

Lower Creek gravity sewer pipe near manholes #SMA8, #SMA9, and #SMA10

Relocation/abandonment of existing sewer pipe with the installation of approximately 429 linear feet of 10-inch gravity sewer pipe and one (1) 4-foot manhole; and stabilization of 51 linear feet of streambank.

Abingdon Creek area near manholes #SMA19, #SMA20, and #SMA21

Stabilization of approximately 280 LF of streambank.

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.

Sincerely,

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