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August 23, 2021

The Honorable Esterine Gary Pitt, Mayor  
Town of Whitakers  
P.O. Box 727  
Whitakers, NC 27891

Subject: Engineering Report Funding Approval  
Town of Whitakers  
Small Diameter Waterline Replacement  
Project No. 1995

Dear Mayor Pitt:

The Division of Water Infrastructure (Division) has completed its review of the subject engineering report. Based upon this review, the Division has determined that the referenced project is eligible for funding as follows:

Eligible

Replace  $\pm 5,700$  LF of existing 2-inch diameter water lines along Taylor Street, Weaver Street, Porter Street, New Street, Marks Street, Spring Street and Nash Street with 6-inch diameter waterline. Install  $\pm 7$  new fire hydrants and relocate  $\pm 30$  existing water service connections.

Non-Eligible

Paving of roadways in excess of the disturbed area. Any installation of sewer service laterals outside the right-of-way. Spare parts, service contracts, maintenance contracts, and extended warranties.

Based upon detailed review of the bid documents, the Division may determine that portions of the project are not eligible for funding and the total funding amount may be reduced.

Please note that funding is contingent on meeting the schedule provided in your *Letter of Intent to Fund*, or approved extension, as tabulated below:



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<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Date</b>
Bid and Design Package Submittal	November 1, 2021
Bid and Design Package Approval	March 1, 2022
Advertise Project, Receive Bids, Submit Bid Information, and Receive Authority To Award	July 1, 2022
Execute Construction Contract(s)	August 1, 2022

To allow the required Local Government Commission (LGC) review of the loan portion of the project, please forward the completed LGC-108A and LGC-108C Forms (based on the most recent completed audit) to: Mark Hubbard, P E., [mark.hubbard@ncdenr.gov](mailto:mark.hubbard@ncdenr.gov). The forms are available at: <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-infrastructure/i-have-funding/construction-reimbursement#lgc-forms>.

In addition, local government units with projects that require debt to be issued greater than \$1,000,000 (in accordance with G.S. 120-157.2) must submit a letter to Committee Chairs, Committee Assistant, and the Fiscal Research Division of the General Assembly at least 45 days prior to presentation before the Local Government Commission. You are responsible for submitting this letter, if applicable, and providing a copy to the Division.

If you have any questions, please contact David Giachini, by phone at (919) 707-9191, by email at [david.giachini@ncdenr.gov](mailto:david.giachini@ncdenr.gov)

Sincerely,



Vincent Jude Tomaino, PE, Supervisor  
Drinking Water Projects Unit

Attachments: Categorical Exclusion

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## Categorical Exclusion

### North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant: *Town of Whitakers*  
Date: *August 23, 2021*  
Project Number: *1995*  
Estimated Project Cost: *\$765,000*  
Estimated Funding Amount: *\$750,000*

Project Description: *Replace ±5,700 LF of existing 2-inch diameter water lines along Taylor Street, Weaver Street, Porter Street, New Street, Marks Street, Spring Street and Nash Street with 6-inch diameter waterline. Install ±7 new fire hydrants and relocate ±30 existing water service connections.*

The above-named applicant will receive funding assistance from the State Revolving Fund. The North Carolina 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 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 North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Infrastructure, and is available for public scrutiny upon request.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Ms. Jennifer Haynie, Environment and Special Projects Unit, Division of Water Infrastructure, 1633 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699, or she can be reached by phone at (919) 707-9173.

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