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Georgia Communities Receive Environmental Infrastructure Loans Totaling \$6 Million *Two Water Conservation Projects Included*

ATLANTA – August 28, 2012. The cities of Ashburn, Cuthbert, Jasper, Jeffersonville, Sylvester and Wadley were awarded financing totaling \$5,752,573 for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements by the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) board of directors today.

Approved Loans:

- Ashburn was awarded a \$1,420,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan.
- Cuthbert was awarded a \$699,421 Georgia Fund loan.
- Jasper was awarded a \$315,000 Georgia Fund loan.
- Jeffersonville was awarded a \$385,000 Georgia Fund loan.
- Sylvester was awarded a \$1,415,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan.
- Wadley was awarded a \$1,518,152 Georgia Fund loan.

Quotes:

"The water, sewer and solid waste programs administered by GEFA assist local governments with improving their environmental infrastructure. Financing water, sewer and solid waste projects encourages economic growth and the stewardship of our environment." – GEFA Executive Director Kevin Clark.

"I'd like to express my appreciation to Gov. Deal and to the members of the General Assembly for their support. The state's commitment to helping cities and counties finance infrastructure development is one of the main contributors to GEFA's success." – GEFA Executive Director Kevin Clark.

"GEFA financing for water, sewer and solid waste infrastructure helps communities in all areas of the state. The projects that we agreed to finance today demonstrate that GEFA is investing in communities that are willing to invest in themselves." – Chairman of the GEFA Board of Directors and Chairman of the Tift County Board of Commissioners Grady Thompson.

Project and Loan Details:

City of Ashburn

The \$1,420,000 DWSRF loan will finance installing a 300,000 gallon elevated water storage tank, a 1,000 gallon per minute well and upgrades to the telemetry system. The total project cost is \$1,420,000 with GEFA providing the entire amount. Ashburn will pay 1.82 percent interest on the 20-year loan, which includes principal forgiveness up to \$284,000 if all loan funds are drawn.

City of Cuthbert

The \$699,421 Georgia Fund loan will finance installing a lift station, 14 fire hydrants, 7,060 linear feet of 4-inch force main, and 7,390 linear feet of 12-inch water main to service the new Randolph County jail. The total project cost is \$699,421 with GEFA providing the entire amount. Cuthbert will pay 2.82 percent interest on the 20-year loan.

City of Jasper

The \$315,000 Georgia Fund loan will finance installing 20,500 linear feet of 8-inch and 10-inch water lines. The total project cost is \$315,000 with GEFA providing the entire amount. Jasper will pay 2.82 percent interest on the 20-year loan.

City of Jeffersonville

The \$385,000 Georgia Fund loan will finance replacing 713 residential and commercial water meters with automatic read meters, two leaking fire hydrants, repair two water main leaks, and make improvements at the city's water treatment plant. Jeffersonville will pay 1.82 percent interest on the 20-year loan. The city received a 1 percent interest rate reduction because the project will help conserve water. The total project cost is \$407,800, with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) providing \$22,800 in an Immediate Threat and Danger grant.

City of Sylvester

The \$1,415,000 CWSRF loan will finance rehabilitating existing sanitary sewer lines, lift stations and influent lift stations at both wastewater treatment facilities. The total project cost is \$1,415,000, with GEFA providing the entire amount. Sylvester will pay 1.82 percent interest on the 20-year loan, which includes principal forgiveness up to \$141,500 if all loan funds are drawn.

City of Wadley

The \$1,518,152 Georgia Fund loan will finance constructing 35,000 linear feet of 8-inch forcemain and an effluent recycle system to deliver approximately 100,000 gallons per day of treated effluent from the city's wastewater treatment facility to North Star Renewable Energy facility. The total project cost is \$1,518,152 with GEFA providing the entire amount. Wadley will pay 1.82 percent interest on the 20-year loan. The city received a 1 percent interest rate reduction because the project will help conserve water.

Additional Information:

In the last six years, GEFA has financed more than \$69 million in water efficiency and conservation projects.

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF), a federal loan program administered by GEFA, provides communities throughout Georgia with low-interest loans to fund wastewater infrastructure and water pollution reduction projects. Eligible projects include a variety of storm water and wastewater collection and treatment projects. These projects conserve and improve water resources, and facilitate economic growth and development.

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), a federal loan program administered by GEFA, provides communities throughout Georgia with low-interest loans to fund water infrastructure projects that deliver safe, affordable drinking water. Eligible projects include a wide variety of public health or compliance related water supply projects. These projects conserve and improve water resources, and facilitate economic growth and development.

The Georgia Fund, a state-funded program administered by GEFA, provides communities with low-interest loans for water, wastewater, water conservation and solid waste infrastructure projects. Eligible projects include water and sewer lines, treatment plants, pumping stations, wells, water storage tanks and water meters. These projects conserve and improve water resources, and facilitate economic growth and development. Low-interest loans from this program are available up to \$10 million.

About the [Georgia Environmental Finance Authority](http://www.gefa.org) (www.gefa.org):

The Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA), headquartered in Atlanta, Ga., is the lead agency for state energy programs; directs the Georgia Land Conservation Program and maintains state-owned fuel storage tanks; and offers financing for reservoir and water supply, water quality, storm water and solid waste infrastructure. Since 1985, GEFA has approved more than \$3 billion in financial commitments to local governments, businesses and nonprofit organizations. For more information, visit www.gefa.org, [Facebook](#) or [Flickr](#).

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