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Georgia Communities Receive Environmental Infrastructure Loans Totaling \$7.5 Million

ATLANTA – September 18, 2012. The cities of Auburn, Cleveland, Jasper and Waynesboro, and the Barrow County Water and Sewerage Authority were awarded financing totaling \$7,598,828 for water supply, wastewater, and solid waste infrastructure improvements by the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) executive committee today.

Approved Loans:

- Auburn was awarded a \$546,000 Georgia Reservoir and Water Supply Fund planning loan as part of the Governor's Water Supply Program (GWSP).
- Cleveland was awarded a \$2,100,828 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan.
- Jasper was awarded a \$1,800,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan.
- Waynesboro was awarded a \$1,050,000 Georgia Fund loan.
- The Barrow County Water and Sewerage Authority was awarded a \$2,102,000 Georgia Reservoir and Water Supply Fund planning loan as part of the GWSP.

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 Auburn

The \$546,000 Georgia Reservoir and Water Supply Fund planning loan will finance the necessary state and federal permits for the construction of a new reservoir, and the engineering design for the pumping

stations, force mains, storage tanks and the water treatment plant. Auburn will pay 2.82 percent interest on the 10-year loan. The total cost is \$546,000 with GEFA providing the entire amount.

City of Cleveland

The \$2,100,828 CWSRF loan will finance sewer system improvements along Truelove Road, as well as replace gravity sewer and force main. A new pump station, lift station and generator will be installed. Cleveland will pay 1.82 percent interest on the 20-year loan. The total cost of the project is \$3,900,828, with the city obtaining additional funding from a \$500,000 OneGeorgia grant, a \$1,000,000 Economic Development Administration grant, and a \$300,000 Appalachian Regional Commission grant.

City of Jasper

The \$1,800,000 CWSRF loan will finance modifications to the existing aeration basin, install chemical feed systems, convert an existing chlorine contact chamber to an ultraviolet disinfection unit, and construct tertiary filters to meet the new permit limits for phosphorus and chlorine residual. Jasper will pay 1.82 percent interest on the 20-year loan, which includes principal forgiveness up to \$140,000 if all loan funds are drawn. The total cost is \$1,800,000 with GEFA providing the entire amount.

City of Waynesboro

The \$1,050,000 Georgia Fund loan will the cost of designing, constructing and performing the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) associated with the city's old landfill site located on Bates Road. Waynesboro will pay 2.82 percent interest on the 20-year loan. The total cost is \$1,050,000 with GEFA providing the entire amount.

The Barrow County Water and Sewerage Authority

The \$2,102,000 Georgia Reservoir and Water Supply planning loan will finance a study on the need for additional water supply sources. Once a preferred water supply option is selected, the Barrow County Water and Sewerage Authority will identify any needed mitigation and apply for the necessary state and federal permits. The county will pay 2.82 percent interest on the 10-year loan. The total cost is \$2,102,000 with GEFA providing the entire amount.

Additional Information:

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 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.

Gov. Nathan Deal directed GEFA to develop and launch the GWSP. The purpose of the program is to align and mobilize the resources of the state of Georgia to assist local governments with developing new sources of water supply adequate to meet future water demand forecasts.

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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