

DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Town of Camden on Gauley Waterline Extension Project Webster County, West Virginia

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District (Corps) has conducted an environmental analysis in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. The Environmental Assessment (EA) dated **DATE OF IFR/EA**, for the Town of Camden on Gauley Waterline Extension Project addresses the existing water distribution system which relies on individual water systems that result in low quality and quantity of water supply in Webster County, West Virginia. The need for replacing and extending the waterline system in the proposed area is to provide residents with a reliable and safe water supply.

The Final EA, incorporated herein by reference, evaluated a Preferred Action Alternative that would provide residents with reliable and safe water service in the study area. Section 2.0 of the EA discusses Proposed Action Alternative and the No Action Alternative. The Proposed Action Alternative includes:

- Construction of approximately 17,500 linear feet of waterline; one booster station adjacent to Cranberry Ridge Road; 66 new water meter settings; various gate valves; and other necessary appurtenances. Construction of the waterlines would occur within West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) rights-of-way along Cranberry Ridge Road, Gauley Mills Road, Proctor Run Road, Short Street, and Mill Fork Road, which is in previously disturbed ground. Construction of the booster station would occur in a small field adjacent to Cranberry Ridge Road within WVDOH rights-of-way. Eight tributaries, including Mill Fork, would be crossed during construction of the waterlines. Road crossings during the installation of the waterline would be completed utilizing bore and jack construction methods. A ditch located along Proctor Run Road would be rock-lined in accordance with WVDOH standards. Following construction, all areas would be returned to preexisting conditions through soil grading and seed planting, and driveways and walkways impacted by construction would be repaired.

For all alternatives, the potential effects to the following resources were evaluated:

Resources	Insignificant effects	Insignificant effects as a result of mitigation	Resource unaffected by action
Aesthetics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Air quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aquatic resources/wetlands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Invasive species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fish and wildlife habitat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Threatened/Endangered species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic properties	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other cultural resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Floodplains	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hazardous, toxic & radioactive waste	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hydrology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Navigation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Noise levels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public infrastructure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Socio-economics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental justice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soils	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tribal trust resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Water quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Climate change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wild and Scenic Rivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prime and Unique Farmland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

All practical means to avoid or minimize adverse environmental effects were analyzed and incorporated into the Proposed Action Alternative. Best management practices (BMPs) as detailed in the EA will be implemented to minimize impacts. For additional details of the proposed action alternatives, see Section 3.0 of the EA.

Pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers determined that the recommended plan may affect but is not likely to adversely affect the following federally listed species or their designated critical habitat: Indiana bat, Northern Long-eared bat, and Candy Darter. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) concurred with the Corps' determination on **DATE OF CONCURRENCE LETTER**.

Pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers determined that historic properties would not be adversely affected by the recommended plan. The West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office (WVSHPO) concurred with the determination on 31 July 2019.

A 30-day public, state, and agency review of the Draft EA and FONSI was completed on DATE. All comments submitted during the public review period were responded to in the Final EA and FONSI

Technical, environmental, economic, and cost effectiveness criteria used in the formulation of alternative plans were those specified in the Water Resources Council's 1983 Economic and Environmental Principles and Guidelines for Water and Related Land Resources Implementation Studies. All applicable laws, executive orders, regulations, and local government plans were considered in evaluation of alternatives. Based on these report, the reviews by other Federal, State and local agencies, Tribes, input of the public, and the review by my staff, it is my determination that the recommended plan would not significantly affect the human environment; therefore, preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Date

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