

## Categorical Exclusion

### North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant: Town of Waynesville  
Date: September 16, 2020  
Project Number: CS370930-01  
Estimated Project Cost: \$17,748,000  
Estimated Funding Amount: \$17,400,000

**Project Description:** The proposed project includes the following improvements to Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant: installation of influent flow measurement flume; replacement of headworks containing bar screens and grit removal system, and primary clarifiers with primary drum filters; rehabilitation of aeration basins to include concrete repairs, replacement of aeration assembly and blowers; installation of intermediate pump station; replacement of secondary clarifiers and RAS/WAS pumps; rehabilitation of disinfection system; installation of non-potable water booster pump station; improvements to the sludge handling facilities to include conversion of anaerobic digester to aerated sludge holding tank, replacement of gravity thickening tanks with a drum thickener, rehabilitation of belt filter press, replacement of lime pasteurization thermal blender; replacement of electrical system and generator. These improvements will not change the plant's capacity of 6.0 million gallons per day.

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.

Sincerely,



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