

August 31, 2016

DETERMINATION OF NO EFFECT

TO ALL POTENTIALLY INTERESTED AGENCIES:

Pursuant to the environmental assessment requirements of 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 363.14 of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) rules, the Executive Administrator of the TWDB has determined that the proposed action identified below may be exempted from formal environmental review requirements:

City of Jefferson, Marion County
Wastewater Treatment Plant Closure Project
Texas Water Development Fund Project No. 21762
TWDB Commitment: \$1,030,000 (Loan No. L1000528)

The City of Jefferson (City) is proposing to use Planning, Design and Construction funding from a \$1,030,000 Texas Water Development Fund (TWDF) loan to close and decommission the City's currently abandoned wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Permit No. WQ0010801001). The City received a commitment of funds from the TWDB on June 14, 2016. The loan closing is anticipated to occur on August 18, 2016.

The project will follow the TCEQ mandated and approved closure plan. All work will be located on the existing facility site, except for disposal of sludge material (classified as Class 2 nonhazardous waste) that will be transported to an authorized landfill.

The WWTP is located in the 100-year floodplain of Black Cypress Bayou. The local Floodplain Administrator (National Flood Insurance Program) concurred with a letter dated July 20, 2016, stating that a floodplain permit was not required. The Texas Historical Commission reviewed the project and in a response dated May 26, 2016, stated that no survey was required and that the project may proceed. Because project activities are limited to the existing WWTP facility site, no impacts to threatened or endangered species or their habitat or waters of the United States are anticipated.

A Determination of No Effect for the project is allowable under existing TWDB Rules because the specified activity should not result in significant adverse impacts to environmental quality or human activities and welfare. Documentation supporting this determination is on file at the TWDB.

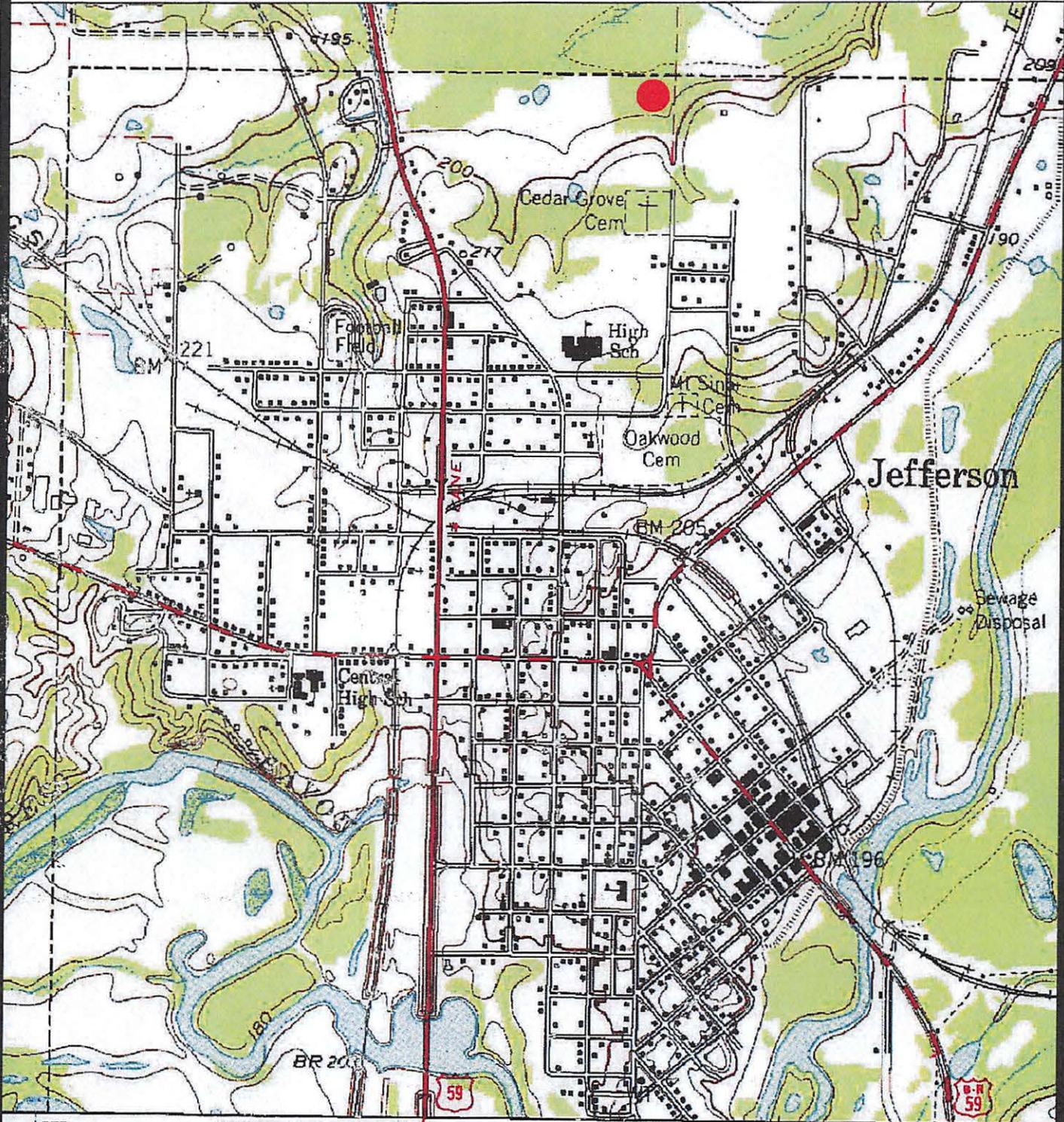
This environmental determination may be revoked if it is found that the project does not meet the requirements of 31 TAC § 363.14. Circumstances warranting revocation may be based on, but are not limited to, changes in the project; new evidence; or potential violations of federal, state, local, or tribal laws.

The project also must comply with the following conditions:

- Standard emergency condition for the discovery of cultural resources; and,
- Standard emergency condition for the discovery of threatened and endangered species.

Comments regarding this determination may be submitted to the Director of Regional Water Planning and Development, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231.

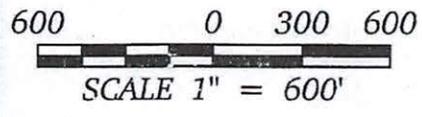
CLOSURE OF ABANDONED WWTP - PROJECT MAP



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WOODLAWN 6 MI.
MARSHALL 15 MI.

2 970 000 FEET



WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT LOCATION