

Budget Narrative

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Engineering Design				\$54,012
Grant Administration				\$26,166
Total Project Costs				\$680,316
Federal Funds Requested				\$680,316

The subtotal material and labor costs for this project are \$571,560. The only material needed for this project is 2" Polyethylene Gas Mains. The material and construction will be awarded by a competitive bidding process following federal and local regulations. A 5 percent contingency, \$28,578, is included for this project, bringing the total material and labor costs to \$600,138. The engineering and project management fee for this project is 9 percent of the labor and material costs, which is \$54,012, and the administration fee is 4 percent of the labor material costs, which is \$26,166. The total project costs equal \$680,316. Hawkinsville is requesting federal funding to cover the total project costs.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

08/08/2022

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

City of Hawkinsville

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

58-6000591

* c. UEI:

CUKCB7JT5HB1

d. Address:

* Street1:

96 Broad Street

Street2:

* City:

Hawkinsville

County/Parish:

Pulaski

* State:

GA: Georgia

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

31036-4814

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

* First Name:

Sara

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Myers

Suffix:

Title:

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number:

(478) 892-3240

Fax Number:

* Email:

sara@hawkinsvillega.org

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* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Admin

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

20.708

CFDA Title:

Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

693JK322NF0018

* Title:

FY 2022 Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

City of Hawkinsville Natural Gas Distribution Improvements

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

* a. Applicant

GA 8

* b. Program/Project

GA 8

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

03/01/2023

* b. End Date:

09/01/2024

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	680,316.00
* b. Applicant	0.00
* c. State	0.00
* d. Local	0.00
* e. Other	0.00
* f. Program Income	0.00
* g. TOTAL	680,316.00

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix:

* First Name:

Sara

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Myers

Suffix:

* Title:

City Manager

* Telephone Number:

(478) 892-3240

Fax Number:

* Email:

sara@hawkinsvillega.org

* Signature of Authorized Representative:

Sara Myers

* Date Signed:

08/08/2022

BUDGET INFORMATION - Construction Programs

NOTE: Certain Federal assistance programs require additional computations to arrive at the Federal share of project costs eligible for participation. If such is the case, you will be notified.

COST CLASSIFICATION	a. Total Cost	b. Costs Not Allowable for Participation	c. Total Allowable Costs (Columns a-b)
1. Administrative and legal expenses	\$ 26,166.00	\$	\$ 26,166.00
2. Land, structures, rights-of-way, appraisals, etc.	\$	\$	\$
3. Relocation expenses and payments	\$	\$	\$
4. Architectural and engineering fees	\$ 54,012.42	\$	\$ 54,012.42
5. Other architectural and engineering fees	\$	\$	\$
6. Project inspection fees	\$	\$	\$
7. Site work	\$	\$	\$
8. Demolition and removal	\$	\$	\$
9. Construction	\$ 571,560.00	\$	\$ 571,560.00
10. Equipment	\$	\$	\$
11. Miscellaneous	\$	\$	\$
12. SUBTOTAL (sum of lines 1-11)	\$ 651,738.42	\$	\$ 651,738.42
13. Contingencies	\$ 28,578.00	\$	\$ 28,578.00
14. SUBTOTAL	\$ 680,316.42	\$	\$ 680,316.42
15. Project (program) income	\$	\$	\$
16. TOTAL PROJECT COSTS (subtract #15 from #14)	\$ 680,316.42	\$	\$ 680,316.42
FEDERAL FUNDING			
17. Federal assistance requested, calculate as follows: (Consult Federal agency for Federal percentage share.) Enter eligible costs from line 16c Multiply X % Enter the resulting Federal share.			\$ 0.00

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Number: 4040-0009
Expiration Date: 02/28/2025

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant:, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL Sara Myers	TITLE City Manager
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION City of Hawkinsville	DATE SUBMITTED 08/08/2022

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City of Hawkinsville

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August 5, 2022

U.S. Department of Transportation

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)

RE: City of Hawkinsville Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program

U.S. Department of Transportation,

On behalf of the Hawkinsville City Commission, please accept this grant application from the City of Hawkinsville to the Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program. Hawkinsville is a small city whose mission is to provide efficient, excellent service to the citizens of Hawkinsville. The city is governed by five City Commissioners, each representing a portion of the city, with one serving as Commission Chairman decided by a rotating basis. Hawkinsville has expertise operating utility systems and operates its own natural gas distribution, sewerage collection and treatment, stormwater management, and water distribution and treatment systems. The city has experience using federal grant funds to improve these utilities and has the support of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission (MGRC) to manage the grant. MGRC has been assisting the cities and counties of Middle Georgia since 1965 with various administrative needs, including dozens of federal grants.

The designated project director for this project is Sara Myers, the Hawkinsville City Manager. She can be contacted at (478) 892-3240, sara@hawkinsvillega.org, or at 96 Broad Street P.O. Box 120 Hawkinsville, GA 31036.

Hawkinsville Commission Chairman Ken Clark will be the Authorized Representative who will accept the grant award document. Sara Myers will be responsible for the submission of required federal financial reports and progress report, with assistance from Joe Black, Government Services Specialist at the Middle Georgia Regional Commission. He can be reached at (478) 722-6972, jblack@mg-rc.org, or at 175 Emery Highway, Suite C, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Thank you,

Sara Myers, City Manager

1. Applicant Eligibility

The City of Hawkinsville is an eligible applicant for this project. The Hawkinsville Natural Gas system is a municipality-owned natural gas distribution system.

2. Project Summary

The City of Hawkinsville is seeking federal funding to replace and retire all the remaining bare steel gas mains in its natural gas distribution system. Since December 2019, the City has operated under a consent order from the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) to replace or retire two miles of bare steel pipes per year. As of December 31, 2021, there are still 5.38 miles of bare steel pipes remaining to complete the project. The successful completion of this project will modernize Hawkinsville's system and allow it to become safer and more reliable.

a. Project Location

This project will take place in the City of Hawkinsville, the sole incorporated municipality in Pulaski County, Georgia. Construction will take place in the right-of-way for the following streets: Forest Hill Circle, Markel Street, Martin Street, Barto Street, Wood Street, Ryan Steet, Broad Steet (Mashburn to Red Devil), Jackson Street (Broad to Westgate), Jackson Street (double main Broad to Old Fairgrounds Road), South Houston Street, Liberty Street, North and South Mill Village, Mitchell Street, and Broad Street (Jackson to Veterans Memorial Drive). A map of the project location is included in this narrative as Attachment One, and a shapefile is included as an attachment to this application.

b. Project Timeline

This project is expected to be completed within 77 weeks of the notice of award. A detailed project schedule with milestones is included. There is no property acquisition necessary for this project.

Milestone	Timeline in Weeks
Notice of award	0
Review of historical data	3
Preliminary design of project	3
Local project approval	1
Completion of tier 2 environmental questionnaire and public input	2
Permitting	2
State approval of plans, design, and permitting	2
Pre-bid meeting	1
Project out for bid	4
Award of contract for construction	1
Material procurement	3
Start of construction	1
Construction	50

Grant Closeout	4
Total	77

c. Project Eligibility

This project is eligible for funding under the NOFO. All grant expenses will be used for construction costs related to repairing, rehabilitating, or replacing natural gas pipeline distribution systems.

d. Project Funding

The City of Hawkinsville will accept partial funding for this project. This project has been ongoing since 2014 when the city began a replacement program targeting bare steel gas mains with high leakage rates; it has 5.38 miles remaining to be completed. Following the schedule from the consent order, the remaining bare steel gas mains will be replaced or retired in 140 weeks. With federal funding, this project will be completed in 77 weeks. This project will take place and benefit a rural disadvantaged community.

Total project costs	\$680,316
Federal funds requested	\$680,316

3. Detailed Project Description

The City of Hawkinsville is seeking federal funding to replace all the bare steel gas mains that remain in the city's natural gas system. Hawkinsville began replacing its bare steel pipes in 2014, targeting sections with high underground leaks. That year, Hawkinsville's system had 24 total leaks in their system, including two Grade 1 leaks and one Grade 2 leak. The number of leaks increased to 32 total leaks in 2015 but has since been reduced to just 11 Grade 3 leaks in 2020.

Since December 2019, the City has been under a consent order from the Georgia Public Service Commission to replace two miles of bare steel mains and associated services each year. As of December 31, 2021, there are still 5.38 miles of 1.5" and 2" mains to be replaced. The completion of this project will lower the leak rate, with one additional project, to a negligible amount. The completion of this project will create a safer, more modern, and more reliable natural gas distribution system. The following is a table with the street and footage of mains to be replaced. Supporting maps and engineering drawings are included as attachments to this narrative.

Streets	Footage to be replaced
Forest Hill Circle	3,278
Markel Street	1,804
Martin Street	2,179
Barto Street	477
Wood Street	513
Ryan Street	1,232
Broad Street (Mashburn Street to Red Devil Drive)	4,281

Jackson Street (Broad Street to Westgate Plaza)	7,079
Jackson Street (Broad Street to Old Fairgrounds Road)	2,780 (to be retired)
South Houston Street	1,417
Liberty Street	786
North & South Mill Village	817
Mitchell Street	952
Broad Street (Jackson to Veterans Memorial Drive)	845
Total main to be retired	28,440 (5.38 miles)
Total main to be installed	25,660 (4.85 miles)

The total cost to replace or retire the remaining 5.38 miles of bare steel pipes is \$680,316. Hawkinsville is seeking to replace the remaining 1.5" and 2" bare steel mains with 2" Polyethylene Gas Mains. A breakdown of the project's budget is included below.

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The City of Hawkinsville will complete the Tier 2 Environmental Questionnaire if it is selected for funding and will address and comply with all requirements under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and their implementing regulations.

4. Statement of Authority and Pipeline Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Capabilities

The City of Hawkinsville has an adopted Service Delivery Strategy that was filed and accepted with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs that includes natural gas services. The current Service Delivery Strategy in place specifies that the applicant is the responsible entity for service provisions to be supported by this grant. The City owns and operates the natural gas system, and has the authority to complete any repair, rehabilitation, replacement, or purchase to operate the system.

5. Project Outputs and Objectives

The output of this project will be the replacement of 4.85 miles and the retirement of 0.98 miles of bare steel pipes. All pipes that will be replaced are 1.5" or 2" bare steel mains and will be replaced with 2" Polyethylene (PE) Gas Mains. This project will benefit the City of Hawkinsville, a disadvantaged rural community. Federal funding is needed to offset the costs of this project and to minimize the impact on the City's limited budget. The cost of this project, \$680,316, will force the City to make difficult financial decisions to afford the project. The adopted budget for Hawkinsville in 2022 projected only \$3,237,620 in revenue to the general fund. Because Hawkinsville has a poverty rate of 25.1 percent, it is not feasible to increase taxes or service charges to raise funding for this project. Without federal funding, Hawkinsville will need to divert necessary funding from provided services to fund the replacement of the bare steel pipes under the consent order from the PSC. By completing this project, the entire Hawkinsville community will benefit by having a more reliable and safe natural gas distribution system.

Output Criteria #1: Safety – The successful completion of this project will improve the long-term safety of Hawkinsville's natural gas system. There are 5.38 miles of bare steel pipes that remain in Hawkinsville's system that need to be replaced or retired. It has been proven that bare metal pipes are susceptible to rust and corrosion, which can lead to potentially dangerous leaks. This system will follow guidance from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration to install the more resilient PE Gas Mains. While there are no leaks in the current system that are Grade 1 or Grade 2, important community resources such as Hawkinsville's Elementary, Middle, and High Schools, are currently served with pipes that are at high risk of potentially becoming dangerous.

Output Criteria #2: Environment – Hawkinsville began this project to replace the most leak-prone pipes in its system. From 2015 to 2020, Hawkinsville decreased the number of leaks in their system from 32 to 11. With federal funding, Hawkinsville will be able to lower the leak rate to a negligible amount, improving environmental safety.

Output Criteria #3: Job Creation – This project will incorporate strong labor standards, such as paying prevailing wages and benefits.

Output Criteria #4: Equity – This project will benefit a disadvantaged rural community and population as defined by the Department of Transportation. The beneficiaries of this project are included in Census Tract 9502, and they suffer from transportation disadvantages, health disadvantages, economic disadvantages, and environmental disadvantages as shown on the DOT Disadvantaged Communities Mapping Tool.

6. Project Implementation and Management

The City of Hawkinsville competitively procured Sapp Engineering Services to provide design services and construction management for this project. Jack Sapp, the principal engineer for this project, has 49 years of experience working as a natural gas engineer and is qualified to manage this project. Mr. Sapp has experience managing projects funded by federal grants and will ensure all federal pipeline safety regulations will be followed. This includes, but is not limited to, ensuring the Distribution Integrity Management Program (DIMP) is up to date, performing safety and performance checks, and completing the inspections for this project.

7. Explanation of Evaluation and Selection Criteria Equivalence

This narrative and application meet all the evaluation criteria and selection criteria included in Section E of the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

8. Equity, as defined in Executive Order 13985

The City of Hawkinsville will comply with Executive Order 13985.

9. Buy America

All materials and manufactured products will comply with Buy America provisions. The City of Hawkinsville will not require an exception or waiver of Buy America.

10. Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience

Hawkinsville will demonstrate, prior to the signing of the grant agreement, efforts to consider and address physical and cyber security risks relevant to their natural gas distribution system and the scale of this project.

11. Environmental Analysis

If selected for funding, Hawkinsville will work with the Middle Georgia Regional Commission and Sapp Engineering to complete the Tier 2 Environmental Questionnaire. Hawkinsville and the Middle Georgia Regional Commission have completed National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Reviews for CDBG projects in 2019, 2020, and 2021. The topics included in this environmental questionnaire are similar to those included in the Tier 2 Environmental Questionnaire, including a project description and location, maps, property changes, wetlands, threatened and endangered species, floodplains, historic properties, and coastal areas.

Appendix One – Maps of Project Location





