

PUBLIC NOTICE

Guilford Township Authority Marion Sewer Line Extension Project Draft Finding of No Significant Impact and Environmental Assessment

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District (USACE), in partnership with the Guilford Township Authority (GTA), is releasing a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of a proposed sewer line extension project in Guilford Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania. USACE is cost-sharing the project with GTA, the non-federal sponsor, under the authority of the South-Central Pennsylvania Environmental Improvement Program, authorized by Section 313 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992. The Draft EA has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended.

The primary goal of the project is to extend public sanitary sewer service to the southwestern community of Marion, addressing a critical need to replace failing on-lot septic systems. By reducing the risk of groundwater contamination, the project aims to protect public health and support sustainable community development.

The proposed work includes installing a pressure sewer collection system, primarily within existing road rights-of-way and previously disturbed areas, and utilizing grinder pumps to support anticipated connections. Once completed, the system will serve residential and commercial properties in Marion, where the continued reliance on aging on-lot systems currently limits growth and poses environmental risks.

The proposed project is expected to generate temporary impacts during construction, including increased dust, air emissions, noise, and traffic. Minor disturbances to local wildlife and upland vegetation may also occur. Additionally, there is a potential for excess sediment to enter nearby waterways. To mitigate these effects and protect water quality, the project will incorporate appropriate best management practices such as the use of a flume pipe to divert stream flow away from disturbed areas. Based on preliminary findings outlined in the draft EA, USACE has prepared a Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The draft EA and FONSI are available for review at the following location:

https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/missions/civil-works/section-313-program/.

Comments may be submitted by emailing the project manager, Chris Johnson, at Christopher.A.Johnson@usace.army.mil. Public comments will be accepted through August 30, 2025.

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