



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs Drinking Water, Clean Water, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

TOWN OF BRISTOL WASTEWATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS CHANGE ORDER 7 SRF Project WW 22 53 20 01

Date: May 12, 2026

Pursuant to IC 5-1.2-3, the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the change order to Town of Bristol's Preliminary Engineering Report will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion (CE) from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

How were environmental issues considered?

The National Environmental Policy Act requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision-making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement.

Why is additional environmental review not required?

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action. In the absence of significant comments, the attached CE shall serve as the final environmental document.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

State Revolving Fund
100 N. Senate Ave., IGCN 1275
Indianapolis, IN 46204
publiccomments@ifa.in.gov

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Wastewater Utility Improvements Change Order 7
Town of Bristol
303 E Vistula St
Bristol, IN 46507

SRF Project Number: **WW 22 53 20 01**

Authorized Representative: Mike Yoder, Town Manager

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project is located in Elkhart County, Washington Township, Bristol 24k USGS Quadrangle, Township 38N, Range 6E, and Sections 27 and 28. See **Attachment 1**.

III. PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

The Town of Bristol intends to install a new 4-inch water main from the WWTP to the existing main at Shore Manor Drive. This will be installed via directional drill.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY, AND FUNDING

The total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$65,000. The Town intends to finance the project with funds from an existing loan from the Clean Water SRF Loan Program.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

The environmental impacts will be minimal. All project activities will take place in areas previously disturbed by existing utilities. The proposed project will not affect streams, floodplains, wetlands, wooded areas, or other sensitive environmental resources and will not convert prime farmland.

Construction and operation of the project will not alter, demolish or remove historic properties. If any visual or audible impacts to historic properties occur, they will be temporary and will not alter the characteristics that qualify such properties for inclusion in or eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. The SRF's finding pursuant to Section 106 of the National Preservation Act is: "no historic properties affected."

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A properly noticed public hearing was held on April 19, 2022, at 6:45 pm at the Bristol Town Hall, 303 East Vistula Street, Bristol, IN 46507. There were no questions about this project during the hearing. No written comments were received in the 5-day period following the hearing for this project.

