



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

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

CITY OF DECATUR
WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS – LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENTS
SRF Project DW 25 29 01 00

Date: May 16, 2026

Pursuant to IC 5-1.2-3, the Drinking State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the City of Decatur 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: Water Utility Improvements – Lead Service Line Replacements
City of Decatur
172 North Second Street
Decatur, IN 46733

SRF Project Number: **DW 25 29 01 00**

Authorized Representative: Dan Rickord, Mayor

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located in Adams County, Washington and Root Townships, Decatur 24k USGS Quadrangle, Township 27 N, Range 14 E, and Sections 2, 3, 10, 11, and Township 28 N, Range 14 E, Sections 28 and 33. See **Figures 1-2, 2-1, and 4-1 through 4-14.**

III. PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

The City of Decatur owns and operates two water treatment plants (WTP) and a water distribution system. An initial lead service line inventory found over half of the service lines within the City of Decatur to be classified as unknown – likely has lead, and one percent was found to have lead. Given the presence of lead, it is imperative that the City of Decatur replace their service lines to protect public health and safety in accordance with EPA’s Programmatic Requirements for Stand-alone LSLR as outlined in the May 1, 2024, implementation memorandum Implementing Lead Service Line Replacement Projects Funded by the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Aging water mains is also causing water loss within the system, and replacing the service lines, water mains and appurtenances will minimize water loss within the distribution system.

The City of Decatur plans to replace a total of 13 lead service lines and 11 water mains, with a total of 14 project locations. One location includes the proposed installation of a new water main to loop the existing water distribution system in the Meadows of Cross Creek Subdivision to the one that ends near Canterbury Drive. This project will also replace lead service lines only in Homestead Addition and High Street.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY, AND FUNDING

The total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$20,799,000. The City of Decatur intends to finance the project with a loan from the Drinking Water SRF Loan Program for a term and annual fixed interest rate to be determined at loan closing. Monthly user rates and charges may need to be analyzed to determine if adjustments are required for loan repayment.

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 service lines and appurtenances. The proposed project will

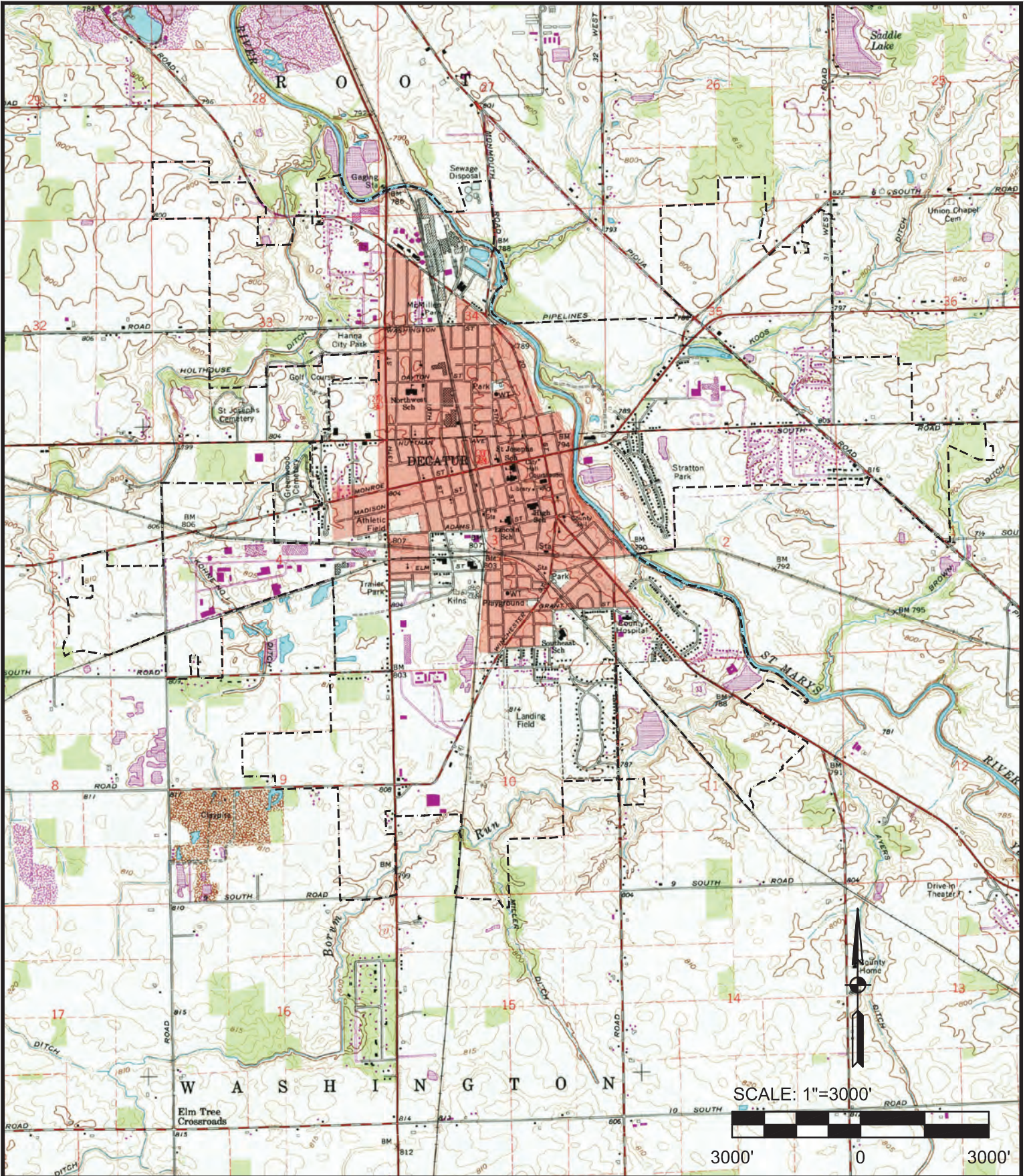
not affect streams, floodplains, wetlands, wooded areas, or other sensitive environmental resources and will not convert prime farmland.

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 July 1, 2025, at 7pm at the City of Decatur Council Chambers, 172 North 2nd Street, Decatur, IN 46733. There were no questions on this project during the hearing. No written comments were received in the 5-day period following the hearing for this project.

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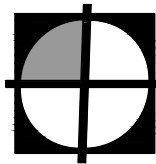
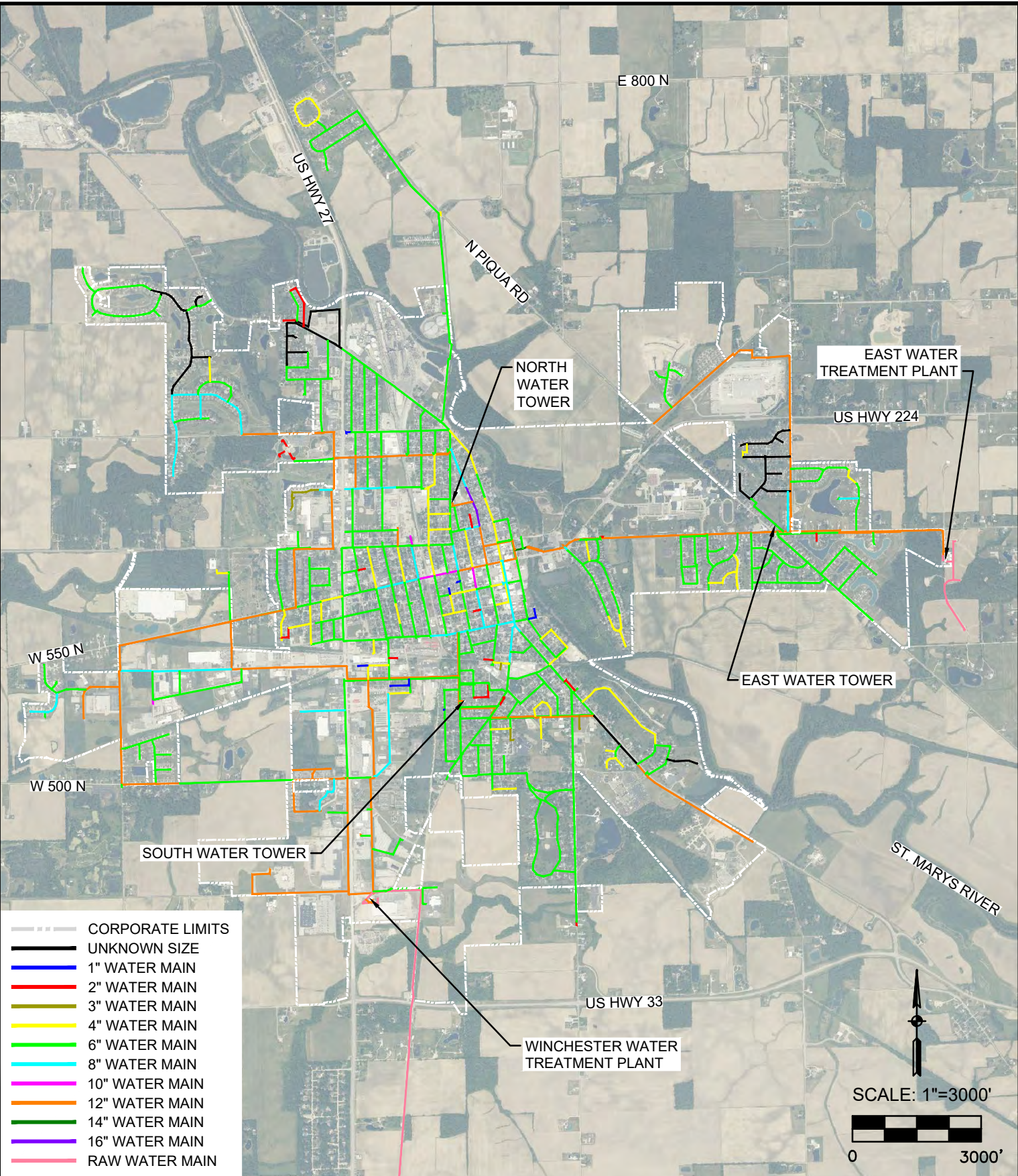
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TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

FIGURE

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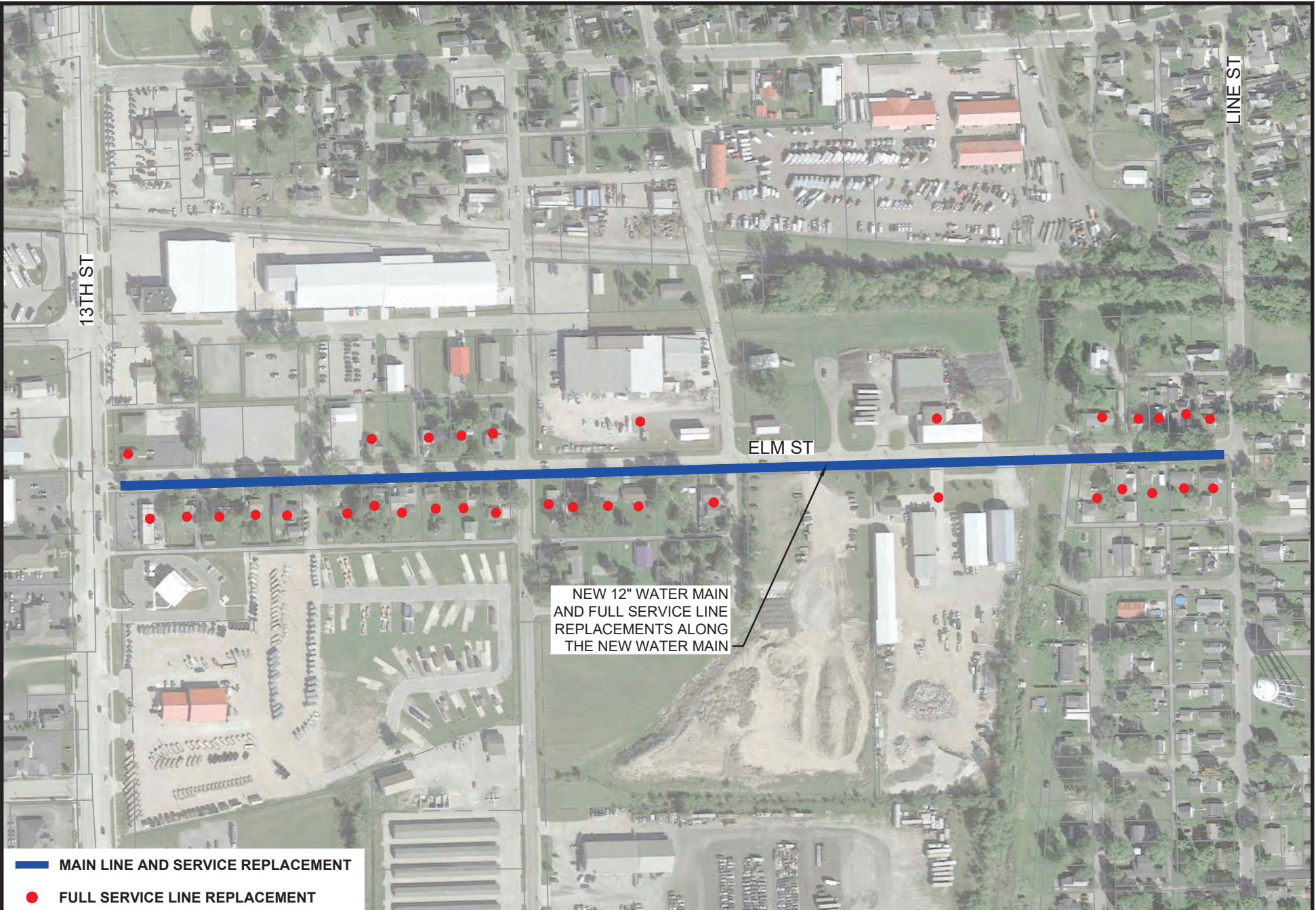
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EXISTING WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

FIGURE

2-1



- MAIN LINE AND SERVICE REPLACEMENT
- FULL SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

SCALE: 1"=300'



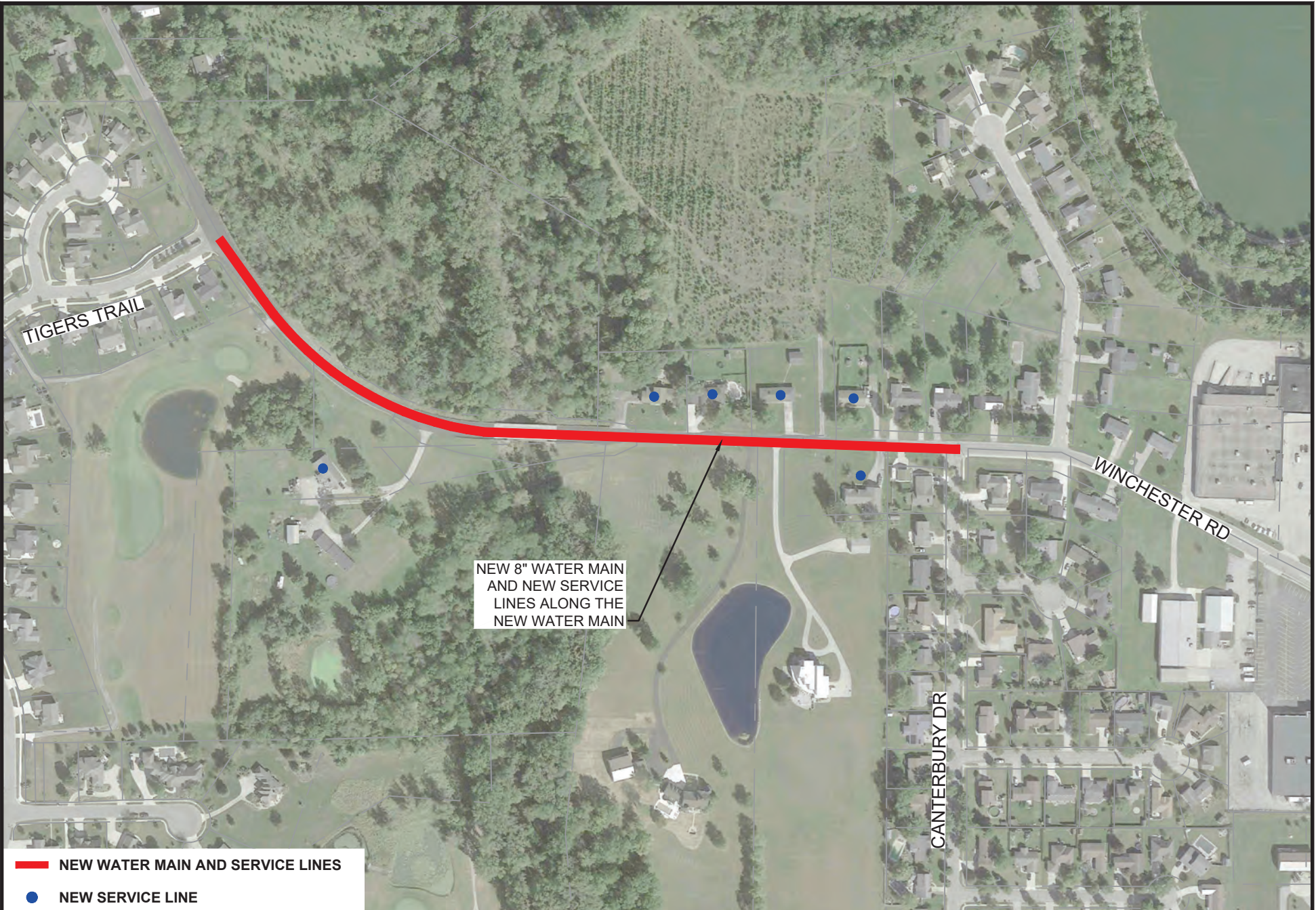
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WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS
ALT. #1: ELM ST - 13TH ST TO LINE ST

FIGURE

4-1



-  NEW WATER MAIN AND SERVICE LINES
-  NEW SERVICE LINE

SCALE: 1"=300'



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**WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS
ALT. #2: WINCHESTER RD -
CANTERBURY DR TO TIGERS TRL**

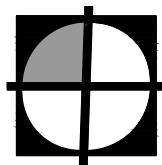
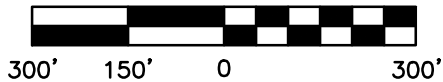
FIGURE

4-2



-  MAIN LINE AND SERVICE REPLACEMENT
-  FULL SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

SCALE: 1"=300'



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WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS
ALT. #3: 2ND ST - MONROE ST TO JACKSON ST

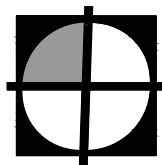
FIGURE

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-  MAIN LINE AND SERVICE REPLACEMENT
-  FULL SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

SCALE: 1"=400'



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ALT. #4: ADAMS ST - 13TH ST TO 3RD ST

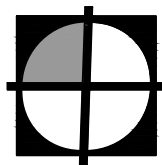
FIGURE

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-  MAIN LINE AND SERVICE REPLACEMENT
-  FULL SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

SCALE: 1"=400'



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WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS
ALT. #5: JEFFERSON ST - 2ND ST TO 10TH ST

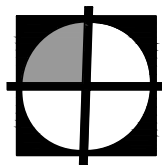
FIGURE

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-  MAIN LINE AND SERVICE REPLACEMENT
-  FULL SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

SCALE: 1"=300'



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ALT. #6: 8TH ST - ADAMS ST TO MONROE ST

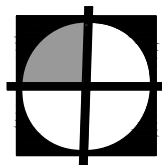
FIGURE

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-  MAIN LINE AND SERVICE REPLACEMENT
-  FULL SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

SCALE: 1"=300'



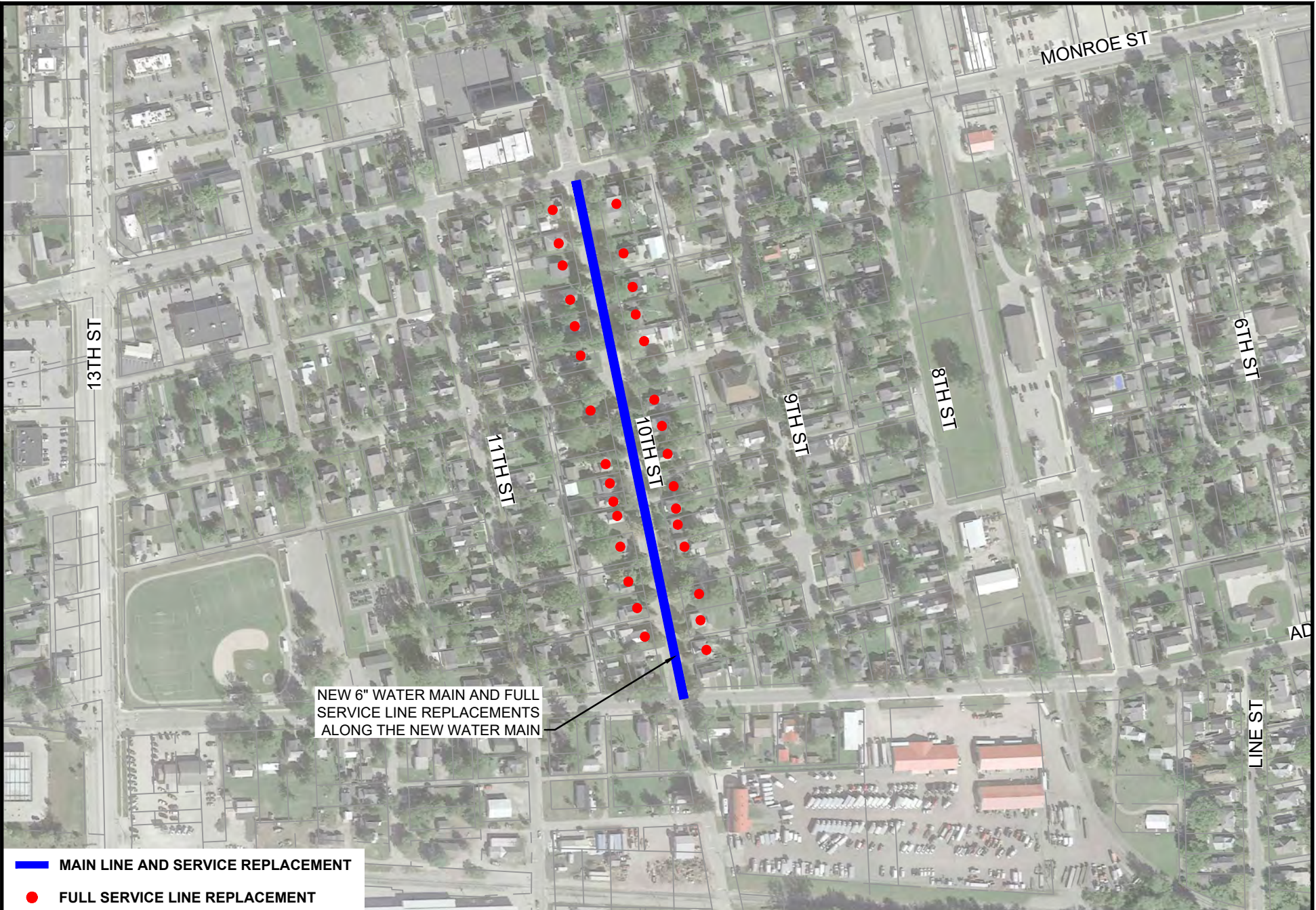
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ALT. #7: 9TH ST - ADAMS ST TO MONROE ST

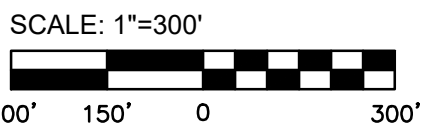
FIGURE

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NEW 6" WATER MAIN AND FULL SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENTS ALONG THE NEW WATER MAIN

-  MAIN LINE AND SERVICE REPLACEMENT
-  FULL SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT





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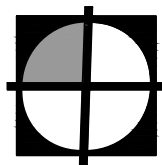
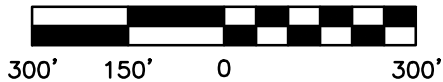
WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS
ALT. #8: 10TH ST - ADAMS ST TO MONROE ST

FIGURE
4-8



-  MAIN LINE AND SERVICE REPLACEMENT
-  FULL SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

SCALE: 1"=300'



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WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS
ALT. #9: 11TH ST - ADAMS ST TO MONROE ST

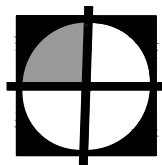
FIGURE

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-  MAIN LINE AND SERVICE REPLACEMENT
-  FULL SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

SCALE: 1"=300'



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ALT. #10: MADISON ST - 2ND ST TO 7TH ST

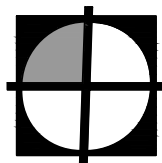
FIGURE

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-  MAIN LINE AND SERVICE REPLACEMENT
-  FULL SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

SCALE: 1"=500'



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ALT. #11: MONROE ST - 1ST ST TO 13TH ST

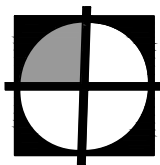
FIGURE

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-  MAIN LINE AND SERVICE REPLACEMENT
-  FULL SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

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WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS
ALT. #12: 6TH ST - JEFFERSON ST TO MADISON ST

FIGURE

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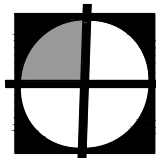


■ SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

● FULL SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

SCALE: 1"=500'

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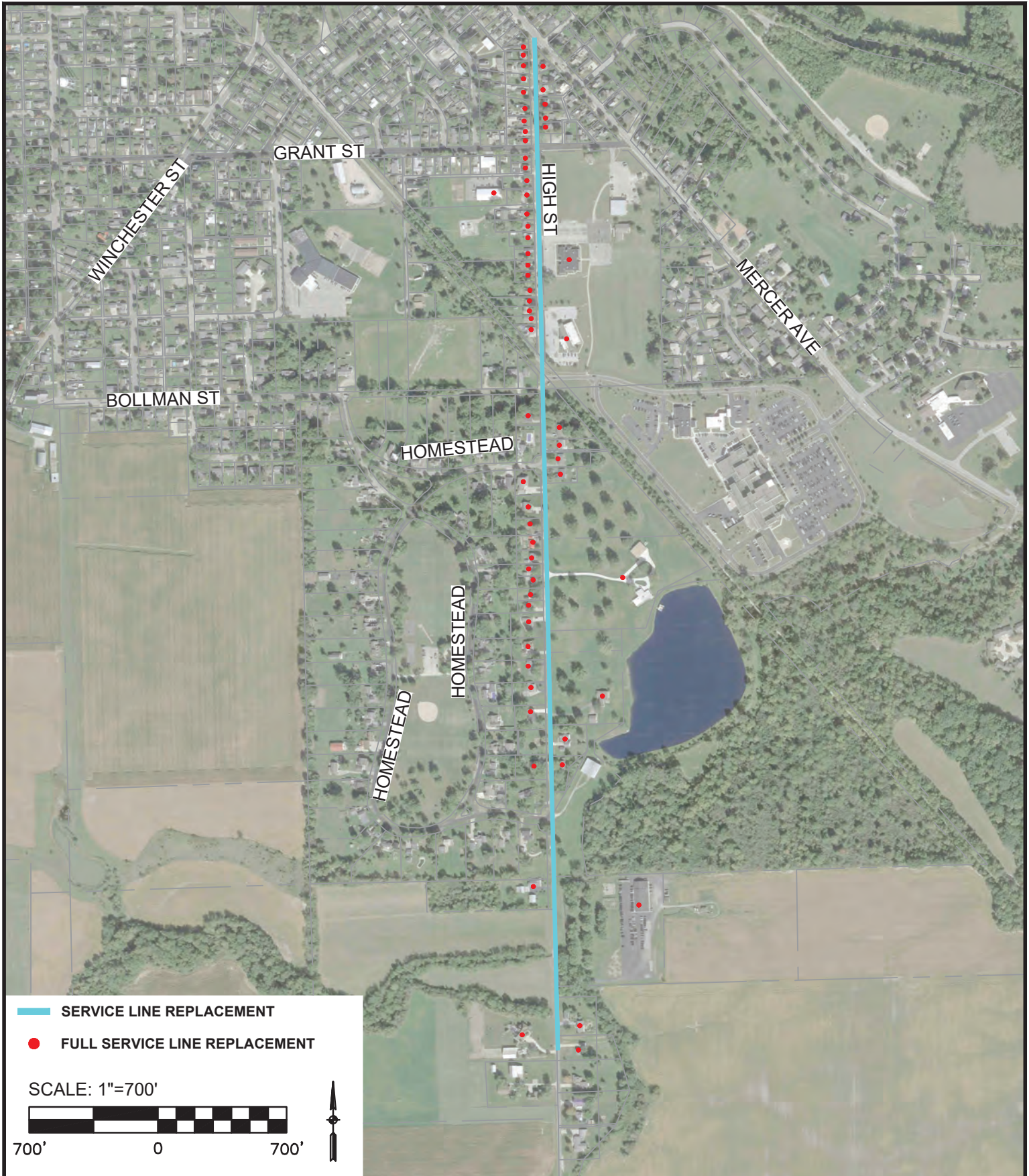
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**WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS
ALT. #13: HOMESTEAD - ALL**

FIGURE

4-13



SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

FULL SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

SCALE: 1"=700'

700' 0 700'



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WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS
ALT. #14: HIGH ST - ALL

FIGURE
4-14