

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 KOKOMO Addendum No. 2 – Planning and design SRF Project WW 21 07 34 04

Date: May 23, 2024

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 Addendum No. 2 to City of Kokomo'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:

April Douglas Environmental Review Coordinator SRF Programs 317-234-7294 adouglas@ifa.in.gov

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address:	Addendum No. 2 – Planning and Design City of Kokomo 100 South Union Kokomo, IN 46901
SRF Project Number:	WW 21 07 34 04
Authorized Representative:	The Honorable Tyler Moore, Mayor

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project is for planning and design of the North Side Interceptor. See Figure 1.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

Kokomo's CSO Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) includes improvements to the North Side Interceptor along Wildcat Creek from Washington Street at Foster Park and connecting to the new Peak Excess Flow Treatment Facility at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. PER Addendum No. 2 allows for planning and design of the North Side Interceptor Improvements, utilizing remaining funds from the existing SRF loan WW 21 07 34 04.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

Total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$2,600,000. The City of Kokomo will finance the project with a loan from the Clean 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 proposed project will not affect streams, floodplains, wetlands, wooded areas, or other sensitive environmental resources and will not convert prime farmland.

The scope of work for this project is the planning and design of a future project. Consistent with 36 CFR 800.3(a)(1) in the implementing regulations of the National Historic Preservation Act, the SRF has determined that the proposed undertaking is not a type of activity that has the potential to cause effects to historic properties.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A public hearing notice was published on May 10, 2024 in the local paper. No written comments were received following the notice for this project.

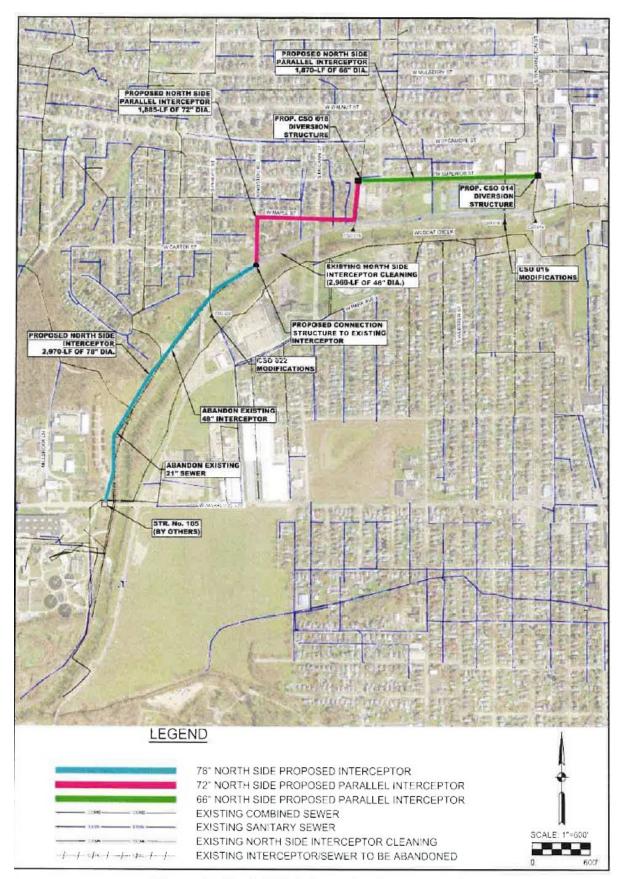


Figure 1 – North Side Interceptor Improvements