



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

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

LAPORTE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER AND WATER DISTRICT ROLLING PRAIRIE WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM – PHASE II ADDENDUM NO. 4 SRF Project WW 17 26 40 01

Date: April 19, 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. 4 to LaPorte County Regional Sewer and Water District'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:

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SRF Programs
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Rolling Prairie Wastewater
Collection System – Phase II
Addendum No. 4
LaPorte County Regional Sewer and Water District
555 Michigan Avenue
LaPorte, IN 46350

SRF Project Number: **WW 17 26 40 01**

Authorized Representative: John Carr, President

II. PROJECT LOCATION

This addendum is for the purchase of equipment and services.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The initial purpose of this project was to install sanitary sewers to serve Phase II of the Rolling Prairie area. This project is complete.

The plan includes using the remaining funds for the following items:

- SCADA Integration of Pump Station Generators
- Chemical Feed System Level Control
- Spare Pumps
- Spare Mission Controllers
- Rollover of Remaining Funds to Hudson and Saugany Lakes Wastewater System Project

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

Total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$73,398. The LaPorte County Regional Sewer and Water District will finance the project with the remained funds in a 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 installation of existing utilities. 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 purchase of a generators, level controls, spare pumps, mission controllers and development of the Hudson and Saugany Lakes Wastewater System 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 notice was published on February 29, 2024 in the LaPorte County Herald Dispatch. No written comments were received following the notice for this project.