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 NORTH VERNON
BLOWER PURCHASE – ADDENDUM 4
SRF Project WW 16 11 40 02

Date: March 11, 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 addendum to City of North Vernon'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
publicnotices@ifa.in.gov

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address:	Blower Purchase – Addendum 4 City of North Vernon 143 E Walnut Street North Vernon, IN 47265
SRF Project Number:	**WW 16 11 40 02**
Authorized Representative:	Shawn Gerkin, Mayor

II. PROJECT LOCATION

This addendum proposes the purchase of replacement blowers. The new blowers will be located in the WWTP in Jennings County, Center Township, Butlerville 24 k USGS Quadrangle, Township 7N, Range 8E, and Section 34. See Figure 1.

III. PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

The existing blowers associated with the aeration basins have exceeded their useful life and need replacement for the facility to maintain NPDES permit compliance. The spenddown project will consist of purchase of two rotary lobe package blowers and appurtenances for installation by City Utility personnel.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY, AND FUNDING

The total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately $131,740. The City intends to finance the project with funds from an existing loan from the Clean Water SRF Loan Program. Local funds will be used to for costs exceeding the remaining SRF Loan funding amount.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

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

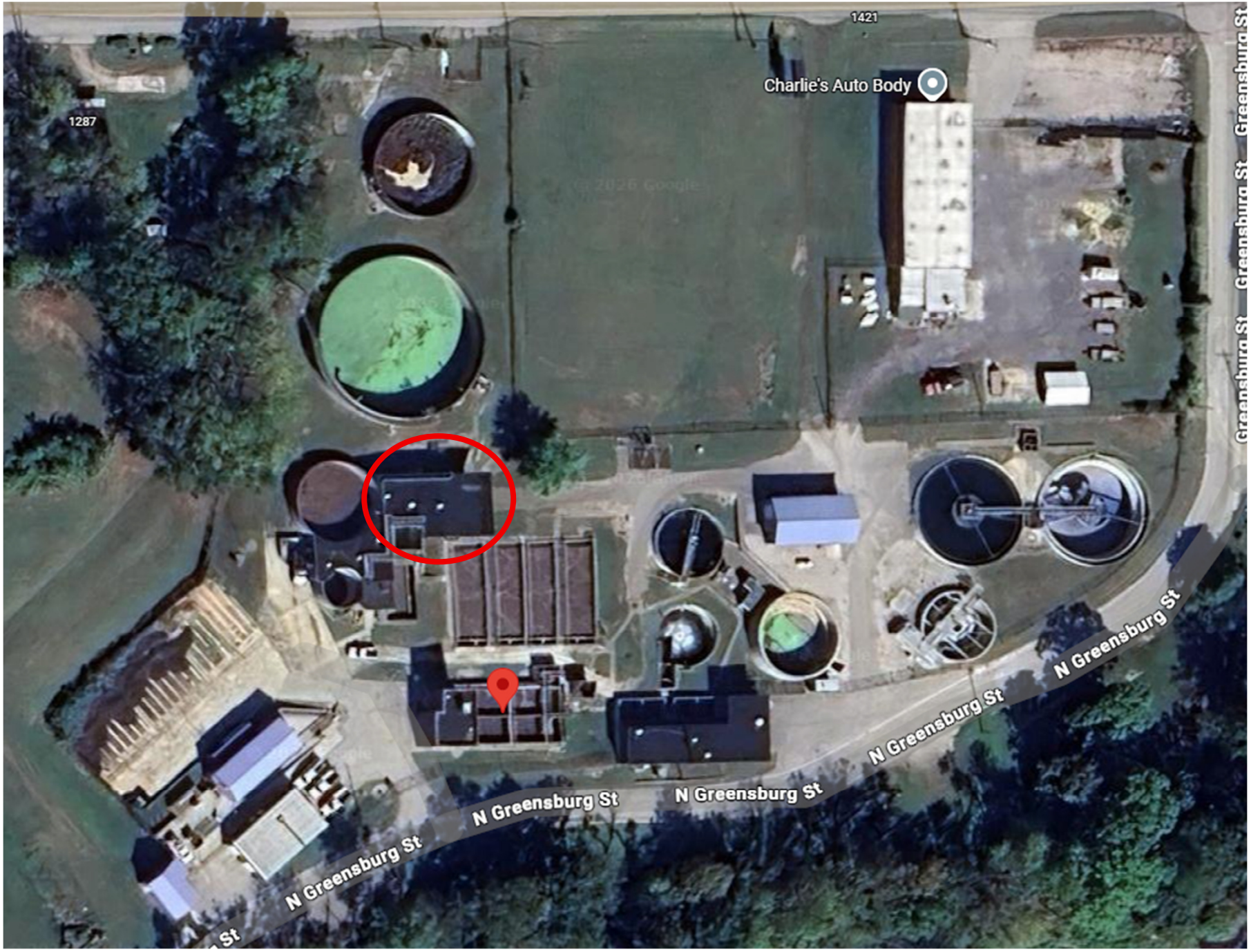
Construction and operation of the project will not alter, demolish or remove historic properties. If any visual or audible impacts to historic properties occur, they will be temporary and will not alter the characteristics that qualify such properties for inclusion in or eligibility for the National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

The scope of work for this project is for the purchase of blowers. 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 March 4, 2026, in the North Vernon Plaindealer and March 6, 2026, in The Columbus Republic. No written comments were received following the notice for this project.

Figure 1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