



# State Revolving Fund Loan Programs Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

## PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**EVANSVILLE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY**

**PLANNING AND DESIGN PROJECT  
PROGRAM MANAGEMENT  
JANUARY 1, 2015 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015**

**PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT F – Project 15  
SRF # WW 14 21 82 14**

**Date: September 22, 2014**

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the city's Preliminary Engineering Report received by the SRF on June 12, 2014 will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

*How were environmental issues considered?*

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) 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.

*How do I submit comments?*

Comments can be submitted to:

Mrs. April Douglas, Senior Environmental Manager  
SRF Programs  
317-234-7294; adouglas@ifa.in.gov

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## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

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### I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: **Program Management – January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015  
Preliminary Engineering Report F  
Project #15  
Evansville Water and Sewer Utility  
1 NW Martin Luther King Blvd., Room 104  
Evansville, IN 47740-0001**

SRF Project Number: WW14 21 82 14

Authorized Representative: Mr. Allen Mounts, Director  
Evansville Water and Sewer Utility

### II. PROJECT LOCATION

No construction will occur to implement this project.

### III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The proposed program management will address the requirements of Evansville's Consent Decree (CD) with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and the Environmental Protection Agency as well as the Utility's Sanitary Master Plan (SMP). The CD requires the Utility to develop and implement the Integrated Overflow Control Plan (IOCP) to address sewer system overflows and to develop and implement measures to properly operate and maintain the sewer systems and wastewater treatment plants.

In order to implement capital improvement projects required by the CD and SMP, the Evansville Water and Sewer Utility (EWSU) developed a program called "Renew Evansville". Initial efforts surrounding this program have included the preparation and submission of the IOCP, including technical documents, as well as the development of Program Management structure in which various consultants will assist EWSU in development and implementation of the capital improvement projects.

Over \$100 million in capital improvement projects have been identified that need to be initiated over the next three years (2014, 2015, and 2016) in order to meet the stipulations of the CD and SMP.

The proposed Program Management Plan includes: funding for planning, schedule planning, scoping reports, project initiation, contracts management, green project management,

regulatory coordination and reporting, and implementation of other sub-programs on an "As-Needed Basis".

Two alternatives were evaluated including the No Action alternative.

The No-Action alternative was rejected, since no efforts would be made for the development of a Program Management Plan to ensure the effective implementation of the Renew Evansville Program.

The Selected Alternative, Implement Program Management, involves pursuing State Revolving Fund funding for program management for the EWSU Renew Evansville Program for the time period between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015. This alternative will ensure that the on-going planning, design and construction efforts associated with the Renew Evansville Program are completed in the most efficient, lowest cost manner possible.

#### **IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING**

The estimated cost for Program Management is \$1,500,000 and Evansville will borrow that amount from the State Revolving Fund Loan Program (SRF) for a 20-year term at an annual interest rate to be determined at loan closing.

#### **V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES**

The scope of work for this project is planning and design. Therefore, this project will have no physical impact on the surrounding environment. Consistent with 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 properly noticed public hearing was held at the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library-North Park Branch on June 25, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Preliminary Engineering Report. There were no comments raised about Project #15 at the hearing and no written comments were received.