



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

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**CITY OF FORT WAYNE
Lexington and Oakdale Sewer Separation Project
SRF # WW 11 17 01 06**

Date: August 17, 2012

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 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 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:

Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager
SRF Programs
317-232-8623; mhensche at ifa.in.gov

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: **Lexington and Oakdale Sewer
Separation Project**
City of Fort Wayne
200 East Berry Street, Suite 270
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

SRF Project Number: WW11 17 01 06

Authorized Representative: Kumar Menon
Director of Public Works and Utilities

II. PROJECT LOCATION

There are four project areas; see figures 1, 2 and 3. The north two project areas are located in the Fort Wayne West USGS quadrangle, Wayne Township, T30N, R12E, section 14; the two south project areas are in T30N, R12E, in the J.B. Richardville Reserve.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The project will reduce storm water flow to CSO 021. This project is part of the city's Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) - Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Measure #6 to complete partial cost-effective sewer separation projects in sewer subbasins that will discharge to a future sanitary interceptor sewer.

The city rejected the "No Action" alternative, since the city would not be in compliance with its LTCP or the Consent Decree between the city, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and the EPA.

The city rejected optimal operation of the existing sewer system as an alternative, since the city already operates and maintains the combined sewer system as effectively as possible.

The selected alternative proposes installing new storm sewers to pick up the inlets and catch basins that are currently connected to the combined sewer system. Storm water flow in Area 1 will be directed to an existing 48-inch storm sewer at the intersection of West Branning Ave. and Old Mill Road. Storm water flow from Area 2 will be directed to an existing 18-inch storm sewer on Arlington Ave. between West Branning Ave. and Lexington Ave. Storm water flow from Area 3 will be directed to an existing 18-inch storm sewer at the intersection of Fairfield Ave. and French Ave. Storm water flow from Area 4 will be sent to an existing 30-inch storm sewer at the intersection of Oakdale Dr. and South Wayne Ave.

This alternative includes installing approximately 3,640 feet of 12- through 36-inch diameter reinforced concrete pipe, 6 inlet structures, and 31 manholes ranging between 48- and 72-inches in diameter. Approximately 1,355 feet of 8-inch water main will be relocated; however, only 870 feet will be affected by the proposed project. The remaining 485 feet of 8-inch water main, service taps and fire hydrants not directly associated with the sewer separation project will not be funded through the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program, since those elements are not associated with the proposed project.

Area 1 will connect to an existing 48-inch storm sewer at the intersection of West Branning Avenue and Old Mill Road; Area 2 will connect to an existing 18-inch storm sewer on Arlington Avenue between West Branning and Lexington; Area 3 will connect to an existing 18-inch storm sewer at the intersection of Fairfield Avenue and French Avenue; and Area 4 will connect to an existing 30-inch storm sewer at the intersection of Oakdale Drive and South Wayne Avenue.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

The total estimated cost for the proposed project is \$1,212,335. The city will borrow \$1,163,000 from the SRF Loan Program for a 20-year term at an annual interest rate to be determined at loan closing. The \$49,335 cost for the ineligible water main replacement will be paid by local funds. The city has adjusted, and will continue to adjust, its rates and charges in order to pay for this project and debt service.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

The proposed sewer separation project will be constructed within pavement or in areas previously disturbed by other construction. The project will not affect wetlands, wooded areas, surface waters, 100-year flood plain or 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 the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is: "no historic properties affected" (see figures 4, 5 and 6).

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A properly noticed public hearing to discuss the Fort Wayne wastewater projects was held on January 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Room 035, Citizens Square at 200 East Main Street. No members of the public were present. No negative comments on this project were voiced at the public hearing, and no written comments were submitted in the five-day period following the hearing.

SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT LOCATIONS

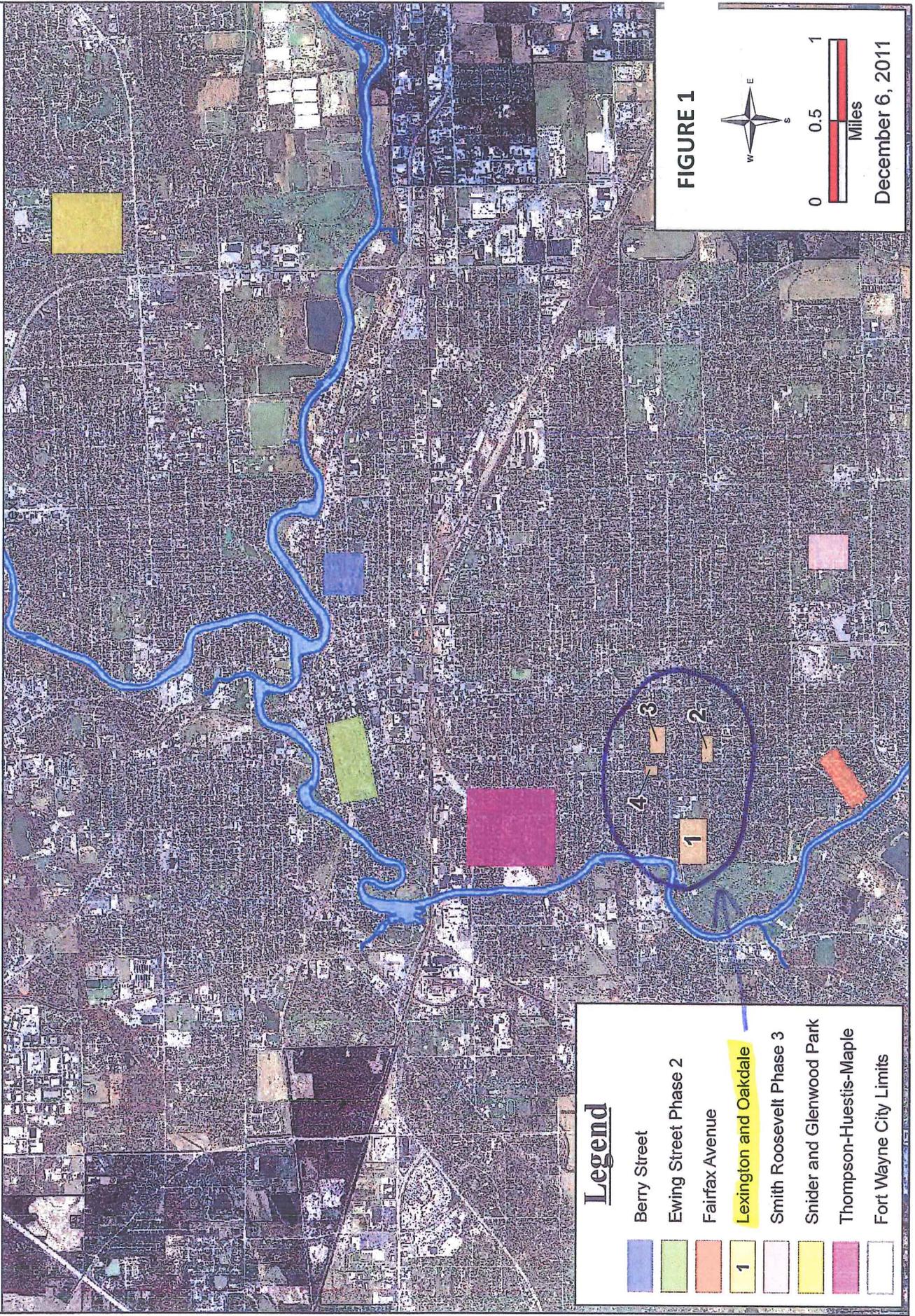
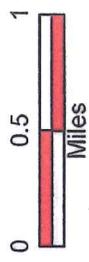


FIGURE 1



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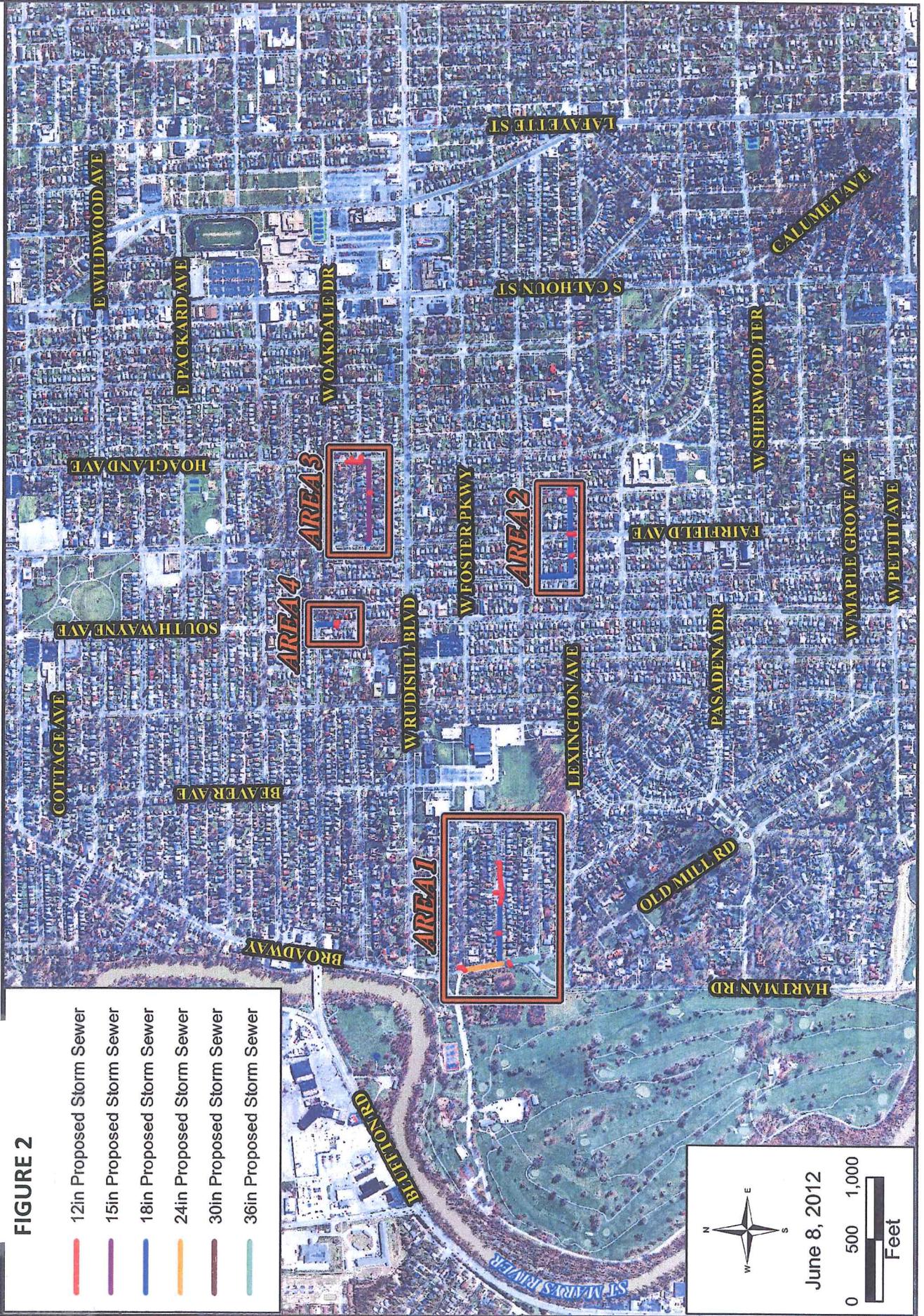
Legend

-  Berry Street
-  Ewing Street Phase 2
-  Fairfax Avenue
-  Lexington and Oakdale
-  Smith Roosevelt Phase 3
-  Snider and Glenwood Park
-  Thompson-Huestis-Maple
-  Fort Wayne City Limits

LEXINGTON AND OAKDALE

FIGURE 2

- 12in Proposed Storm Sewer
- 15in Proposed Storm Sewer
- 18in Proposed Storm Sewer
- 24in Proposed Storm Sewer
- 30in Proposed Storm Sewer
- 36in Proposed Storm Sewer



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 Feet

LEXINGTON AND OAKDALE

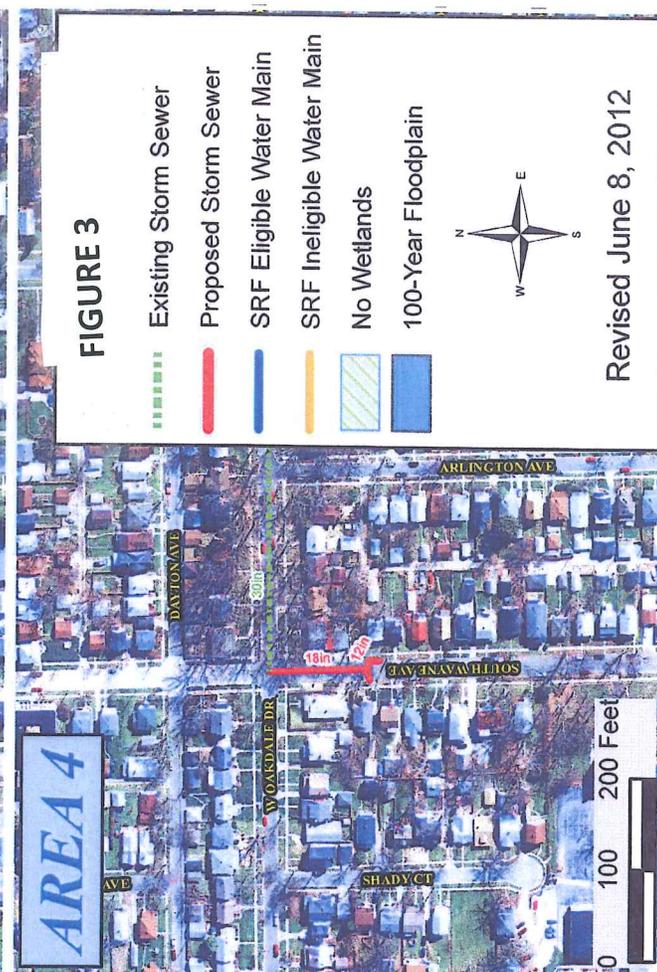
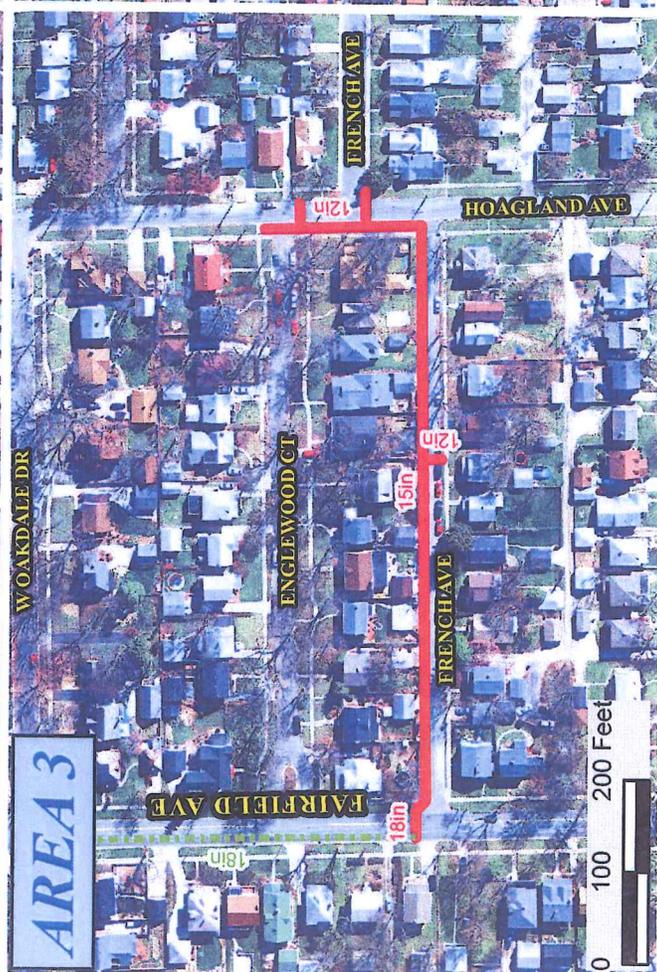
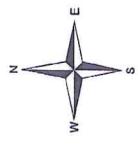


FIGURE 3

- Existing Storm Sewer
- Proposed Storm Sewer
- SRF Eligible Water Main
- SRF Ineligible Water Main
- No Wetlands
- 100-Year Floodplain

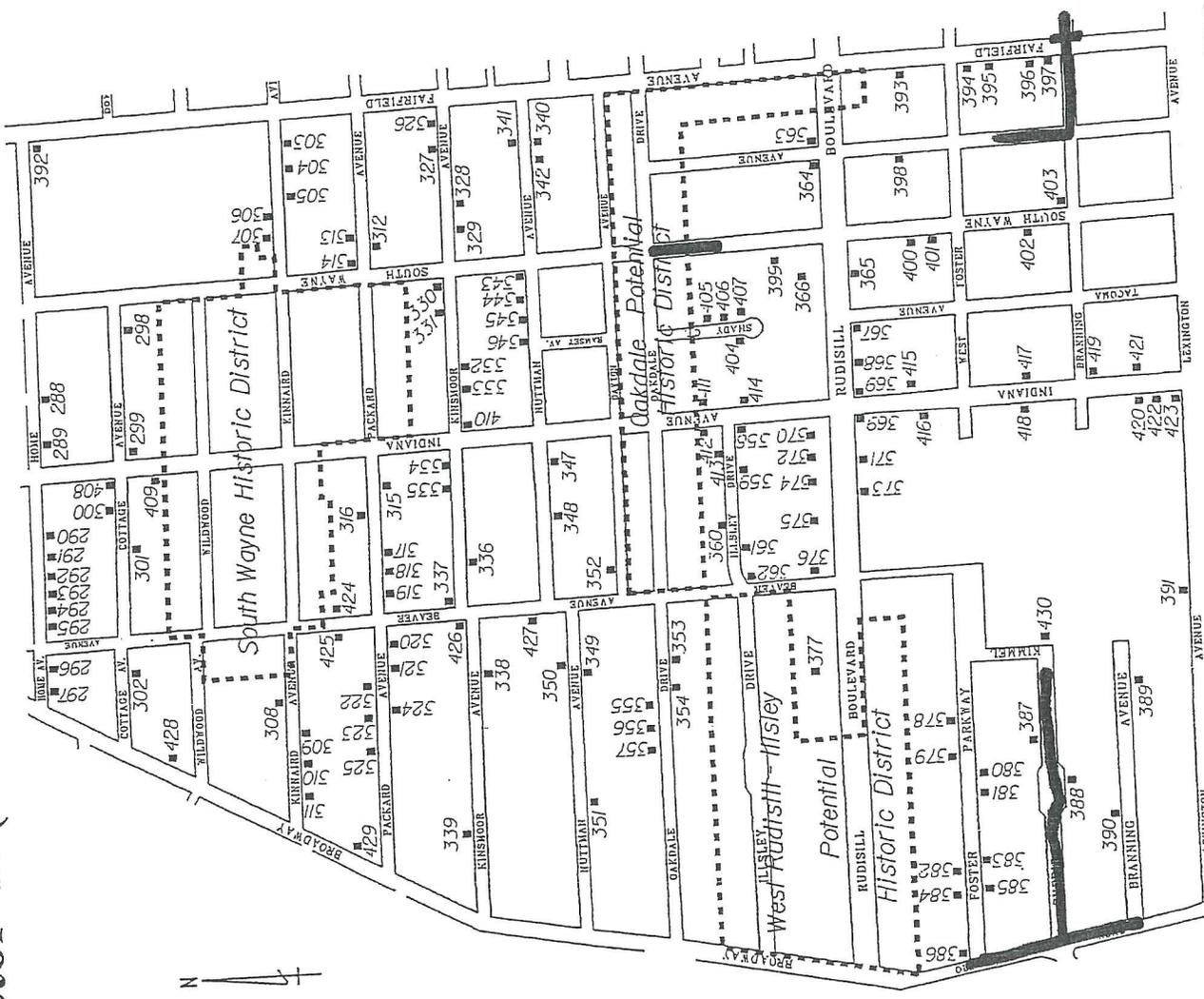


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Lexington and Oakdale Areas 1, 2, and A

Sector 42 (003-215-42288/42430)

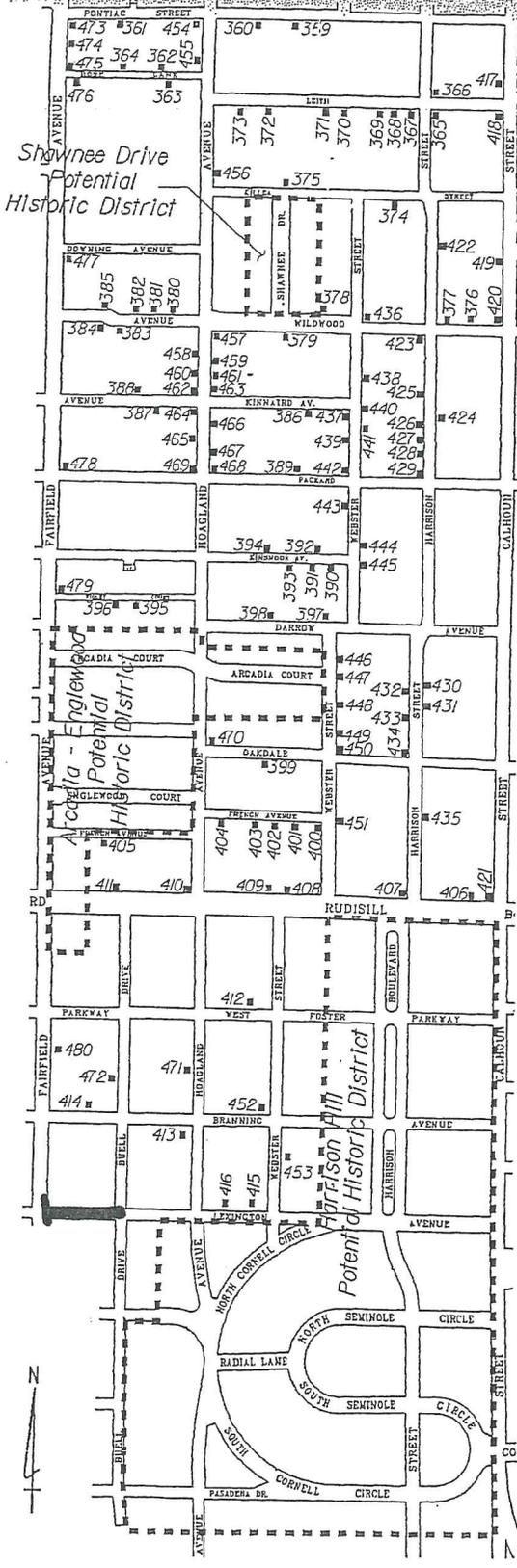
No. Rtg.	Description
288 C	House, 805 Home Ave.; Queen Anne/Gabled Ell cottage, c.1895; Architecture, Vernacular/Construction
289 C	House, 819 Home Ave.; Queen Anne/Gable Front, c.1890; Architecture, Vernacular/Construction
290 C	Albert Albert House, 937 Home Ave.; Craftsman Bungalow, c.1912; Architecture
291 C	House, 943 Home Ave.; Queen Anne/Gabled Ell cottage, c.1905; Architecture, Vernacular/Construction
292 C	House, 947 Home Ave.; Queen Anne/Gabled Ell, c.1900; Architecture, Vernacular/Construction
293 C	House, 949 Home Ave.; Queen Anne/Gable Front, c.1895; Architecture, Vernacular/Construction
294 C	House, 1007 Home Ave.; Queen Anne/Gabled Ell, c.1895; Architecture, Vernacular/Construction
295 C	House, 1011 Home Ave.; Queen Anne/Gabled Ell cottage, c.1900; Architecture, Vernacular/Construction
296 C	Herbert Stouder House, 1105 Home Ave.; Craftsman Bungalow, c.1920; Architecture
297 C	House, 1115 Home Ave.; Queen Anne/Gabled Ell, c.1890; Architecture, Vernacular/Construction
298 C	Frederick Eggers House, 807 Cottage Ave.; Craftsman/Gable Front, c.1915; Architecture



**FIGURE 4: from Fort Wayne Interim Report
Historic Sites and Structures Inventory**

Sector 43 (003-215-43359/43480)

Lexington and Oakdale Area 2



No.	Rtg.	Description
359	O	Meyer-Davison House and Studio, 331 W. Pontiac St.; Gothic Revival/Italianate/Upright and Wing, c.1873; Architecture, Art, Vernacular/Construction
360	C	House, 335 W. Pontiac St.; Italianate/Craftsman, c.1885/c.1922; Architecture
361	N	House, 431 W. Pontiac St.; Colonial Revival, c.1900; Architecture
362	C	Charles Steger House, 418 Rose Lane; Craftsman, c.1920; Architecture
363	C	Duplex, 425-427 Rose Lane; Craftsman, c.1920; Architecture
364	C	Wm. Brown House, 446 Rose Lane; Craftsman, c.1920; Architecture
365	C	House, 131 W. Leith St.; Queen Anne/Gabled Ell, c.1890; Architecture, Vernacular/Construction
366	C	House, 136 W. Leith St.; Gabled Ell/Queen Anne, c.1890; Vernacular/Construction
367	C	Fred Grote House, 207 W. Leith St.; American Foursquare/Prairie, c.1928; Architecture
368	C	Grote-Griffith House, 209-211 W. Leith St.; Queen Anne/Free Classic, c.1900; Architecture

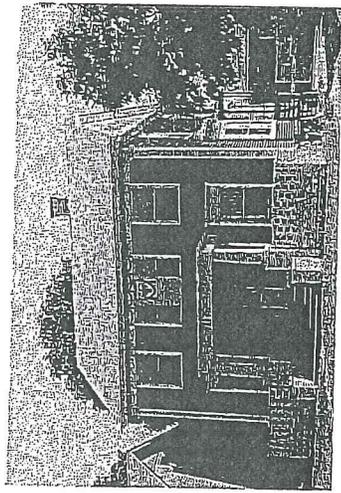


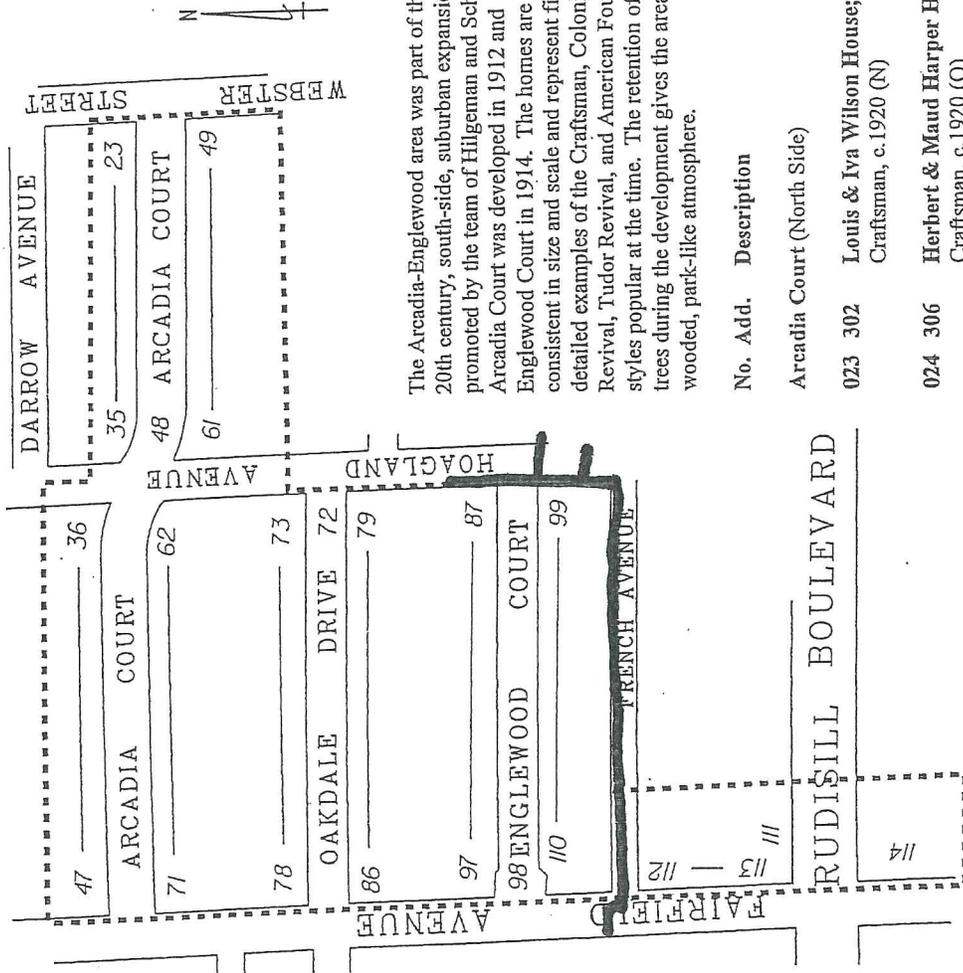
FIGURE 5: from Fort Wayne Interim Report
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Lexington, Oakdale
Area 3

Sector 43

Arcadia-Englewood Potential Historic District

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The Arcadia-Englewood area was part of the early 20th century, south-side, suburban expansion promoted by the team of Hilgeman and Schaaf. Arcadia Court was developed in 1912 and Englewood Court in 1914. The homes are consistent in size and scale and represent finely detailed examples of the Craftsman, Colonial Revival, Tudor Revival, and American Foursquare styles popular at the time. The retention of native trees during the development gives the area a wooded, park-like atmosphere.

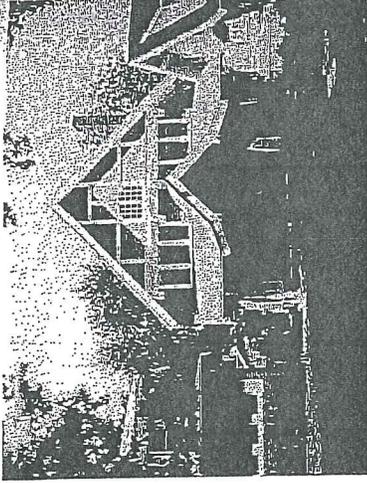
No. Add. Description

Arcadia Court (North Side)

023 302 Louis & Iva Wilson House; Craftsman, c.1920 (N)

024 306 Herbert & Maud Harper House; Craftsman, c.1920 (O)

025 310 Edward & Mollie Ebert House; Prairie/American Foursquare, c.1916 (N)



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026 314 George & Dora DeHoff House; Craftsman, c.1920 (C)

027 318 Wm. & Anna Welch House; American Foursquare, c.1920 (C)

028 322 James & Annabell Bundy House; Craftsman, c.1920 (N)

029 326 Frank & Vera Talbot House; Craftsman, c.1918 (C)

030 330 Frederick & Louise Schoppman House; Colonial Revival, c.1920 (C)

031 336 James Richardson House; Craftsman Bungalow, c.1918 (C)

032 338 J. Harry McCormick House; American Foursquare, c.1920 (C)

033 342 Robert Prigge House; Craftsman Bungalow, c.1920 (C)

FIGURE 6: from Fort Wayne Interim Report
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