



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 HUNTINGTON

**PLANNING & DESIGN
PHOSPHORUS REMOVAL PROJECT**

**PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT ADDENDUM #3
SRF # WW10 01 35 03**

Date: November 17, 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 October 21, 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:

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: **Planning and Design: Phosphorus Removal Facilities
PER Addendum #3**
City of Huntington
300 Cherry Street
Huntington, IN 46750

SRF Project Number: WW10 01 35 03

Authorized Representative: The Honorable Brooks Fetters, Mayor

II. PROJECT LOCATION

Huntington is located in Huntington County. There are no construction activities with this project.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

Huntington has contracted with an engineering firm to plan and design facilities to treat phosphorus at the city's wastewater treatment plant. The facilities are necessary to comply with the city's renewed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit; the city has 36 months from June 1, 2013, permit issuance date to have the phosphorus removal facilities in operation.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

Total planning and design cost is \$46,000. The city will use remaining funds (approximately \$617,268) to pay for this activity from an existing State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan which it closed on December 19, 2011.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

This project does not include any construction activities. 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 on historic properties.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The city placed a public notice in the Herald Press on October 10, 2014 notifying the public about the engineering agreement and that funds from an existing loan would pay for these services.