



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

### PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**MICHIGAN CITY SANITARY DISTRICT  
Shady Oaks Mobile Home Park: Connection to District  
SRF Project # WW 13 11 46 02**

**Date: October 14, 2013**

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the Michigan City Sanitary District'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 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

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# CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

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## I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address:                   **Shady Oaks MHP: Connection to District**  
Michigan City Sanitary District  
1100 E. Eighth Street  
Michigan City, IN 46360

SRF Project Number:                        WW13 11 46 02

Authorized Representative:                 Michael Kuss, General Manager

## II. PROJECT LOCATION

Michigan City is located in LaPorte County. The Wildrose pumping station and the proposed north-south sewer line crossing the railroad, Grand Beach Road, and US 12 are in Michigan Township, New Buffalo West USGS quadrangle, Township 38N, Range 4W, Section 13. The proposed line from the Mobile Home Park (MHP) to the north-south alignment will be in Springfield and Michigan townships, New Buffalo West and Michigan City East quadrangles, T38N, R4W, sections 13 and 18. All work will occur within previously disturbed areas and under existing streets and a railroad. See Figure 1.

## III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The Shady Oaks MHP is under an Agreed Order from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to connect to the Michigan City Sanitary District due to the failing wastewater treatment plant in the MHP.

The District will install a 12-inch sewer from the MHP to carry MHP sanitary flows to the Wildrose pump station; the sewer will cross under White Ditch, US Highway 12, the AMTRAK railroad, and Grand Beach Road on its way to the pump station.

## IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

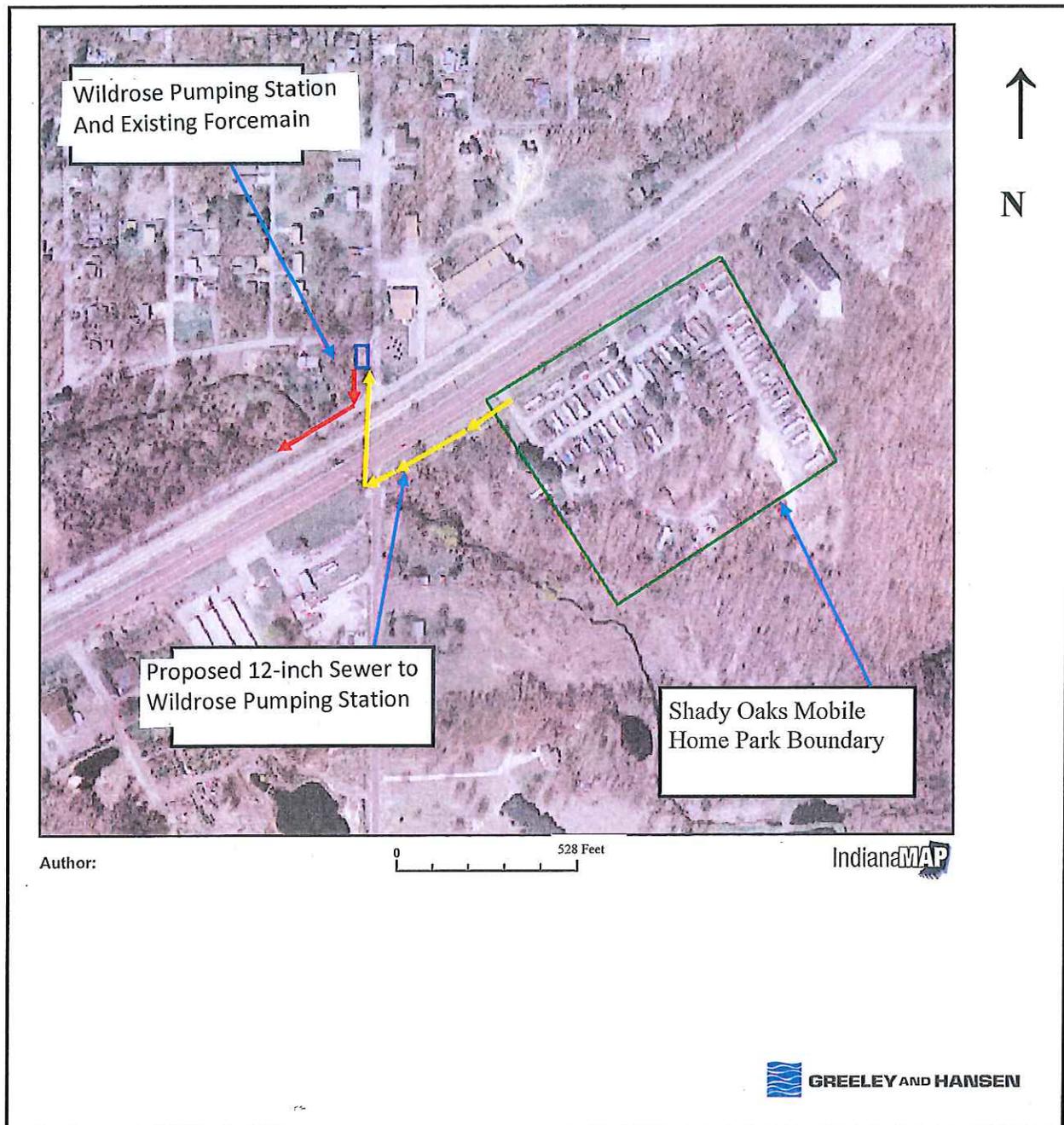
The estimated project cost is \$682,662. The District will finance the project with a 20-year loan from the SRF program at an interest rate to be determined at the time of loan closing. Monthly user rates and charges may need to be analyzed to determine if adjustments are required for loan repayment.

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

The project will not affect wetlands, wooded areas, floodplains 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."

## **VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The proposed project was mentioned at a properly public noticed Public Hearing on December 19, 2012. Members of the public did not comment at the Hearing, and the District did not receive written comments in the 5-day post-Hearing period.



**FIGURE 1: US Highway 12/Shady Oaks MHP Project**