



## 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  
Sheridan Beach Sewer Separation  
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: **Sheridan Beach Sewer Separation**  
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 Sheridan Beach project is in Michigan Township, Michigan City West USGS 7.5' quadrangle, Township 38 North, Range 4 West, Section 21. See Figure 1. All work will occur within existing streets.

## III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The sanitary sewer system in this area discharges into the municipal sanitary sewer through the Lake Avenue pumping station. However, over the past several decades, storm water has been diverted into the sanitary sewer via street inlets, driveway grates, roof drains, etc., so that the sanitary sewer functions as a combined sewer and the pumping station receives significant flows during wet weather.

To remedy the situation, the city will install storm sewers in the Sheridan Beach area to remove public inlets, private drains and downspouts. The District will also install infiltration drains to keep stormwater from an inlet currently tied into the sanitary sewer.

The project area has been divided into two areas: (1) Primary Area: Lake Shore Drive, Lake Avenue and Prairie Avenue; and (2) Alternate 1: Colfax Avenue and its side avenues: Nevada, Illinois, Georgia and Louisiana.

## IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

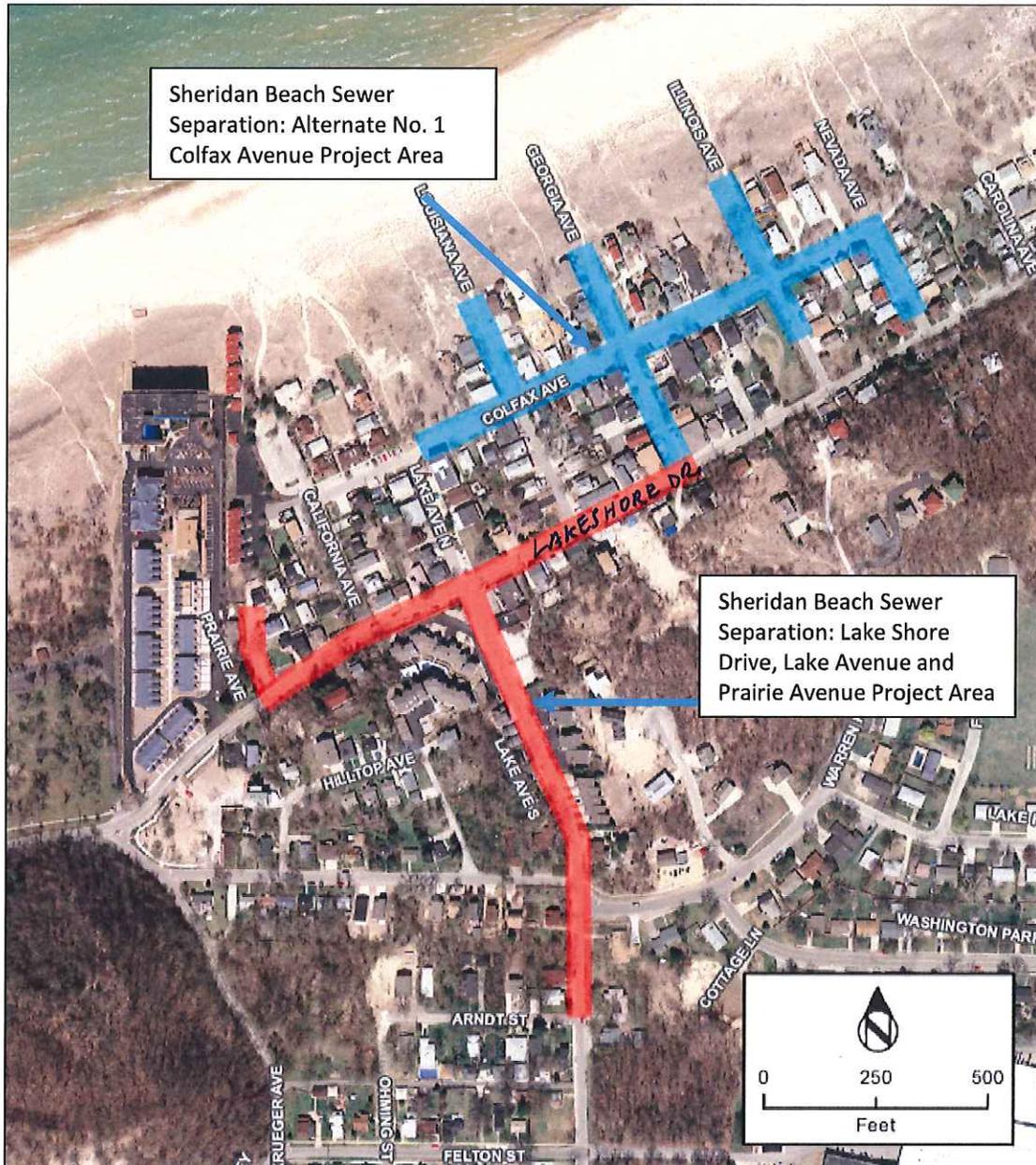
The Primary Area's estimated project cost is \$2,405,373 and the Alternate 1 estimated project cost is \$754,944. The Alternate 1 project will be implemented if bids for the Primary Area are low enough and if the District has the financial capability. The District will finance the project with a 20-year 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; see figures 2 and 3. 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."

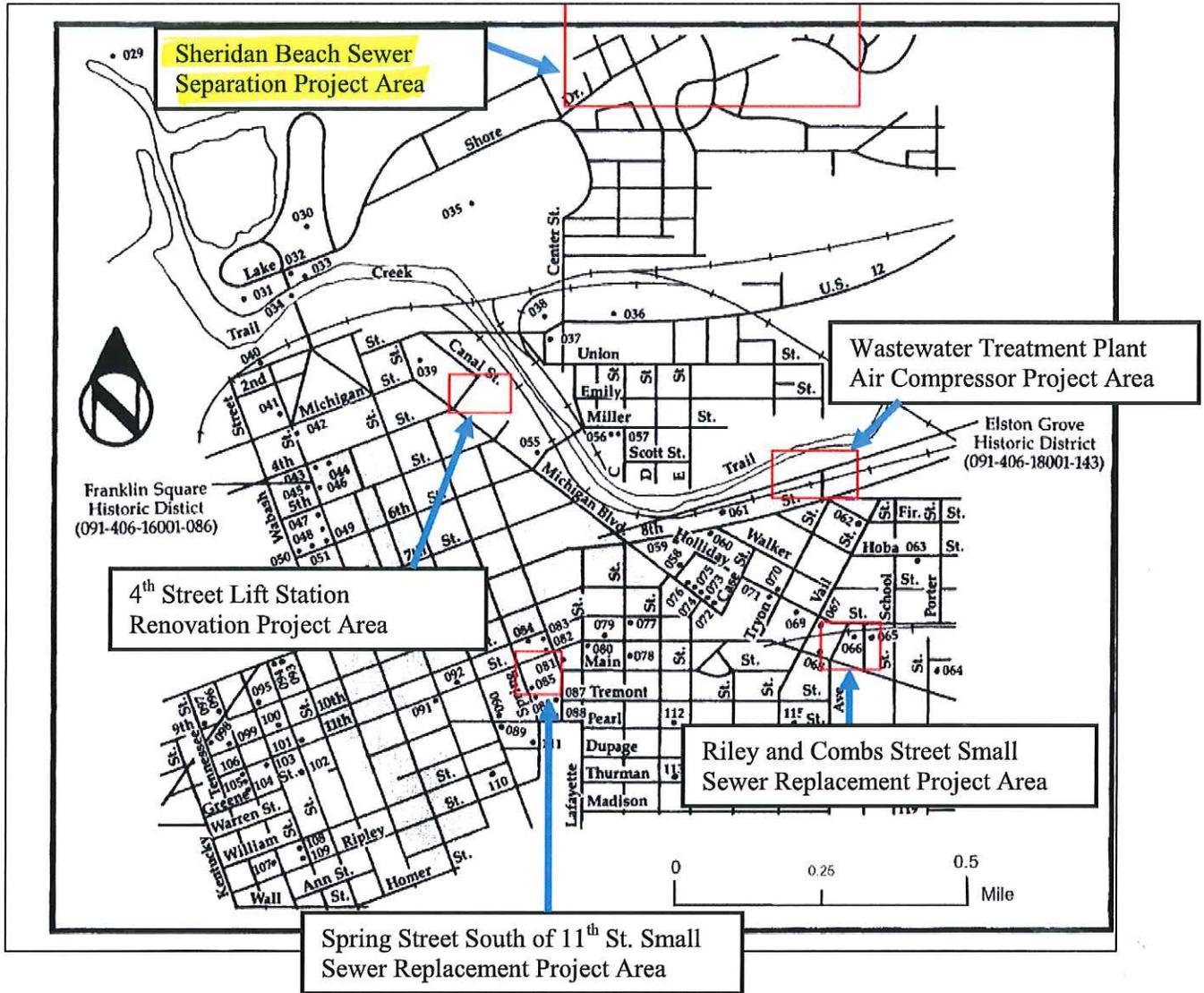
## **VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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.



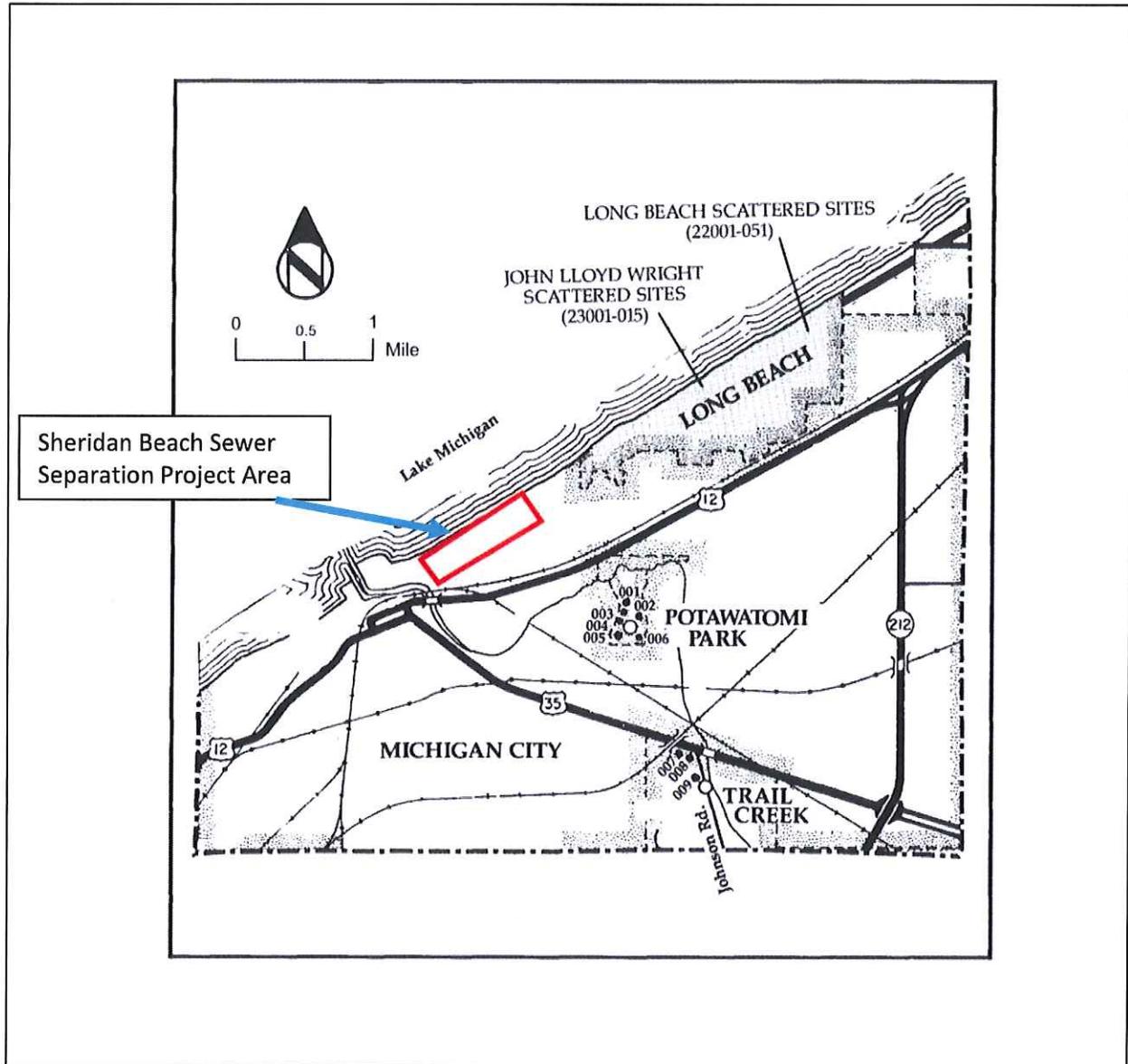
**FIGURE 1 Sheridan Beach Sewer Separation Project Location**

# Michigan City Scattered Sites (21029-119)



**FIGURE 2: from LaPorte County Interim Report  
 Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory**

# Michigan Township (15001-009)



**FIGURE 3: from LaPorte County Interim Report  
Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory**