



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

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

MIDDLEBURY
SCADA Radio Replacements at Six Lift Stations
Preliminary Engineering Report Amendment #1
SRF Project # WW 12 20 08 02

Date: March 20, 2013

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and Middlebury's Preliminary Engineering Report Amendment #1 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

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: **SCADA Radio Replacements in Six Lift Stations
Preliminary Engineering Report Amendment #1**
Town of Middlebury
P.O. Box 812
Middlebury, Indiana 46540

SRF Project Number: WW 12 20 08 02

Authorized Representative: Mr. Gary O'Dell, Town Council President

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The project areas are six lift stations located in Middlebury in Middlebury Civil Township, Elkhart County. See Figure 1. Specifically, the project is located in Township 37N, Range 7E, Sections 3, 9, 10, 11, 15, and 22 of the Middlebury USGS 7.5' quadrangle.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

Middlebury will replace the SCADA communication radios at six lift stations: Powell Drive, Dipper Drive, Villas, Greencroft, Hardwoods, and Northridge.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS AND FUNDING

Middlebury will finance the project with a loan from the SRF Loan Program for a 20-year term at an annual fixed interest rate to be determined at loan closing.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

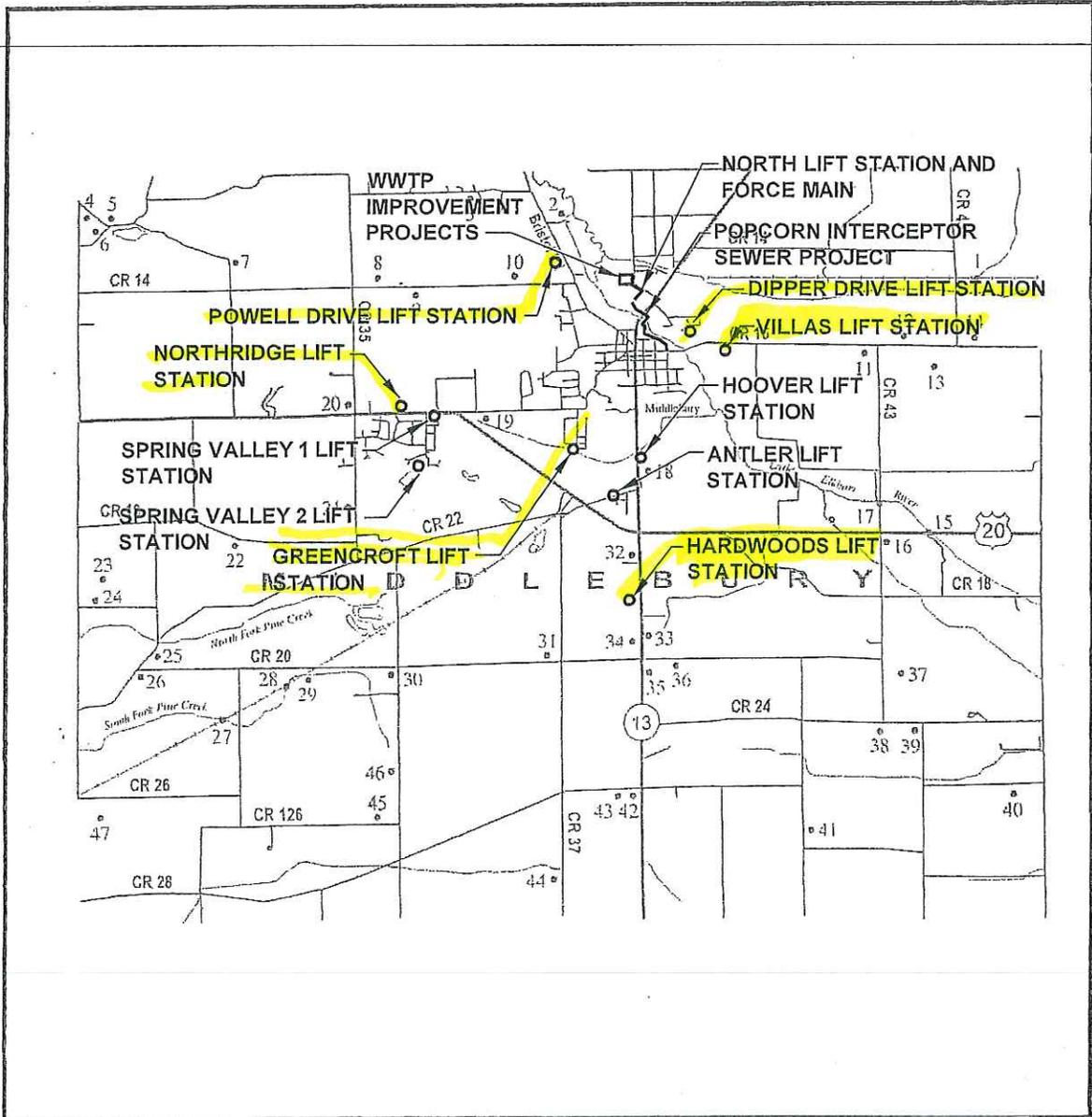
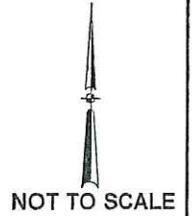
Project construction or implementation will not affect wetlands, the 100-year floodplain, prime farmland, or endangered species.

Construction and operation of the project will not alter, demolish or remove historic properties. See Figure 1. 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 Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is: "no historic properties affected."

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The proposed project was discussed at the public hearing held on May 7, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 418 North Main Street. No comments on this project were voiced at the public hearing, and no written comments were submitted in the five-day period following the public hearing.

Middlebury Township (40001-047)



Project Lift Stations are Highlighted

FIGURE 1: from Elkhart County Interim Report
Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory



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