



# 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 LAPORTE**  
**Planett Street Relief Sewer**  
**Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #4**  
**SRF # CS182341 02**

**Date: December 28, 2011**

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 Addendum #4 received by the SRF on December 15, 2011 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 EA or an EIS.

*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:

Amy Henninger, Senior Environmental Manager  
SRF Programs  
317-232-6566; ahenning at ifa.in.gov

# CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

## I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: **Planett Street Relief Sewer  
Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #4**  
City of LaPorte  
Planett Street Relief Sewer  
2101 Boyd Street  
LaPorte, IN 46350

SRF Project Number: CS18234102

Authorized Representative: Jerry P. Jackson  
LaPorte Wastewater Director

## II. PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located in LaPorte, IN along Burson Street, between Planett Street and East Lincolnway. The city's project area is in Kankakee Township, LaPorte East USGS topographic quadrangle, T37N, R3W, and section 25; see Figure 1.

## III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The proposed project is to replace an existing sanitary sewer in the alley south of Planett Street. The existing sewer slopes uphill, leading to blockages and grease accumulation. Customers connected to this segment of pipe report gurgling in their drains and blockages in the lateral connections.

The "No Action" alternative was dismissed since the existing sanitary sewer would continue to have blockages and the city would still experience unusually high operational/maintenance costs for this sewer segment in terms of increased sewer cleaning and responding to additional customer complaints.

The selected alternative proposes the installation of a replacement sewer so that the wastewater will flow easterly through the alley to Burson Street and then south on Burson Street to the East Lincolnway sewer. The East Lincolnway sewer is deep enough to allow the replacement sewer to be constructed at the proper slope. All construction will be located in the existing alley or the existing street.

#### IV. PROJECT COSTS AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

##### A. Selected Plan Estimated Cost Summary

Remove Pavement	\$ 2,980
Install 786 feet of 10-inch sanitary sewer	51,876
Install three manholes	9,354
Install one 72-inch dia. manhole	6,545
Reconnect 14 service laterals	21,126
Remove existing manholes and sewer	5,571
No. 53 compacted aggregate	12,032
Intermediate layer of asphalt	6,006
Surface layer of asphalt	3,168
Yard Restoration	5,576
Install 130 feet of roll curbing	<u>3,653</u>
	\$127,835
Contingency	<u>21,924</u>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$149,759</b>

B. The City of LaPorte will finance the project with the loan balance from their existing SRF loan. As of October 6, 2011, the loan balance is \$157,727. Monthly user rates will not be affected by the project.

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

This project will be constructed within the existing streets and existing sewer trench, which have been previously disturbed; there will be no negative environmental impacts.

This project has no potential affect to historic sites (Figure 2).

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 Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is: "no historic properties affected."

#### VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A notice was placed in the Herald Argus on September 21, 2011 describing the replacement of the sanitary sewer in the alley south of Planett Street. The city did not receive comments on the project.

**Location Map**  
**Planett St Relief Sewer**  
**PER Update #4**  
**SRF Loan CS 182 341 02**

Figure 1



# La Porte Scattered Sites—City Core Sector (35261-468)

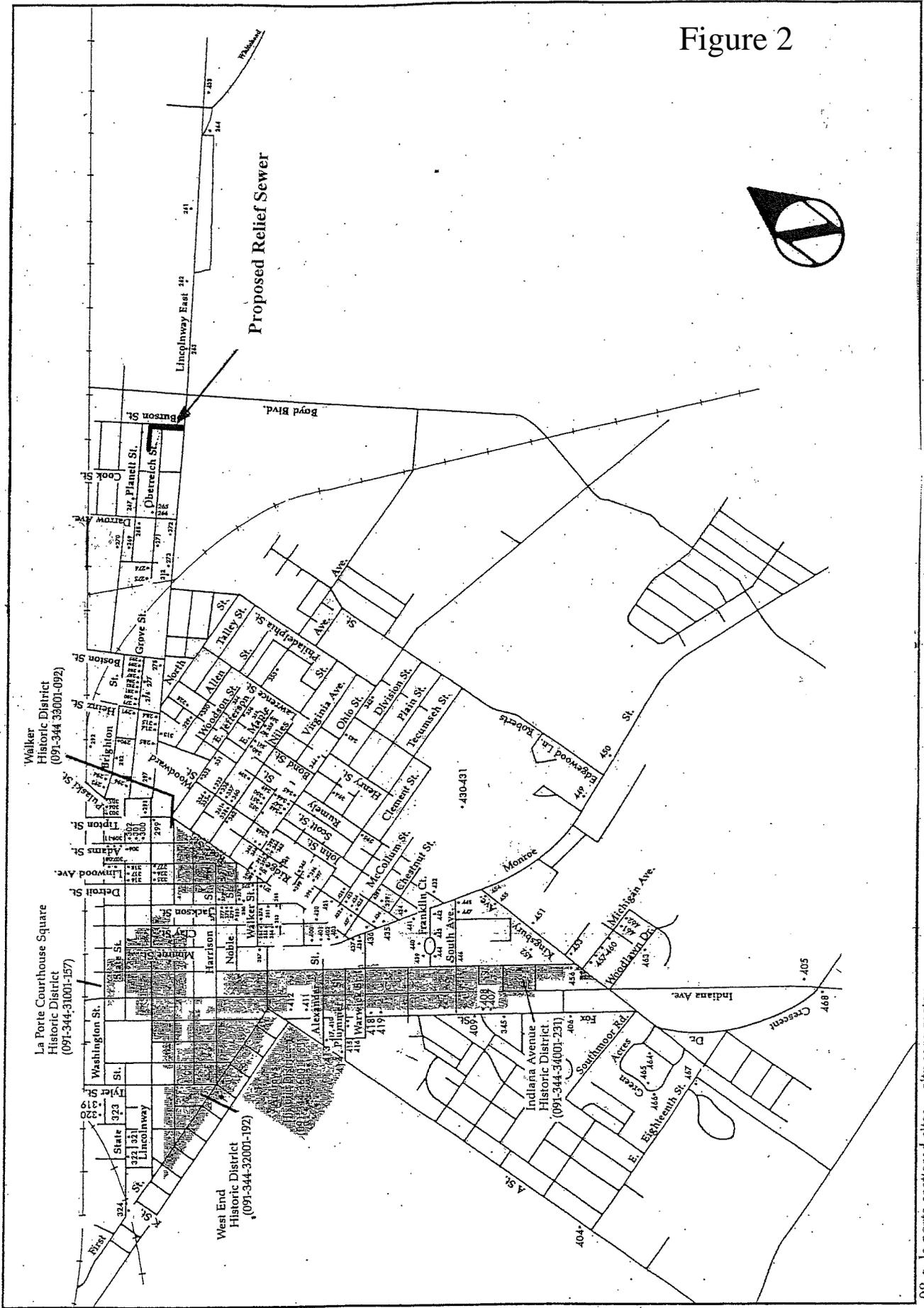


Figure 2