



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

### PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE  
Acquisition of Drinking Water Utility  
SRF # DW 10134502**

**Date: May 24, 2010**

**Target Project Approval Date: May 25, 2010**

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here 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 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:

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# CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

## I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Acquisition of Drinking Water Utility  
Town of Cedar Lake  
P.O. Box 707  
Cedar Lake, IN 46303-0707

SRF Project Number: DW 10134502

Authorized Representative: Mr. Dennis Wilkening, Town Council President  
Town of Cedar Lake

## II. PROJECT LOCATION

Utilities, Inc. is located in Cedar Lake, Indiana, in the Lowell and Saint John quadrangles T34N, R9W.

## III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

In order to improve financial stability, the Town of Cedar Lake will complete the purchase of Utilities, Inc., a private water utility. Cedar Lake will accomplish this via the refinancing of a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) that Cedar Lake used to temporarily finance the purchase of Utilities Inc.'s last year. This utility acquisition will ensure that the water supplier has the financial capability to provide water service to its customers.

## IV. PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

A. Cost Summary	ESTIMATED COST
<u>Utility Acquisition</u>	<u>\$1,700,000</u>
<b>Total Estimated Project Cost</b>	<b>\$1,700,000</b>

B. Cedar Lake will finance the project through a 20-year loan of \$1,700,000 from the SRF Loan Program at an interest rate to be determined at the time of loan closing.

## V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

The project will have no environmental impacts. The SRF's finding pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is: "no historic properties affected."

## VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A properly noticed public hearing was held on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010. No written comments were received in the 5-day period following the hearing.