



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 CHESTERFIELD

Planning and Design of Wastewater Treatment Plant, Lift Station and Force Main

SRF # WW 06 25 48 01

Date: January 2, 2010

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 #3 received by the SRF on October 14, 2009 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:

Mr. Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager
SRF Programs
317-232-8623; mhensche at ifa.in.gov

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: **Planning and Design**
 PER Addendum #3
 Town of Chesterfield
 17 Veterans Blvd. P.O. Box 95
 Chesterfield, IN 46017

SRF Project Number: WW06 25 48 01

Authorized Representative: Mr. Jack Taylor, President
 Town Council of Chesterfield

II. PROJECT LOCATION

Chesterfield is located in Union Township in Madison County along State Road 32.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

Chesterfield's wastewater is treated at the Anderson wastewater treatment plant (WWTP); Anderson also treats flow from Daleville and Mounds State Park.

This project will plan and design a new WWTP for Chesterfield. The actual construction will be implemented later.

The agreement with Anderson to treat wastewater generated in Chesterfield expired on January 1, 2009. Anderson intends to increase its treatment fee in steps from \$3.00/1,000 gallons to \$8.22/1,000 gallons after January 1, 2011.

A feasibility study and the town's Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) show that it is cost-effective for Chesterfield to build its own WWTP, compared with continuing to pay for treatment at the Anderson WWTP.

The town is proposing a 1.0 million gallons per day treatment facility, based on the assumption that Chesterfield, rather than Anderson, will provide treatment for portions of Daleville and Mounds State Park. In addition to designing its own WWTP, Chesterfield will also plan and design a new lift station and force main.

This elimination of Chesterfield's flow to Anderson's WWTP will increase the capacity in Anderson's combined sewer system, which should decrease the volume, frequency, and duration of untreated combined sewer overflows.

To implement the project, Chesterfield's consultant will provide the following services: preliminary design, final design and soil borings.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

Chesterfield closed a loan with the State Revolving Fund Loan Program on December 21, 2007 for \$7,105,000. The town will use remaining funds from that loan to pay the estimated cost of \$383,296 for planning and design of the WWTP, lift station and force main. As of December 29, 2009, the town's loan balance is \$1,370,242.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

This planning and design project does not involve any construction. Consistent with the implementing regulations of the National Historic Preservation Act, the SRF has determined that the proposed undertaking is not a type of activity that has the potential to cause effects to historic properties.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The town council discussed the Preliminary Engineering Report at a regular town council meeting at 7:00 PM on September 24, 2009. There were no questions raised at the meeting.