



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 FORT WAYNE
Long-Term Control Plan Management Consultant Assistance
SRF # WW 09 09 02 04

Date: November 13, 2009

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 received by the SRF on February 9, 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: **Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) Program
Management Consultant Assistance**
City of Fort Wayne
One Main Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46802-1804

SRF Project Number: WW09 09 02 04

Authorized Representative: Kumar Menon
Director of Public Works and Utilities

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The LTCP program management consultant will be involved with the management services and activities associated with the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) – Long Term Control Plan (LTCP). No construction will occur to implement this project.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

Fort Wayne submitted a CSO-LTCP to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management in December of 2007 to address CSOs. The city is proposing a watershed-based plan that, when fully implemented, will improve river water quality. In a typical year, the plan is designed to achieve a level of control in which no more than four overflows occur to the St. Mary's River and the Maumee River without adequate treatment or control and no more than one overflow to the St. Joseph River without adequate controls.

Fort Wayne is in the process of selecting a consultant to assist the city in complying with the requirements of the LTCP. The consultant will provide assistance in several areas related to the implementation of the LTCP. These areas include program development and management, regulatory assistance, modeling assistance, design engineering assistance, construction engineering assistance, outreach assistance, and support in the development of the capital improvement plan and budgeting.

The following identifies more specific tasks:

- A. Program Development and Management
 - 1. General Administration and Implementation
 - 2. Scheduling and Budgeting
 - 3. Cost Tracking and Budgeting Review
 - 4. Work Plan Development

5. Status Reporting with City Staff on a Quarterly Basis
 6. Quality Assurance and Control
 7. Contract Management (i.e., Professional Services, Construction, etc.)
 8. Program Development
 9. Training and Mentoring of city utility staff
- B. Regulatory Assistance
1. Use Attainability Analysis
 2. Consent Decree Semi-Annual Reporting
 3. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permitting Assistance
 4. Capacity Management Operation and Maintenance program and Combined Sewer System Operational Plan Updating
- C. Modeling Assistance
1. Standards and Methodology
 2. General Modeling Management and Oversight Assistance
- D. Design Engineering Assistance
1. Serve as a resource and advisor/oversight on program designs and project management efforts.
 2. Facility Plans/Preliminary Engineering Reports/Need Assessments
 3. Design Management
 4. Quality Assurance and Control
 5. Value Engineering
 6. On-call Technical/Engineering Assistance
- E. Construction Engineering Assistance
1. Constructability and Bid Review
 2. Construction Management
 3. Facility Start Up Procedures
- F. Financial
- Provide assistance to support Capital Improvement Program development and updated costs and schedules for determination of funding.
- G. Outreach
- Provide technical assistance to support public outreach efforts.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

The estimated project cost is \$2,300,000. Fort Wayne will borrow that amount from the State Revolving Fund Loan Program (SRF) for a 20-year term at an annual interest rate to be determined at loan closing. The city has adjusted, and will continue to adjust, its rates and charges in order to pay for this project and debt service.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

The scope of work for this project is program management. The No-Action alternative was rejected, since LTCP Program Management Consultant Assistance is necessary to achieve the goals of the city's CSO-LTCP. No construction is involved. Therefore, this project will have no physical impact on the surrounding environment. 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

A properly noticed public hearing was held at 10:00 AM on March 4, 2009 in the City County Building, Room 250. No negative comments on this project were voiced at the public hearing, and no written comments were submitted in the five-day period following the hearing.