



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

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
HUEHN STREET EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT ADDENDUM #26
SRF # WW05 16 45 02**

Date: April 16, 2014

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in Addendum #26 to the Hammond Sanitary District's Preliminary Engineering Report submitted to the SRF on March 26, 2014, 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: Huehn Street Combined Sewer Emergency Repair
Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #26
Hammond Sanitary District
5143 Columbia Avenue
Hammond, IN 46327-1794

SRF Project Number: WW05 16 45 02

Authorized Representative: Marty Wielgos, District Manager

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The project will occur in Huehn Street in North Township, Lake Calumet USGS 7.5' quadrangle, Township 37 North, Range 9 West, section 30. See Figure 1.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

A 24-inch combined sewer collapsed in Huehn Street between Oak Avenue and Pine Ave., resulting in a large cave-in. The city repaired the break, replacing 20 feet of 24-inch pipe and installing a new manhole, two catch basins, replacement 8-inch piping. Only street paving remains to be done.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

Total cost will be approximately \$100,000. The District will use funds from its SRF Loan WW05 16 45 02 to fund the project. Monthly user rates will not have to be adjusted.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

Construction and operation of the project did not alter, demolish or remove historic properties; see Figure 1. If any visual or audible impacts to historic properties occurred, they were temporary and did 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 District published a public notice on April 10, 2014, describing the proposed project.

North Hammond Scattered Sites (40001-069)

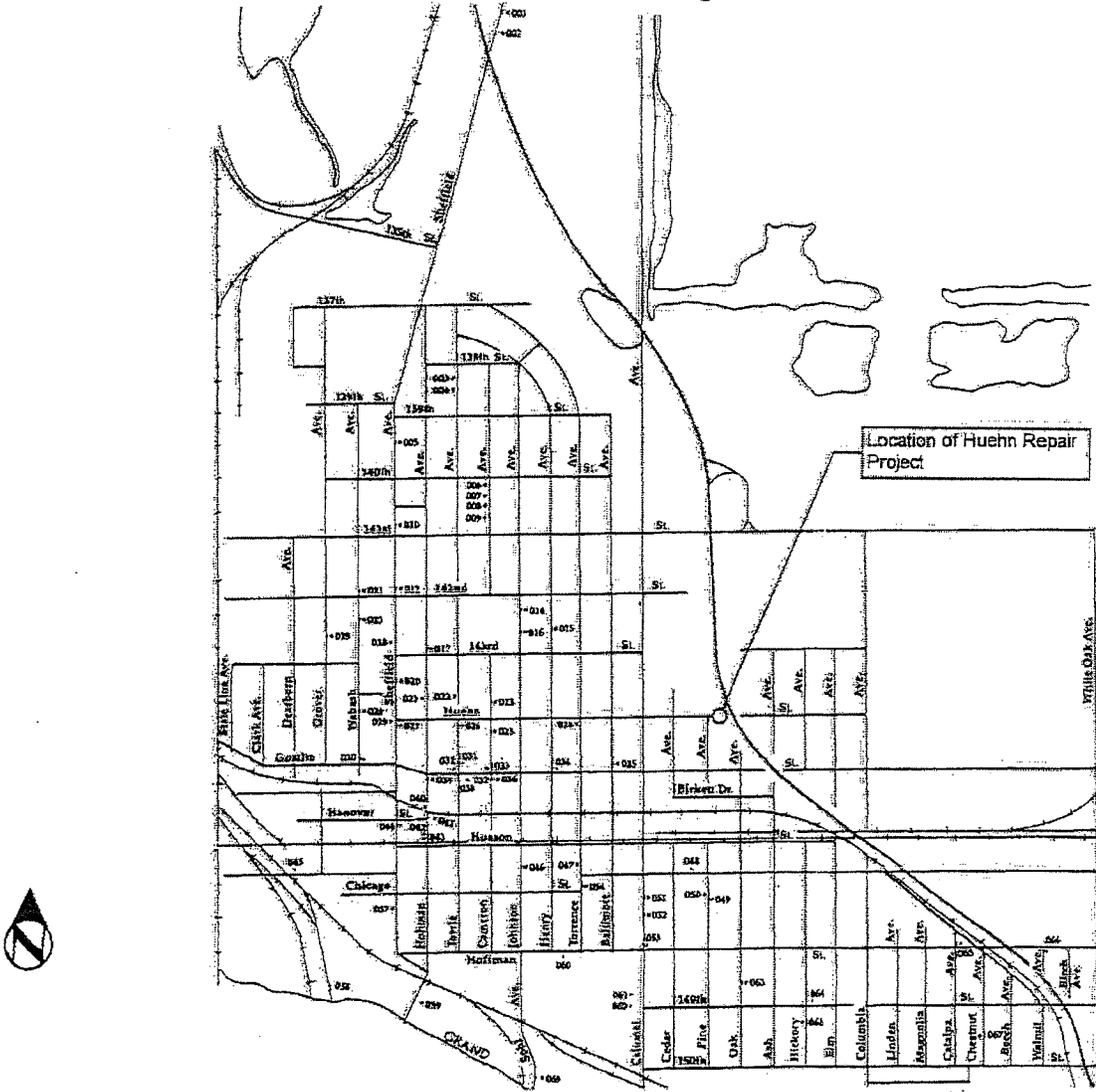


Figure 1: Project Area