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
ROBERTSDALE FORCEMAIN EMERGENCY REPAIR/REPLACEMENT
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT ADDENDUM # 1
SRF # WW05 16 45 03

Date: October 23, 2013

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the Hammond Sanitary District's Robertsdale Force Main Emergency Repair/Replacement, Addendum #1 to its Preliminary Engineering Report dated October 8, 2013, 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 an 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:	**Robertsdale Force Main Emergency Repair/Replacement** Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum # 1 Hammond Sanitary District 5143 Columbia Avenue Hammond, IN. 46327-1794
SRF Project Number:	WW 05 16 45 03
Authorized Representative:	Marty Wielgos, Acting District Manager

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The project consists of repair/replacement of approximately 800 feet of the southern portion of the 36-inch force main on BP property near the Indiana Harbor Shipping Canal. The force main extends approximately 3 miles south from the Robertsdale pump station to a 54-inch gravity sewer at the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal. The project area is in the Whiting USGS 7.5' quadrangle, North Township, Township 37 North, Range 9 West, NW ¼ section 20. See Figure 1.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The District has experienced multiple pipe failures and repairs in the southern 800 feet of the 36-inch diameter ductile iron Robertsdale force main during that last nine months. The project is necessary to maintain the function of the Robertsdale Pump Station, which serves North Hammond and Whiting, and to eliminate future costly repairs.

There are no feasible alternatives to the proposed action. The "no-action" alternative was rejected, since the need to avert failure of the force main would not be addressed.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

Estimated project cost is $495,200. The Hammond Sanitary District will use funds from its existing SRF Loan # WW 05 16 45 03 to fund this project. Monthly user rates will not have to be adjusted.

V. Environmental Impacts of the Feasible Alternatives

The project will not affect wetlands, wooded areas, a 100-year floodplain, or prime farmland. Construction and operation of the project will not alter, demolish, or remove historic properties; see Figure 2. 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 or eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. The SRF's finding pursuant to the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is "no historic properties affected".

VI. Public Participation

The proposed project was discussed at a publicly noticed Board of Sanitary Commissioners meeting on September 24, 2013 at the Hammond Sanitary District Office where the Board declared this project an emergency. No written comments were received.

Legend

- Railroads - 1:100,000 (NTAD)
- Abandoned
- Active

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Hammond Sanitary District

Figure 1: Robertsdale Forcemain Emergency Repair (blue line)

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IndianaMAP

North Hammond Scattered Sites (40001-069)

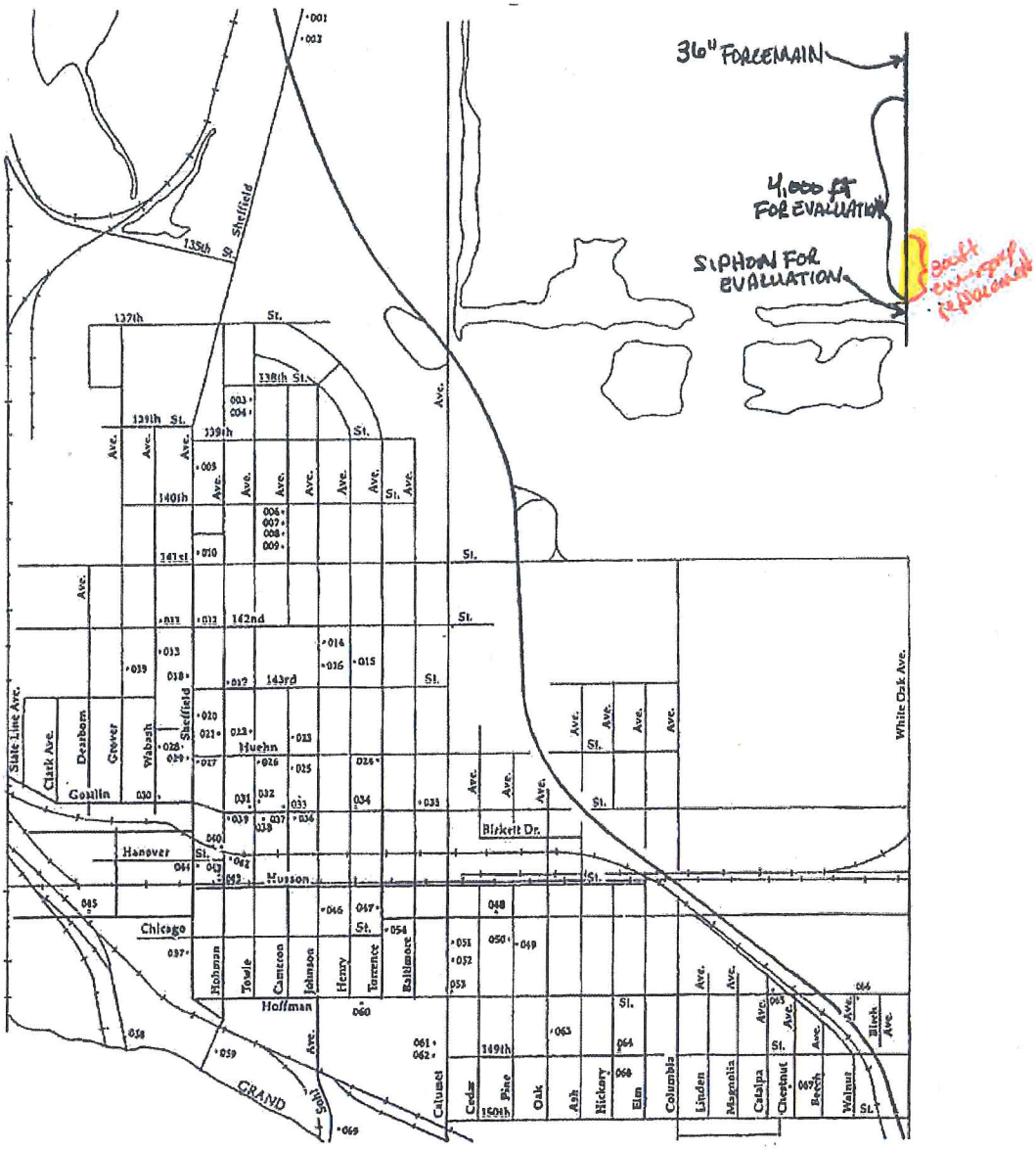

Figure 2: from Lake Count Interim Report
Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory

Project area is highlighted