



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 HUNTINGTON

Wastewater Facility Improvements

SRF # WW 09 90 35 03

Date: November 17, 2010

Target Project Approval Date: November 18, 2010

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the Huntington SRF Preliminary Engineering Report Secondary Anaerobic Digester Cover Replacement submitted to the SRF on March 13, 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 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 the proposed action will not produce significant environmental impacts.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

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SRF Programs
317-232-6566; ahenninger@ifa.in.gov

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Secondary Anaerobic Digester Cover Replacement
City of Huntington
300 Cherry Street
Huntington, IN 46750

SRF Project Number: WW 09 90 35 03

Authorized Representative: Mr. Steve Updike, Mayor

II. PROJECT LOCATION

Huntington is located in Huntington County, Indiana. The proposed project at the wastewater treatment plant is located in Township 28 North, Range 9 East, Section 21 in the Andrews USGS quadrangle (Figure 1-1).

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The city of Huntington owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility. The City has a need to make improvements at its wastewater treatment plant in order to improve efficiencies. The proposed project consists of improvements in the secondary digester, including a new gas holder cover and external draft tube mixing system. Also included in the project are new sludge meters, gas meters, and associated electrical and controls (Figure 1-2).

The project is needed to improve the operation of the sludge handling facilities. The existing cover on the secondary digester has tilted and the mixing system, which is located on the existing cover, is inoperable.

The “no action” alternative was considered and was determined to be not feasible. If no action is taken, the City will continue to have problems with its sludge handling capabilities.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

<u>Construction</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Gas Holder Cover	\$590,000
Mixing System	\$210,000
Sludge and Gas Meters	\$22,000
Electrical and Controls	<u>\$25,000</u>
Sub Total Estimated Construction Cost	\$830,000

Contingency (10%)	\$80,000
Non- Construction Costs	<u>\$55,000</u>
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$965,000

The City will fund the project with a loan from the State Revolving Fund (SRF) for a 20-year term at an annual interest rate to be determined at loan closing. Monthly user rates and charges may need to be analyzed to determine if adjustments are required for loan repayment.

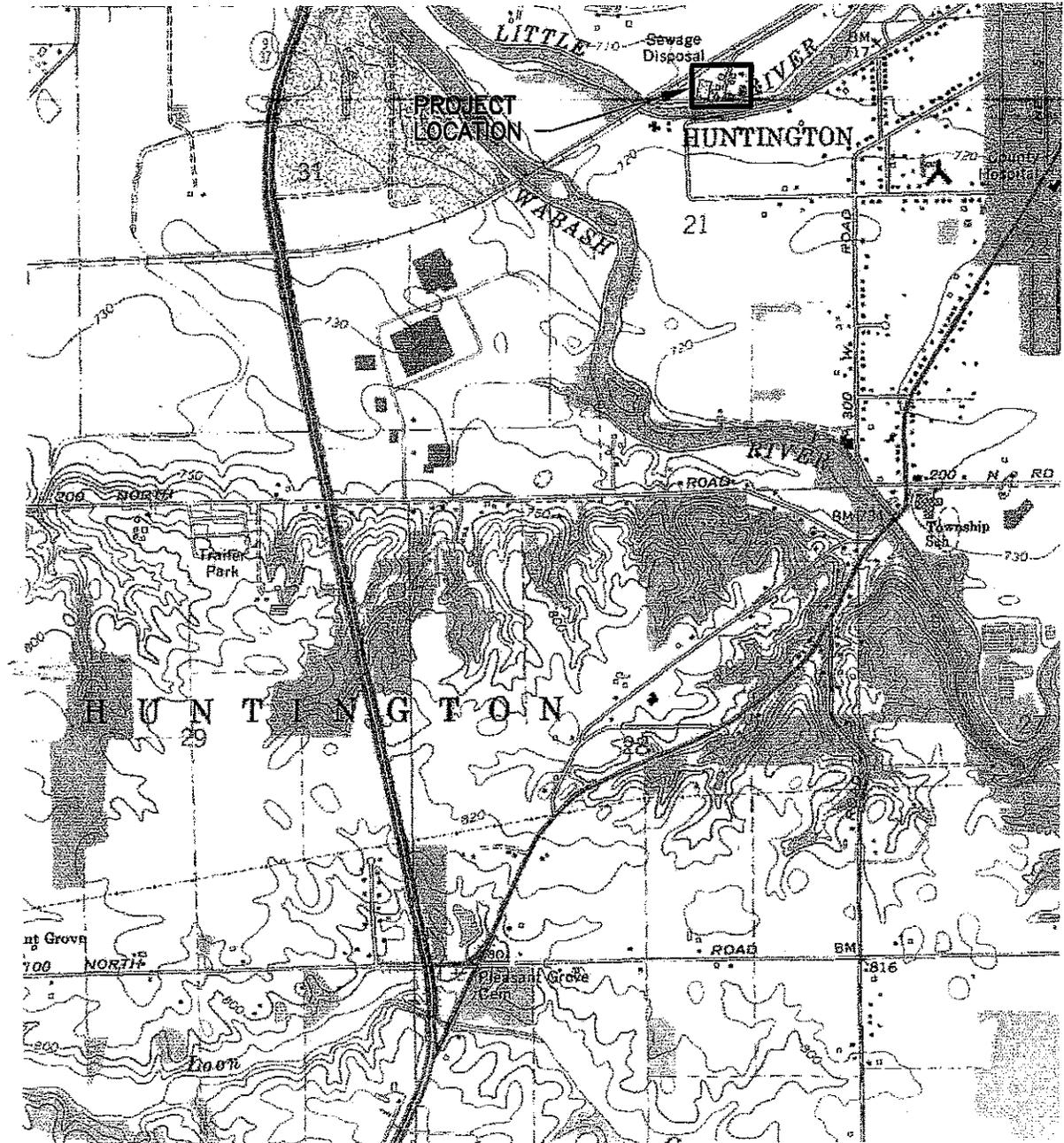
V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

The proposed project will be constructed at the existing wastewater treatment plant, and is constructed on previously disturbed land. The proposed project will not impact historical or architectural sites (Figure 3-1). The SRF’s finding pursuant to Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act is: “no historic properties affected.”

The proposed project will not affect wetlands, the 100-year floodplain, or the Lake Michigan Coastal Zone.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A properly advertised public hearing was held at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at the City Hall in Huntington to discuss the Preliminary Engineering Report. A copy of the Preliminary Engineering Report was available for public review during the ten days prior to the public hearing. There were no written comments received from the public during the five day period after the public hearing.



LOCATION MAP

SCALE: 1" = 2000'

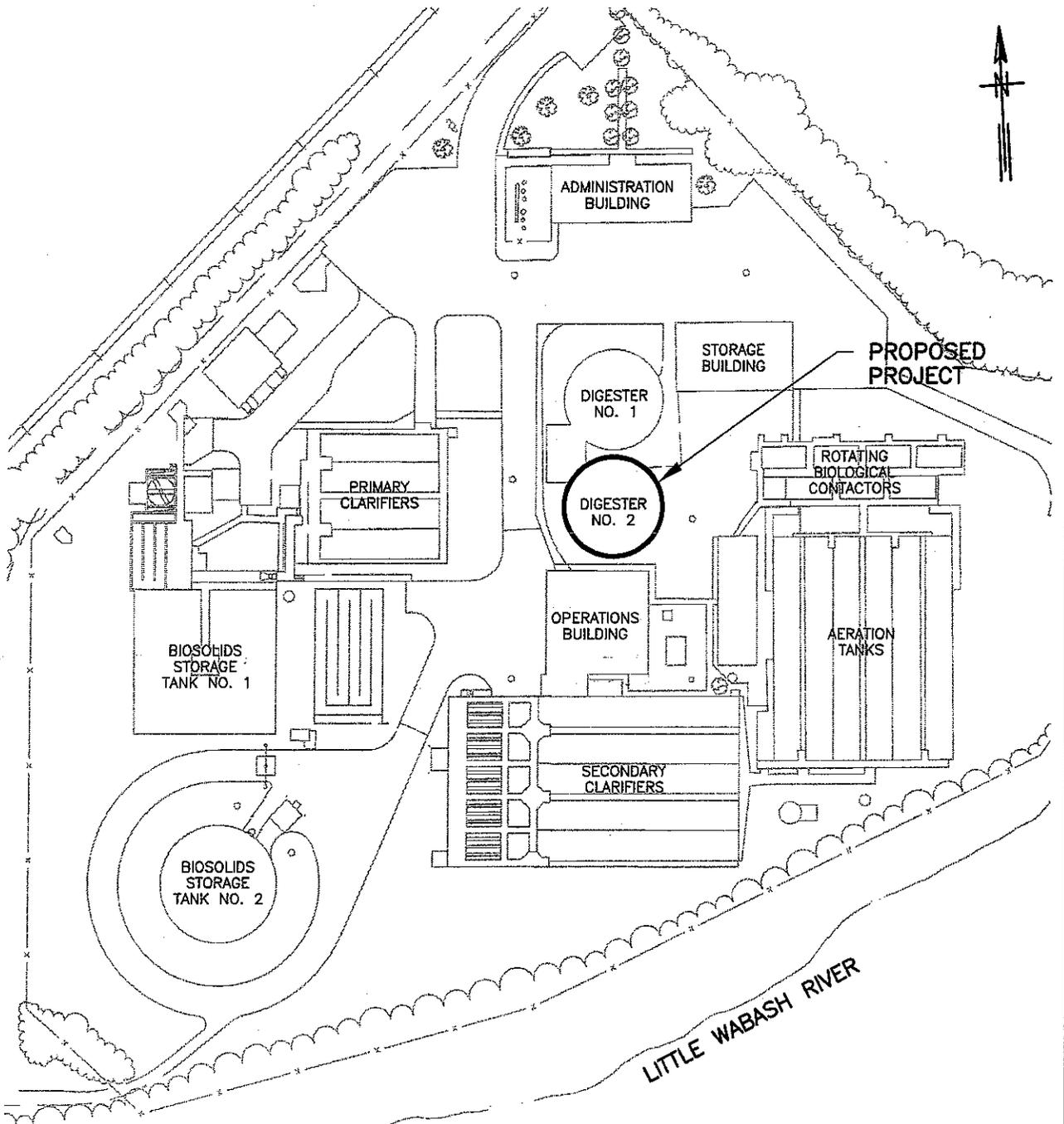
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FIGURE 1-2



NOTES:

- 1. THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS WITHIN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON'S WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT LOCATED IN THE ANDREWS QUADRANGLE TOWNSHIP 28N, RANGE 9E AND SECTION 21.

SITE PLAN

SCALE: 1" = 100'

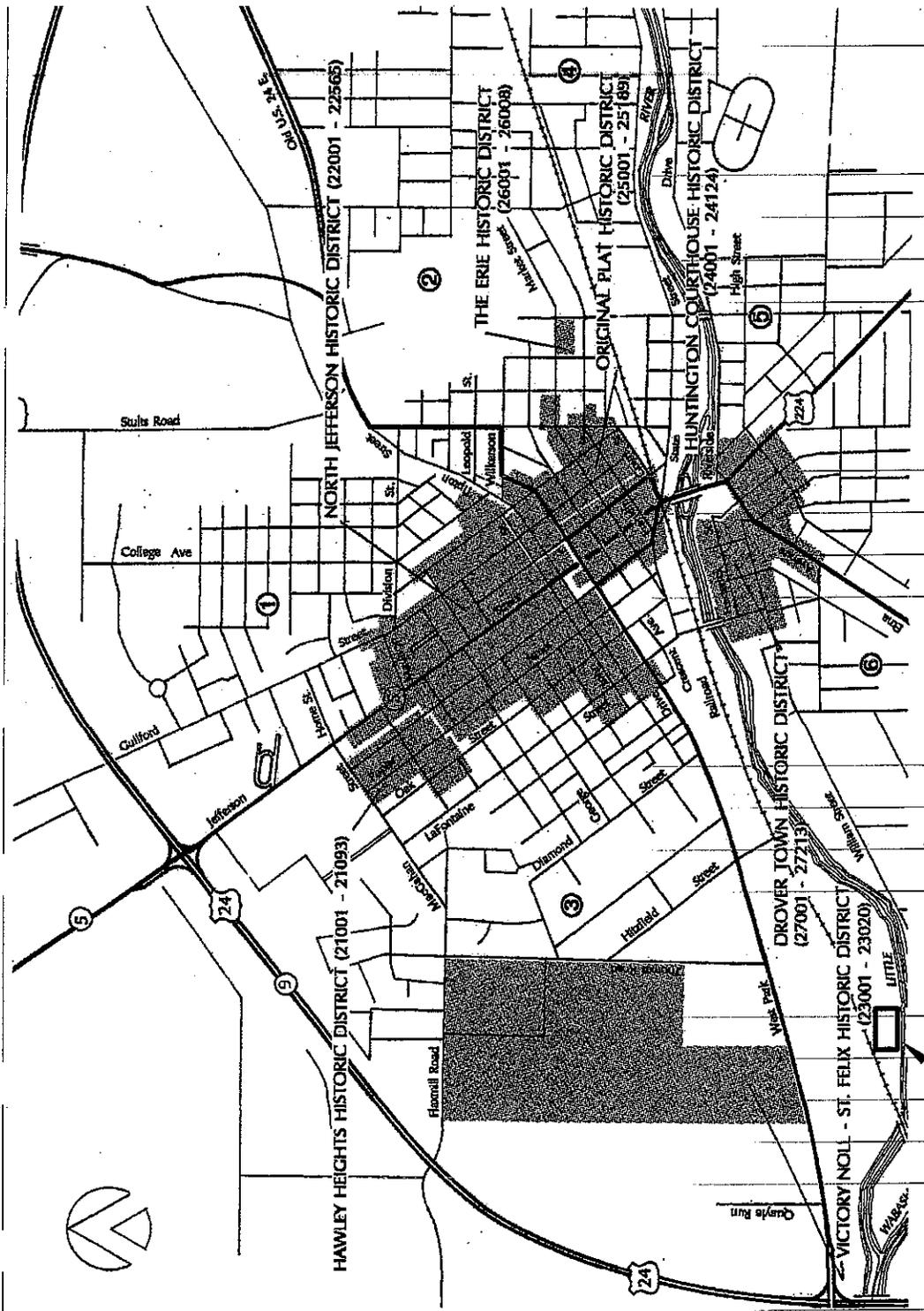
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HISTORIC DISTRICTS MAP

SCALE: NOT TO SCALE

PROJECT SITE



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