



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

REPLACEMENT OF IMPELLERS AT L&K AND RIVER FORK LIFT STATIONS ADDENDUM # 1 TO THE RABBIT RUN LIFT STATION COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW LONG TERM CONTROL PLAN – PHASE I PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT SRF # WW12 35 21 04

Date: December 19, 2013

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in Huntington's Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #1 received by the SRF on December 5, 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 (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:

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

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: **Replacement of Impellers at the L&K and River
Forks Lift Stations**
Rabbit Run Lift Station Combined Sewer Overflow
 Long Term Control Plan Project – Phase I –
Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #1
City of Huntington
300 Cherry Street
Huntington, IN 46750

SRF Project Number: WW 12 35 21 04

Authorized Representative: The Honorable Brooks Fetters, Mayor

II. PROJECT LOCATION

Huntington is located in Huntington County southwest of Fort Wayne. The L&K Lift Station project will occur in Huntington Township in the Andrews USGS 7.5' quadrangle in the Ten Sections at the Forks of the Wabash reserve just north of Township 28 North, Range 9 East, Section 21; the River Forks Lift Station project will occur in Huntington Township, Andrews USGS 7.5' quadrangle, T28N, R9E, Section 21.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

Addendum #1 proposes replacement of pump impellers at the L&K and River Forks lift stations to maintain pumping capacity when these lift stations' force mains are relocated; the relocation will direct flow to Flow Junction Box No. 1 near the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF). The force main relocations will allow the appropriate flow split between the WPCF and the proposed combined sewer overflow storage tank during wet weather. However, by moving the force mains' discharge, the pumping capacity at each of the lift stations would be reduced. This project will ensure that the pumping capacities at both of the lift stations will be maintained.

The "No Action" alternative was rejected since the existing capacity at each of the lift stations would not be maintained, reducing the amount of water that can be pumped to the Flow Junction Box.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

The estimated cost for the new impellers is \$19,000. The city will use funds from its State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan that closed on December 18, 2013, to pay for this project.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

The work will be done within existing structures and will not have significant environmental impacts. Construction and operation of the project will not alter, demolish or remove historic properties; see Figure 1. 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 in 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

A notice was placed in The Herald Press on December 9, 2013, describing the replacement of the pump impellers for the L&K and River Forks lift stations. The city did not receive any comments.

