



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
RABBIT RUN LIFT STATION AND CSO 004 IMPROVEMENTS:
COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW (CSO) LONG TERM CONTROL PLAN – PHASE I
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT ADDENDUM # 1
SRF # WW12 35 21 04**

Date: October 30, 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 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: **Rabbit Run Lift Station and CSO 004
Improvements: Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO)
Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) – Phase I**
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 project area includes the Rabbit Run Lift Station (LS) at the city's Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF), as well as a former auto salvage yard adjacent to the WPCF. The project area is in Huntington Township in the Andrews USGS 7.5' quadrangle, in the Ten Sections at the Fork of the Wabash reserve, just north of Township 28 North, Range 9 East, Section 21. Figure 1 illustrates the proposed project.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The Rabbit Run Lift Station serves the combined sewers on the city's south side and has a dry weather capacity of 3.5 MGD. When flows exceed that amount, storm water pumps in the LS send the excess flow to CSO 004, which discharges to the Little River.

The WPCF serves the combined sewers on the north side of the city; when wet weather flows exceed its 15 MGD peak flow capacity, they are discharged through CSO 002 to the Little River.

To treat more wet weather flow, the city will install a 2.25 MG CSO storage tank at the WPCF to collect excess flows from the proposed Wet Weather Diversion Structure and from the LS; those flows will be diverted to the tank through a Junction Box and Screen Structure via two 72-inch gravity sewers and a 108-inch gravity sewer. Once the wet weather flows subside and capacity becomes available at the WPCF, a Dewatering Pump Station will send the stored flow to the WPCF for treatment.

Flows above the WPCF's 15 MGD peak flow capacity will be diverted to the proposed storage tank; flows in excess of the CSO storage tank's 2.25 MG capacity will be discharged to CSO 004, if WPCF capacity is not available. The storage tank will provide settling for volumes up to the 10-Year, 1-Hour storm. In a later project, the city will address disinfection of the storage tank flows before they are discharged to the Little River.

At the Lift Station, the city will install a bar screen and replace the impellers on its dry weather pumps.

In addition to the wet weather flow improvements, the city will install a new flap gate structure upstream of the CSO 004 outfall; the old flap gate will be kept in place to keep debris from the new gate.

The project will reduce the number of CSO discharges through CSOs 002 and 004.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

The estimated project cost is \$16,854,000. Huntington will borrow approximately that amount from the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program for a 20-year term at a fixed 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 project will not affect wetlands, wooded areas, floodplains or prime farmland. An archaeological survey of the former auto salvage yard where part of the project will be built did not find archaeological materials. Construction and operation of the project will not alter, demolish or remove historic properties; see figures 2 and 3. 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 public hearing was held at the Mayor's Conference Room in City Hall, at 3:30 P.M. on June 3, 2013, to discuss the proposed project. There were no comments raised during the public hearing, and the city did not receive written comments were submitted in the 5-day post-hearing comment period.

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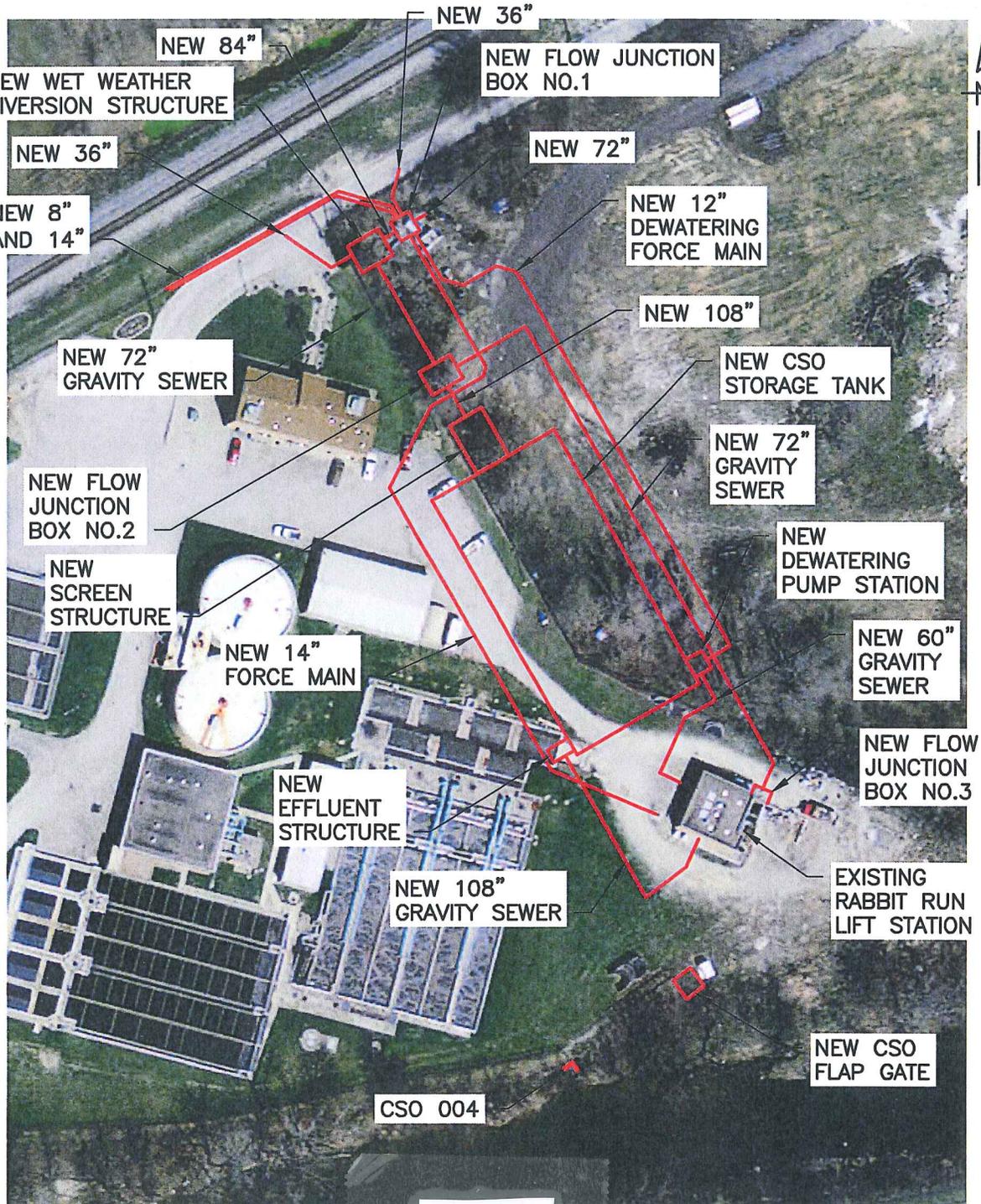
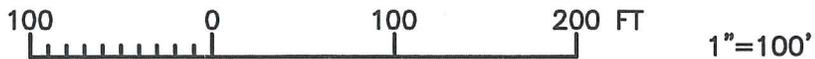


FIGURE 1

AERIAL SITE LAYOUT

SCALE: 1"=100'



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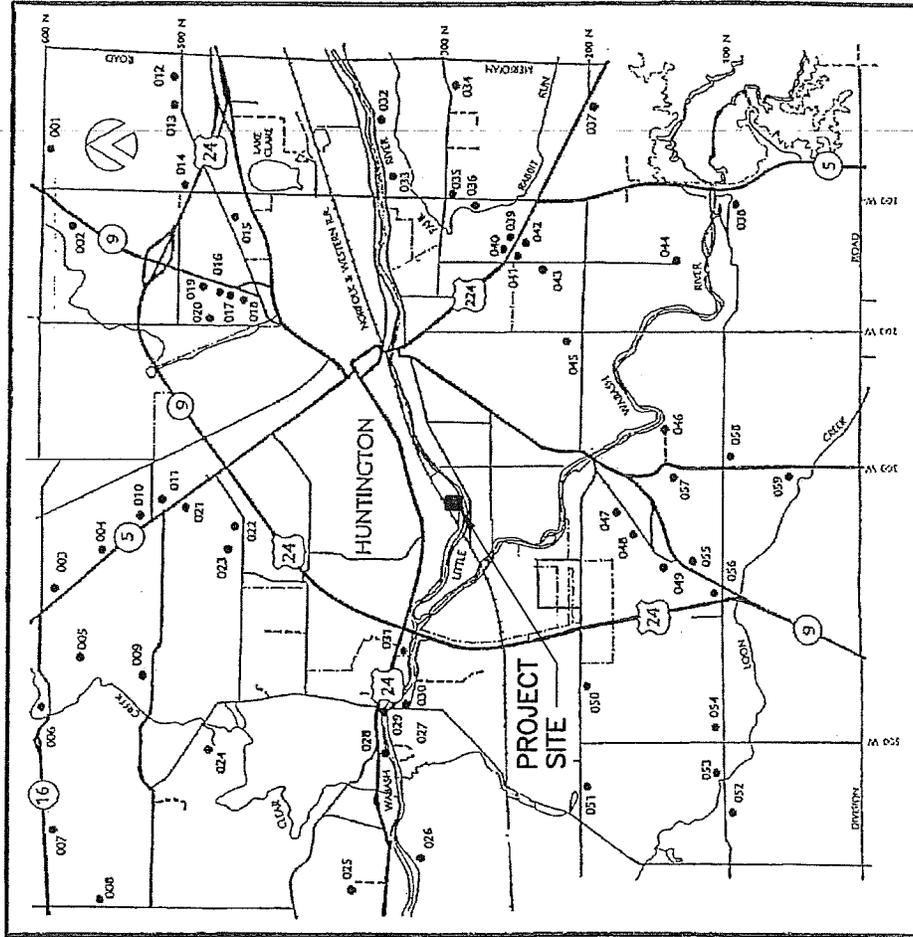
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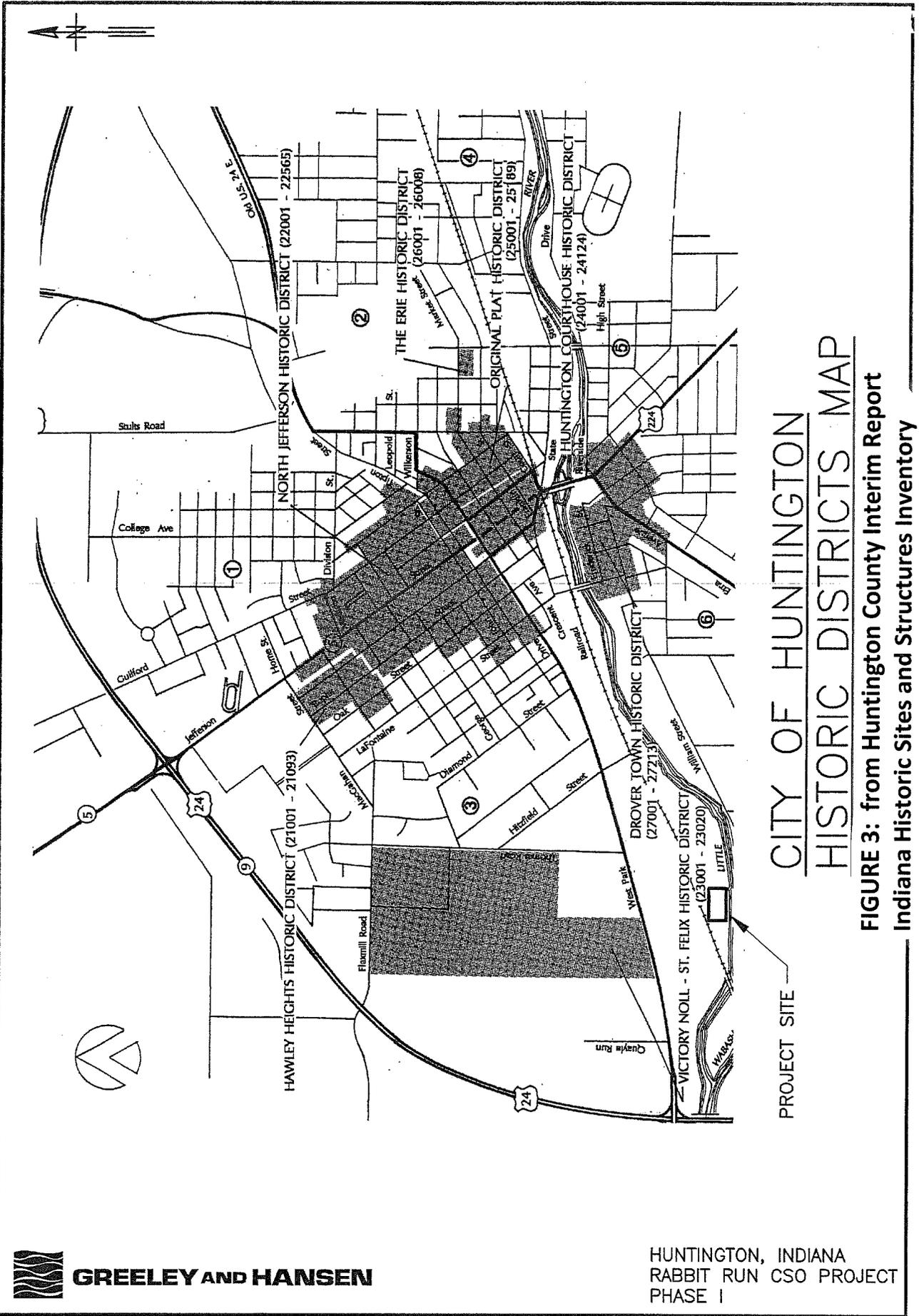
- 001 C HOUSE, 745 W. 600 N. Rd.; American Four Square; c.1920; Architecture (288)
- 002 C FARM, 5872 N. Mishler Rd. (S.R. 9); Italianate; c.1870; Architecture (288)
- 003 N JACOB GILL FARM, 5691 N. Goshen Rd.; Queen Anne; 1913; Architecture (049)
- 004 N PIUS J. ZAHM HOUSE, 5313 N. Goshen Rd. (S.R. 5); Queen Anne; 1893; Architecture (049)
- 005 C HOWENSTINE FARM, 4377 600 N. Rd. (S. R. 16); Hall & Parlor; c.1850; Architecture (049)
- 006 C HOUSE, 3/4 Mi. W. of S.R. 5 on 600 N. Rd.; Queen Anne; c.1890; Architecture (049)
- 007 C HOUSE, 5725 W. 600 N. Rd.; Gabled Ell; c.1880; Architecture (049)
- 008 C HOUSE, 635 W. Rd.; Queen Anne; c.1880; Architecture (049)
- 009 C HOUSE, 4486 W. 525 N. Rd./Chimm Rd.; Vernacular; c.1880; Architecture (049)

**FIGURE 2: from Huntington County Interim Report
Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory**



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CITY OF HUNTINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICTS MAP

**FIGURE 3: from Huntington County Interim Report
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