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

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

JACKSON COUNTY WATER UTILITY
ELEVATED STORAGE TANK RECOATING
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT ADDENDUM #1
SRF # DW 08 04 36 01

Date: August 13, 2011

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the June 17, 2011 Jackson County Water Utility's Addendum No. 1 to its 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 EA or an EIS.

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:	Jackson County Water Utility Elevated Water Tank Recoating Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #1 PO Box 56 1119 W. Spring Street Brownstown, IN 47220
SRF Project Number:	DW 08 04 36 01
Authorized Representative:	Donald H. Bradley, President JCWU Board of Directors

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The water tank is at the southeast corner of the intersection of State Road 135 and US 50 in Brownstown Township, NW Quarter, Section 14, T15N, R4E in Jackson County. See figures 1 through 4.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The Brownstown elevated water storage tank was constructed in 1984 and has not been recoated since that time. A coatings inspection in November, 2008, revealed that significant interior and exterior coatings were deteriorating, and the recommendation was to recoat the interior and exterior of the tank to extend its useful life.

There are no feasible alternatives to the proposed action. The "no-action" alternative was evaluated and rejected, since the tank coatings would continue to deteriorate. The selected plan is to paint the interior and exterior of the tank.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

A. Project Cost

Estimated project cost:

Construction Cost	$215,000
Non-construction Cost	$ 12,000
Total Project Cost	$227,000

B. Funding: The water utility will use the remaining loan balance of $201,534 in SRF Loan # DW 08 04 36 01, as well as local funds, to fund the project. Rates will not have to be raised to implement the project.

V. Environmental Impacts of the Feasible Alternatives

The proposed project will not affect wooded areas, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmland. Construction and operation of the project will not alter, demolish or remove historic properties. 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 Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act is: "no historic properties affected."

VI. Public Participation

The proposed project was discussed at a publicly noticed utility Board meeting on March 18, 2011 at the Jackson County Water Utility facility in Brownstown. No written comments were received.

Brownstown Township (25001-016)

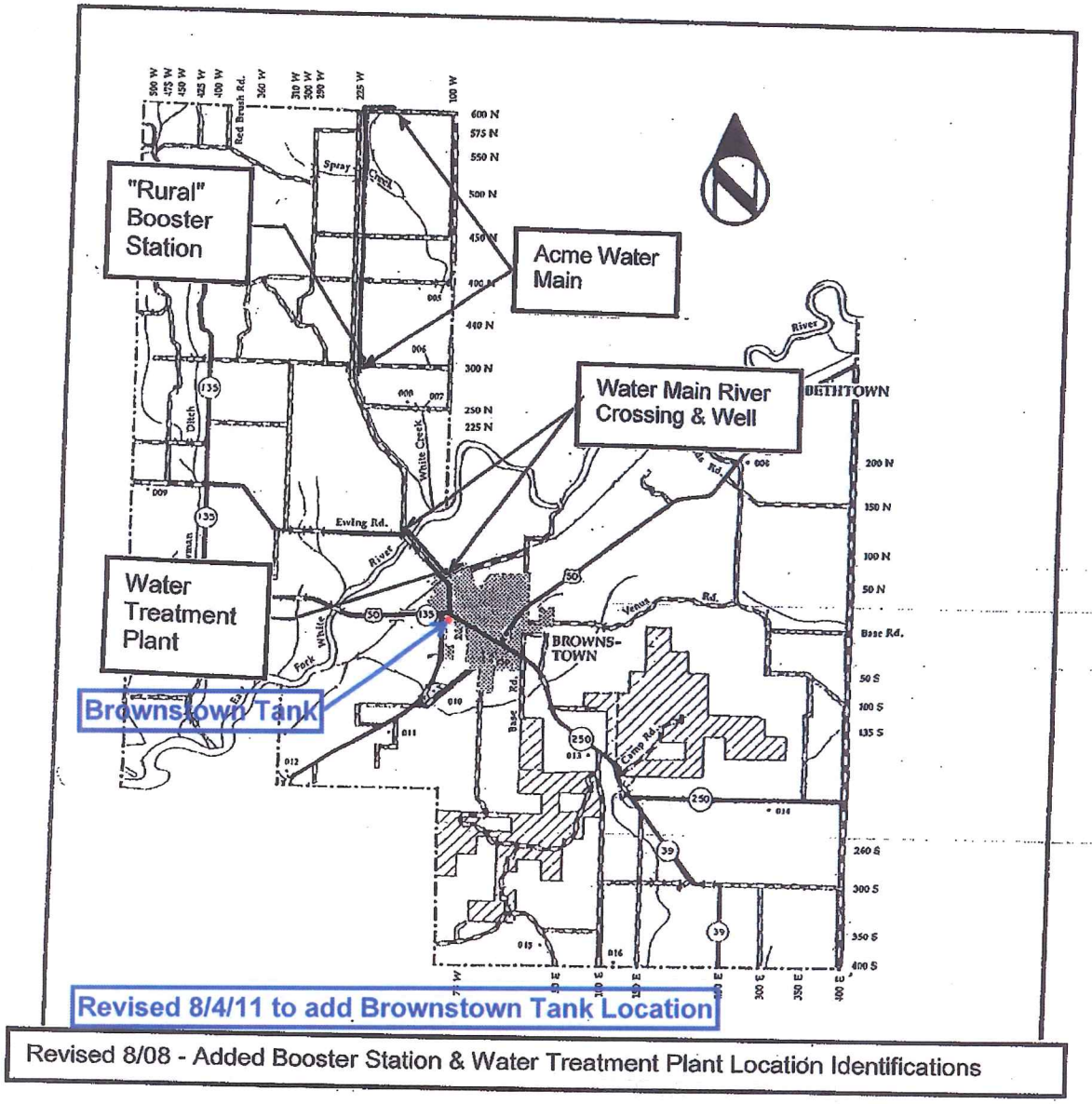


Figure 1: from Jackson County Interim Report
Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory

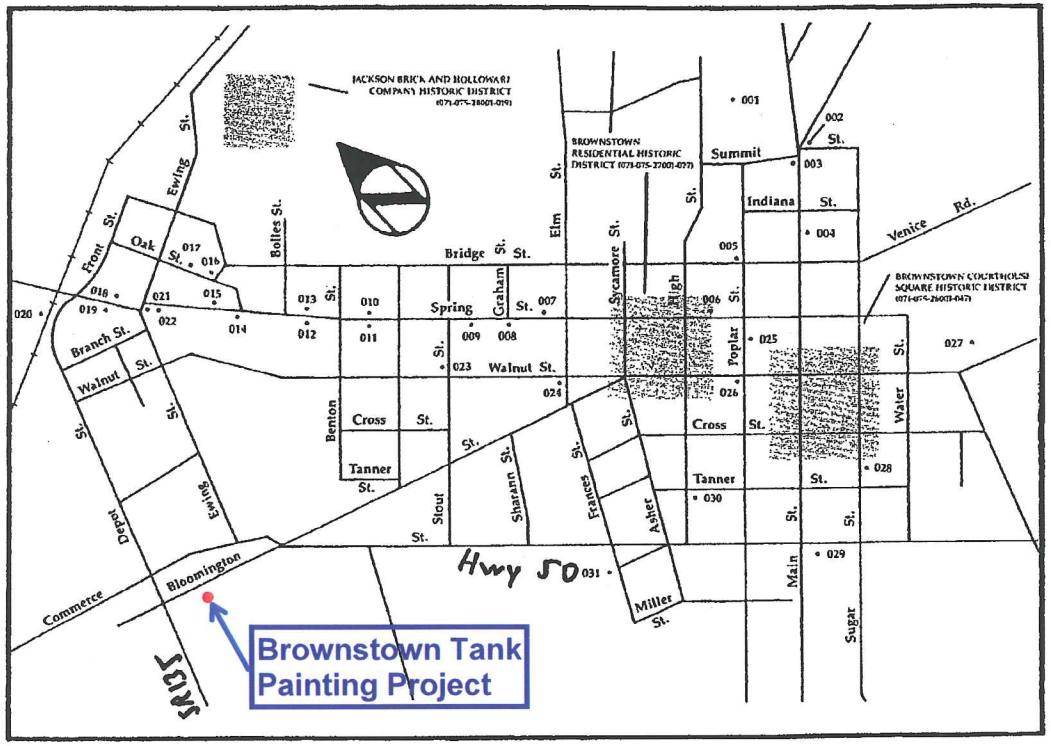
Brownstown Township is located in the geographic center of Jackson County. The township took its name from the county seat which was named for General Jacob Brown, a War of 1812 hero. The first settlement in the area in about 1811 predated the township's formation by six years. These early settlers sought refuge from hostile Indians at Huff's Fort and Ketchum's Fort. During the years 1812-1813, many of the area's residents came to the fort for protection.

The township, one of the county's three original townships, was formed in 1817. Over the years, its boundaries changed five times with additional townships formed from its land. In addition to the county seat of Brownstown, the township had three small communities within its boundaries. The oldest of the three was Elizabethtown, laid out by Asa Crane in 1836. The town grew around Crane's Mill, an early corn cracker mill on the White River. Today, no trace of the town has survived.

Ewing, located just west of Brownstown, was laid out in 1857 by William Ewing. The town successfully campaigned for a depot on the Ohio and Mississippi (O&M) Railroad, and soon Ewing had a small, thriving business district. The Ewing Mill Company, a spoke factory, and a furniture factory also were established along the O&M line. In 1899, Ewing merged with Brownstown for a school district; however, the two communities each maintained a separate business district and post office. Today a small collection of brick businesses on Main Street (29021,018,019) and a train depot (29020) remain from the town of Ewing.

The village of Shields also grew-up along the Ohio and Mississippi line. The community was laid out by William and W.W. Shields in 1866. At one time, a dam and a gristmill operated on the White River at Shields. In 1876, J.J. Daniels, a

Brownstown Scattered Sites (29001-031)



No.	Rtg.	Description
001	C	**St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery,** off High Street; 1900-1987; Religion (075)
002	C	**House,** 501 North Main Street; Queen Anne Cottage, c.1890; Architecture (075)
003	C	**House,** North Main Street; Bungalow, c.1910; Architecture (075)
004	N	**House,** 321 North Main Street; Italianate, c.1880; Architecture (075)
005	O	**House,** 306 North Poplar Street; I-house/Greek Revival, c.1850; Architecture (075)
006	N	**House,** 118 West Spring Street; Dutch Colonial Revival, c.1920; Architecture (075)
007	C	**House,** 515 West Spring Street; Craftsman Bungalow, c.1910; Architecture (075)
008	O	**House,** 522 West Spring Street; Federal, c.1850; Architecture (075)
009	C	**House,** 614 West Spring Street; Colonial Revival, c.1920; Architecture (075)
010	N	**House,** 809 West Spring Street; Free Classic, c.1900; Architecture (075)
011	C	**House,** 814 West Spring Street; Free Classic, c.1900; Architecture (075)
012	O	**House,** 908 West Spring Street; Colonial Revival, c.1920; Architecture (075)
013	C	**House,** 915 West Spring Street; American Four-Square, c.1910; Architecture (075)
014	O	**Bolles House,** 1026 West Spring Street; Queen Anne, c.1890; Architect: C.F. Sparrell; Architecture (075)
015	C	**House,** West Spring Street; Queen Anne Cottage, c.1890; Architecture (075)
016	C	**House,** 1026 3rd Street; Gable-front, c.1900; Architecture (075)
017	C	**House,** 1037 Oak Street; Double-pen/ Italianate, c.1870; Architecture (075)
018	C	**Bolles Building,** West Spring Street; Nineteenth Century Functional, 1882; Architecture, Commerce (075)
019	C	**Commercial Building,** West Spring Street; Nineteenth Century Functional, c.1890; Architecture, Commerce (075)
020	N	**Depot,** Depot Street; Twentieth Century Functional, c.1910; Architecture, Transportation (075)
021	N	**Zabel Furniture Store,** West Spring Street; Nineteenth Century Functional, 1899; Architecture, Commerce (075)

Figure 2: from Jackson County Interim Report
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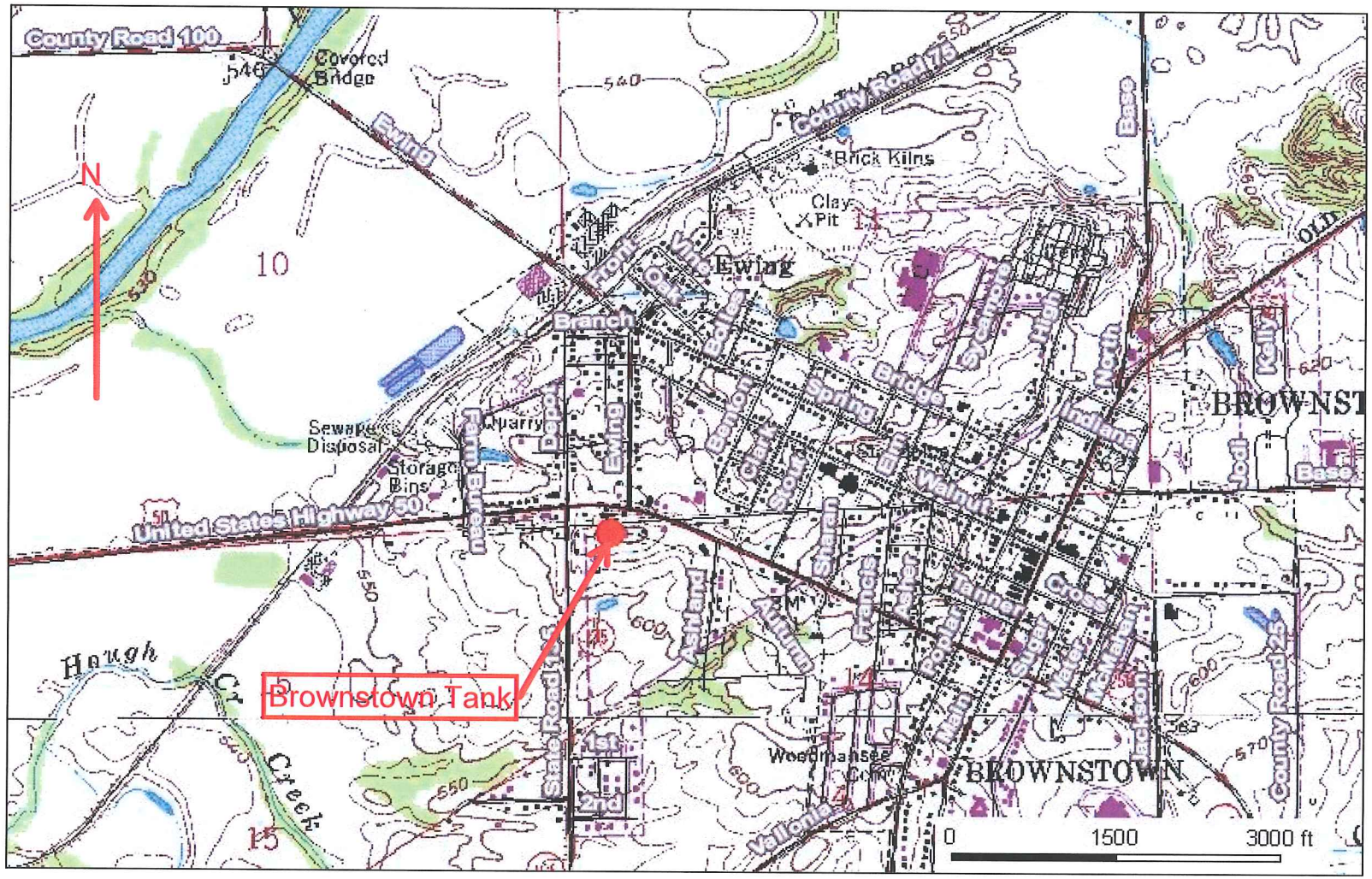

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Brownstown Township, NW Quarter Section 14, T5N, R4E, Jackson County, Indiana

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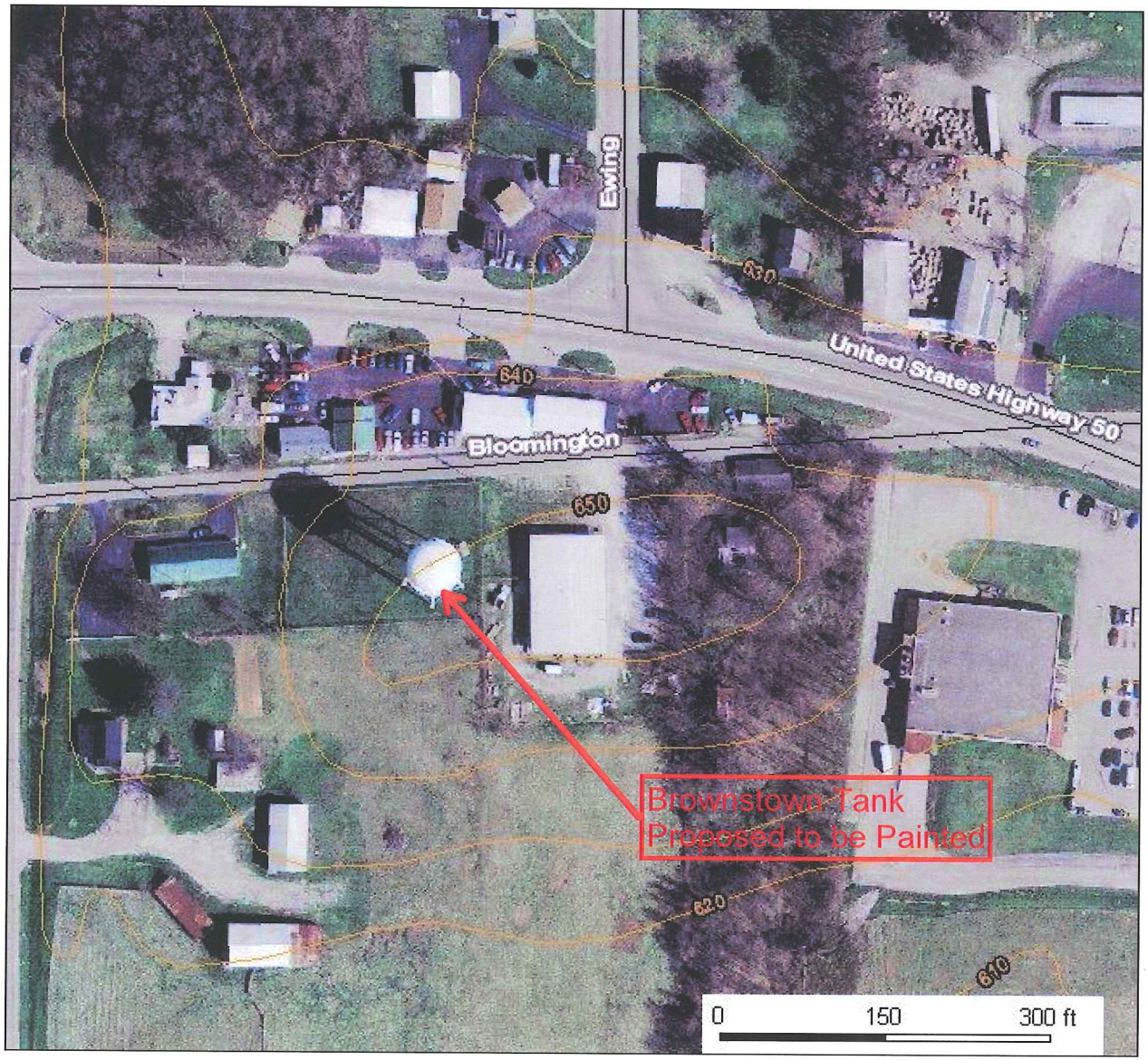
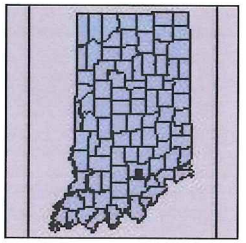
Figure 3



Brownstown Tank



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