



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 JONESBORO
WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING AND DESIGN
PER AMENDMENT #1
SRF # WW 14 03 27 01

Date: January 17, 2014

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and submitted to the SRF 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:

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name: **Wastewater System Improvements Planning and Design**

SRF Project Number: WW 14 03 27 01

Authorized Representative and Address: The Honorable Terry Poling, Mayor
City of Jonesboro
414 S. Main Street
Jonesboro, IN 46938

II. PROJECT LOCATION

Jonesboro is located in south central Grant County. There are no construction activities with this project.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The City of Jonesboro has a sanitary sewer system that was constructed mainly of vitrified clay pipe in the mid 1950s. Jonesboro transports its wastewater flow to a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) in Gas City. In 2005, Jonesboro entered into an Agreed Order with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to reduce wastewater flow to the Gas City WWTP as well as identify and eliminate infiltration and inflow (I/I) sources in its collection system. Excessive I/I from Jonesboro's collection system cause a significant hydraulic load on Gas City's WWTP. In response, the city studied the option of constructing a new wastewater treatment plant. Although this option was rejected due to cost, expenses for planning and design were incurred.

To repay a Bond Anticipation Note to cover these expenses, Jonesboro will borrow approximately \$523,231 from the 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.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS AND FUNDING

A. Selected Plan Estimated Cost Summary

<u>Components</u>	<u>Costs</u>
Engineering, Legal, and Financial Services	\$513,081
Interest (1/30/2014)	<u>10,150</u>
Total Estimated Cost	\$523,231

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

There are no construction activities with this project. Consistent with 36 CFR 800.3(a)(1) in the implementing regulations of the National Historic Preservation Act, the SRF has determined that the proposed undertaking is not a type of activity that has the potential to cause effects on historic properties.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The proposed project was discussed at a public meeting held July 9, 2013.