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 LAPORTE
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT, ADDENDUM #5
SUPERVISORY CONTROL & DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM (SCADA) SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
WATER SUPPLY, TREATMENT, STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
SRF # DW 10 14 45 01

Date: January 4, 2013

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the city's Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #5 received by the SRF on November 13, 2012 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:

April Douglas, Senior Environmental Manager
SRF Programs
317-234-7294 or adouglas2@ ifa.in.gov

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address:	Water Supply, Treatment, Storage and Distribution Improvements Preliminary Engineering Report, Addendum #5, SCADA System Improvements City of LaPorte 801 Michigan Avenue LaPorte, IN 46350
SRF Project Number:	DW 10 14 45 01
Authorized Representative:	Honorable Blair Milo, Mayor

II. PROJECT LOCATION

LaPorte is located in LaPorte County in northwestern Indiana. The additional SCADA system improvements will take place at the following locations: See Figure 1.

The PLSS coordinates are:

- Kankakee Well Field: T37N, R2W, Sec 28; Springville quad, Kankakee township;
- East Elevated Tank: T36N, R2W, Sec 6; LaPorte East quad, Pleasant township;
- East Treatment Plant: T37N, R2W, Sec 30; Springville quad, Kankakee township;
- Lake Street Treatment Plant: T37N, R3W, Sec 35; LaPorte East quad, Center Township.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The purpose of the project is to replace Supervisory Control & Data Acquisition System (SCADA) System components which were installed in 1998 and are aging and are no longer available for replacement. The project will (1) replace the existing antenna and update SCADA components at the East Water Treatment Plant and at the East Water Storage Tank; (2) update SCADA system components at the Lake Street Water Treatment Plant; (3) and to replace the antenna and SCADA components at the Kankakee Well field by installing a new antenna on a new wooden pole next to the existing building.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

The estimated cost for the additional SCADA System improvements is approximately $80,062 dollars. This project will funded using a portion of the loan balance remaining in SRF Loan # DW 10 14 45 01.

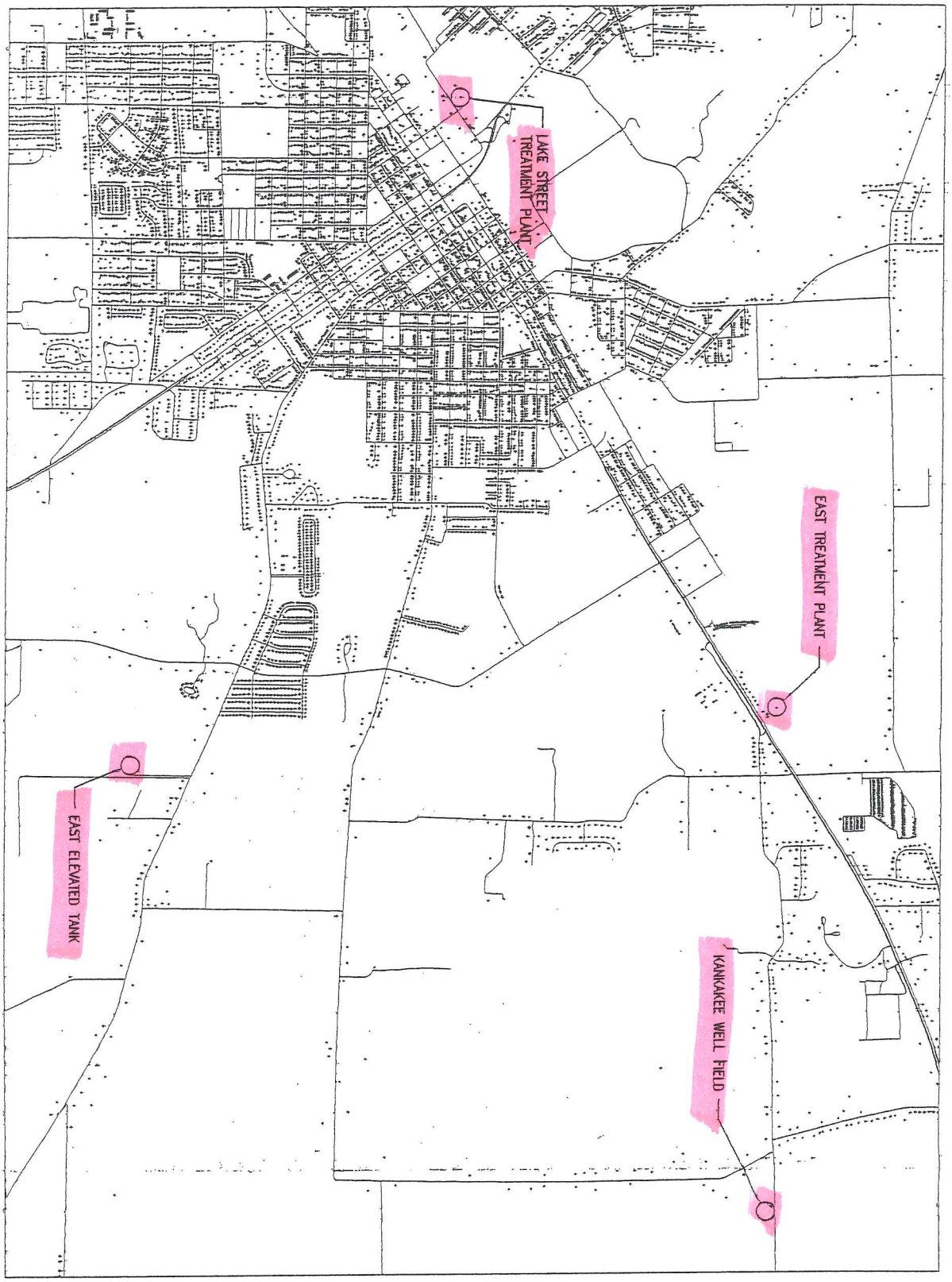
V. Environmental Impacts of the Feasible Alternatives

The project will not affect streams, wetlands, wooded areas, the 100-year floodplain or other sensitive environmental resources and will not convert prime farmland.

Construction and operation of the project will not alter, demolish or remove historic properties (see figures 2-5). 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."

IX. Public Participation

The project was discussed at a properly noticed public meeting on November 19, 2012 during the regular session of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting at 5:00 pm in the City Council Chambers. No comments were received at the public hearing, and no written comments were received during the 5-day comment period following the public hearing.



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	Checked: TJH	Project Number:	11-525
		Date & Time:	11/08/2012
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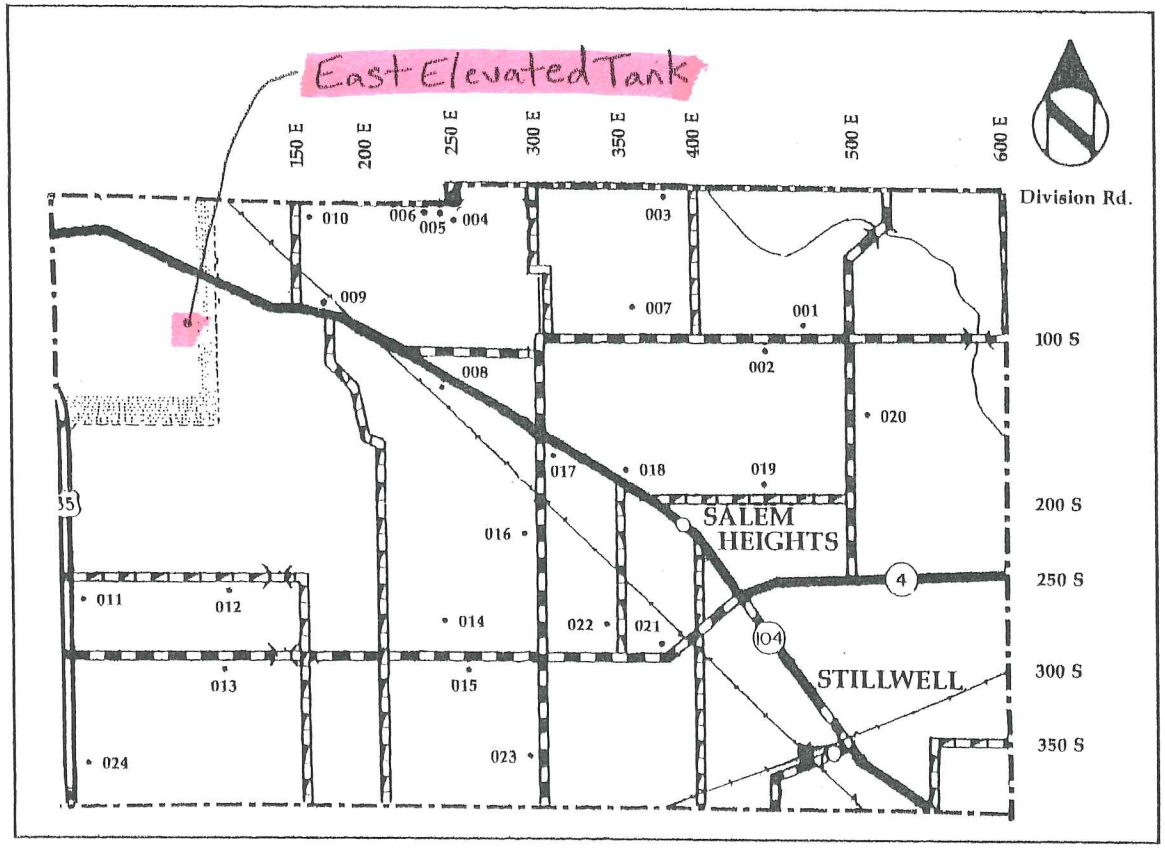
Figure 1

Pleasant Township (55001-024)



Pleasant Township was formed from Kankakee Township at the March 1834 meeting of the La Porte County Commissioners. Because of its large size, Pleasant Township was later divided into Union, Lincoln and Johnson Townships. The township derived its name from the beauty of the prairies and forests of the area.

Settlement of Pleasant Township began with the arrival of James Webster from Virginia who settled in the northeast corner of the township. His original homestead (55005) and subsequent farmhouse (55004) survive, although in a deteriorated state. The area settled quickly, with many families coming to Pleasant Township during the 1830s.

Pleasant Township has two small settlements, Stillwell and Salem Heights. Stillwell was established at the junction of two rail lines during the 1870s. Salem Heights is a small village located approximately in the center of the township. Little information is available about this settlement, although it appears to have grown largely due to its proximity to La Porte and location at the intersection of several county roads. Today, little is left of this village except for a few residences.

Figure 2

Salem Chapel was the first church constructed in the township by the Methodist congregation in 1853. The present church (55018) was built about 1870, although the adjacent cemetery (55018) dates back to the congregation's early years. The township's first schoolhouse, Old Charity, was moved back and forth from five different sites as two parties argued over its permanent location. A site was finally chosen, and the school came to a rest. Although the Old Charity School has not survived, the Mount Baldy School (55006) remains as an outstanding example of a typical one-room school.

Pleasant Township has retained many noteworthy structures from its early settlement period. In addition to the Webster Houses (55004, 55005), a house (55009) on State Road 4, and the W. W. King House (55010) are examples of the Greek Revival style popular in La Porte County during the 1850s and 1860s.

The township has also retained a fine collection of Italianate houses. Houses (55007, 55008) on 100 S and State Road 4, and the Powers House (55017), illustrate the Italianate style in both frame and brick construction.

No.	Rtg.	Description
001	C	**Barn,** 100 S; English; Agriculture, Vernacular/Construction (610)
002	O	**Farm,** 100 S; House: Queen Anne, c.1880. Barn: Transverse-frame Agriculture, Architecture, Vernacular/Construction (610)
003	C	**Barn,** Division Road; Dairy; Agriculture, Vernacular/ Construction (344)
004	O	**James Webster Farm,** 250 E; House: Greek Revival, c.1850, Outbuildings: English barn, windmill, carriage house; Agriculture, Architecture, Exploration/Settlement (344)

Kankakee Township (40001-021)

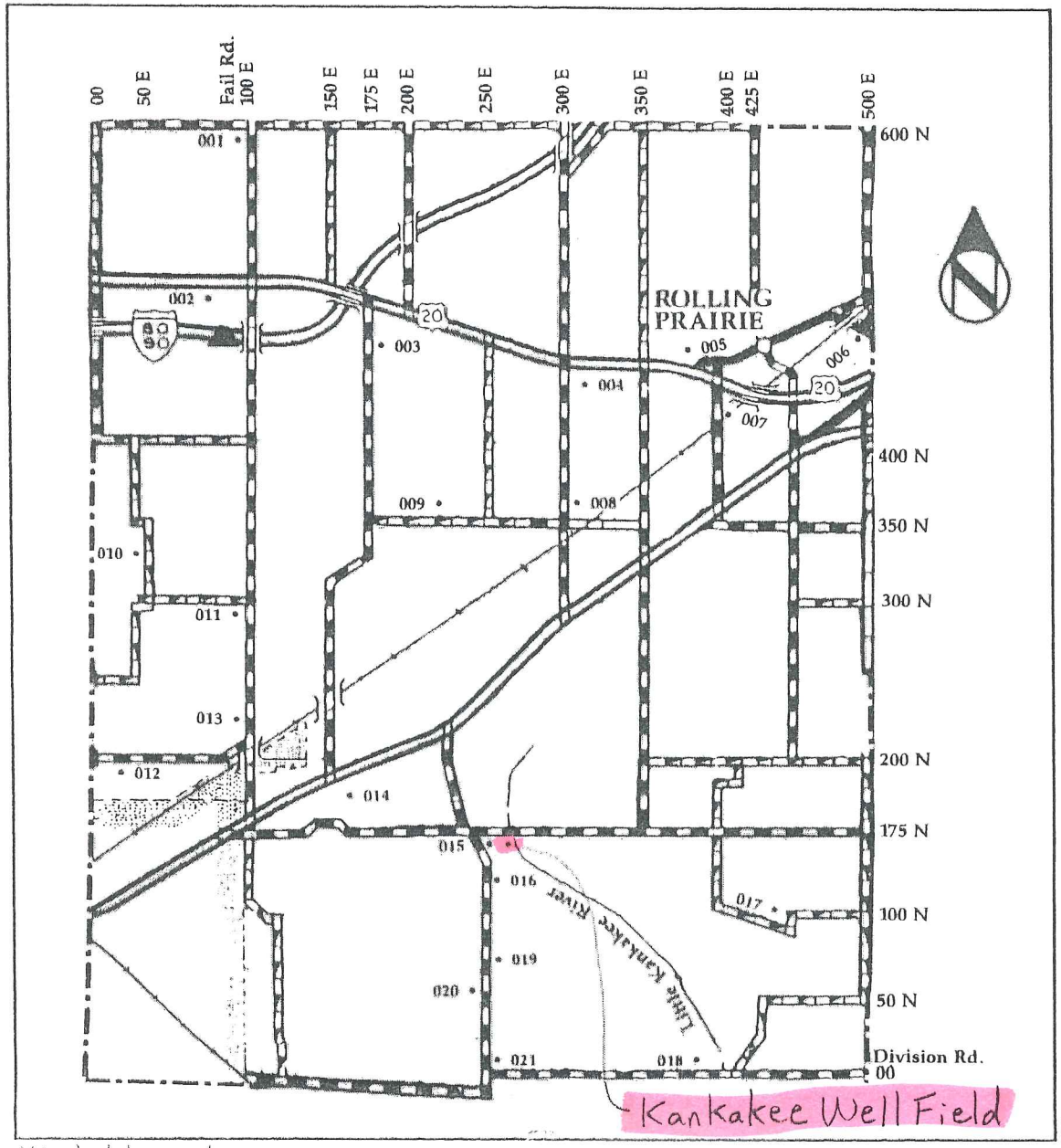


Figure 3

Kankakee Township was organized in 1832 and was one of La Porte County's three original townships. The township's topography is varied; there are areas of marshland, prairie, rolling hills and timber. The source of the Little Kankakee River is also found in Kankakee Township.

The first settler came to the area in 1830. By 1832, a Presbyterian congregation had established Kankakee Township's first church. However, it was not until the end of the Black Hawk War and the construction of the Michigan Road through the township in 1834 that Kankakee Township began to develop.

The township's first town was Byron, laid out in 1837. By 1841 it had a hotel, school, a blacksmith shop, post office and a general store. An addition to the town was platted in 1849 and Byron soon developed into a bustling community. However, the town's prosperity was short lived. In 1852, the Northern Indiana Railroad bypassed the town and soon Byron had virtually disappeared from the landscape.

Although the railroad brought an end to Byron, the Northern Indiana Railroad was responsible for the founding of Rolling Prairie. A plat was recorded in 1853 and the town was named Nauvoo. Soon after, the name was changed to Portland; however, because there was another Portland in Indiana, the settlement became known as Rolling Prairie.

The township's early settlement is reflected in its extant architecture. The Federal style is represented by a house (40002) on U.S. 20 built about 1845. The Abram Bush House (40013) and a house (40009) on 350 N are good examples of Greek Revival houses with Italianate details. The Italianate style is well represented by houses (40008, 40020) on 300 E, built in 1865, and 250 E, built about 1870.

La Porte Scattered Sites—City Core Sector (35261-468)

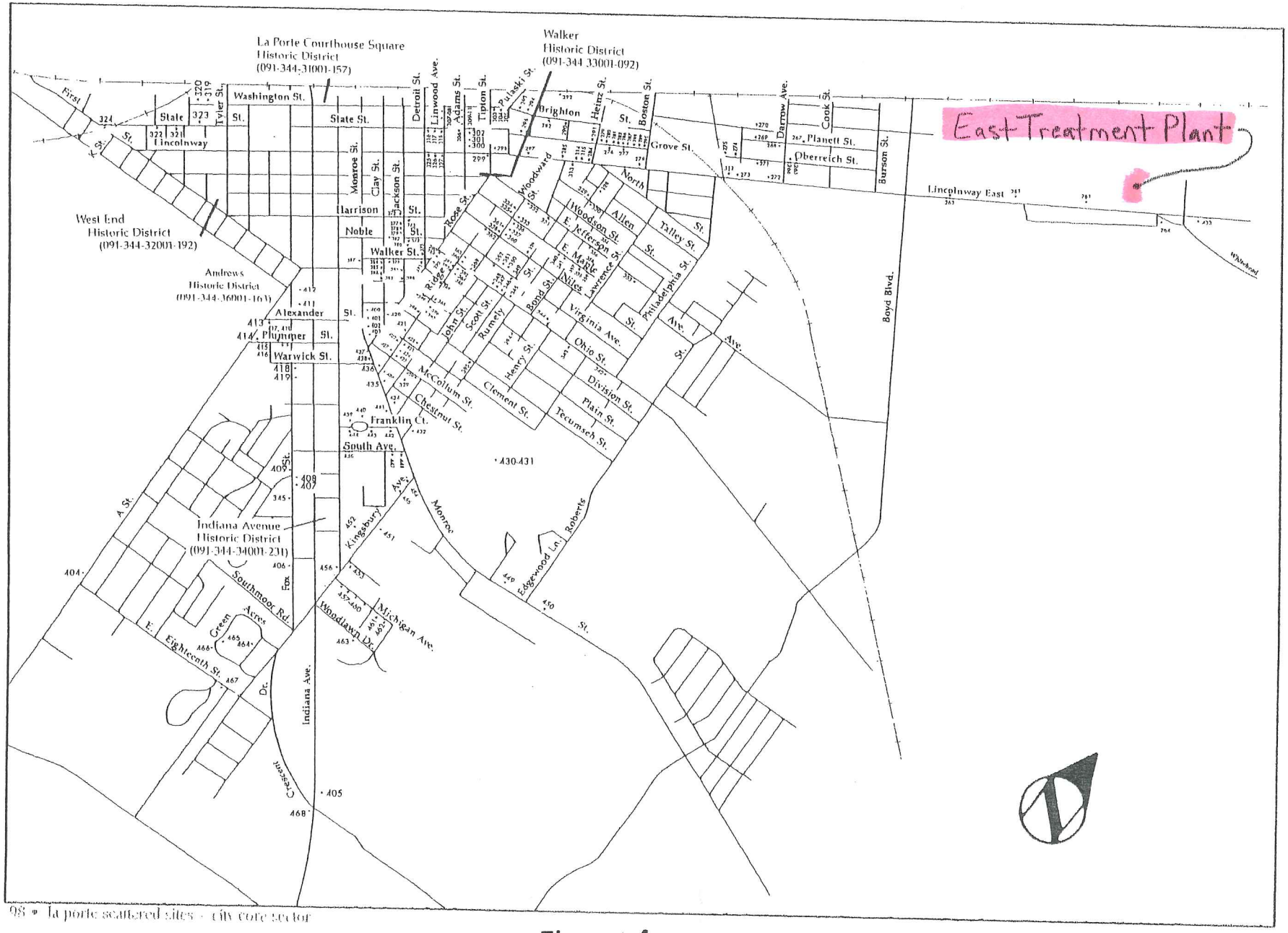


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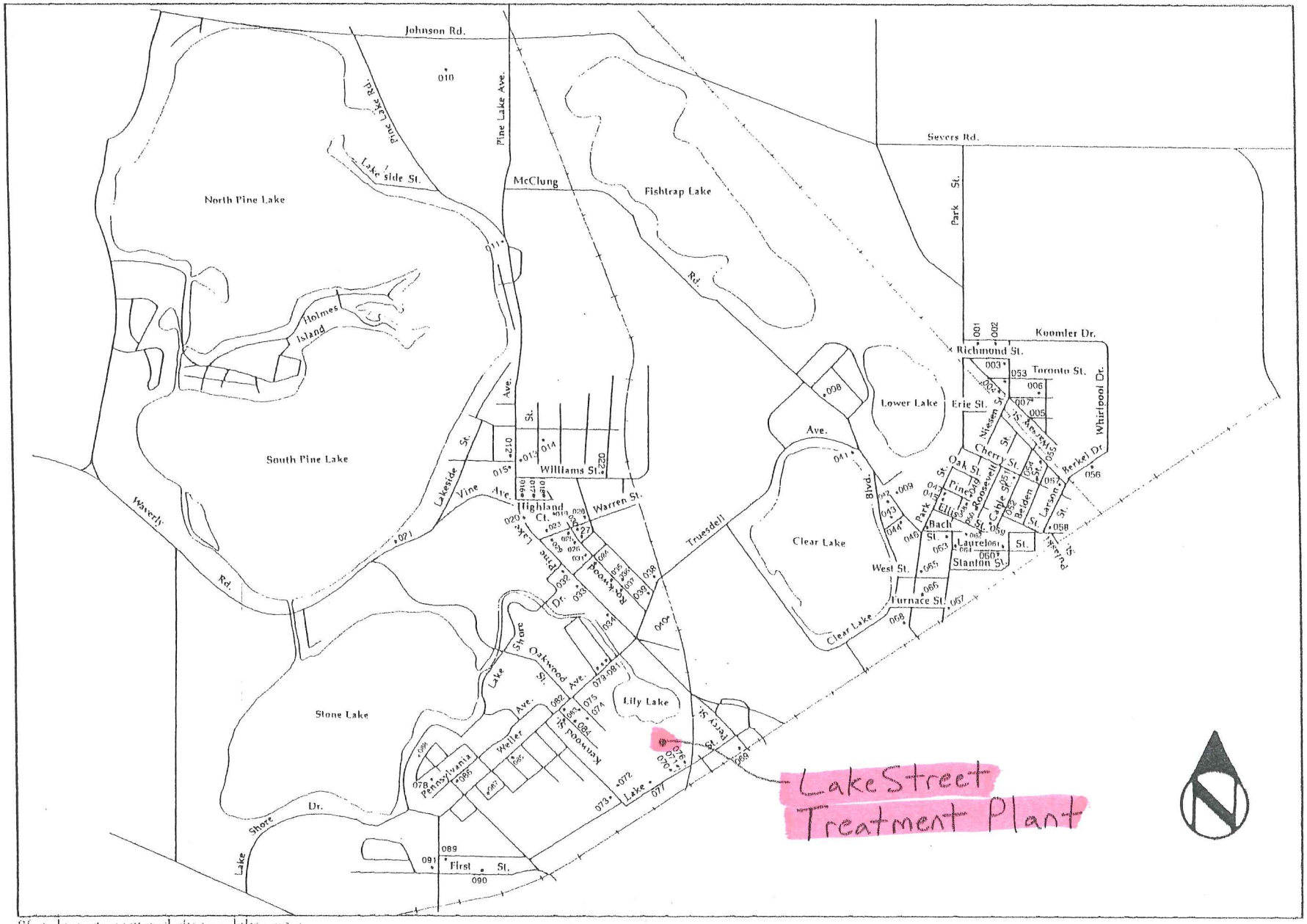
Figure 4

La Porte Scattered Sites—Lake Sector (35001-091)



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