



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

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**LOGANSPOUT MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
LINDEN AVENUE INTERCEPTOR SEWER
SRF # WW120917 03**

Date: October 4, 2012

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

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SRF Programs
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: **Linden Avenue Interceptor Sewer**
Logansport Municipal Utilities
601 East Broadway
Logansport, IN 46947

SRF Project Number: WW12 09 17 03

Authorized Representative: Mr. Paul Hartman, Superintendent

II. PROJECT LOCATION

Logansport is located in Cass County, just northeast of Lafayette at the junction of the Wabash and Eel Rivers. The project is in Eel Township on the Logansport USGS quadrangle, T27N, R1E in part of the George Cicott Land Grant. See Figure 1.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The proposed project will replace approximately 1,600 feet of 24-inch sanitary sewer with 36-inch sewer to eliminate the bottleneck caused by the 24-inch pipe between the Linden Avenue/3rd Street Intersection, and the Front Street/Plum Street intersection.

Preliminary calculations show that the proposed pipe upgrades are sufficient to prevent overflows at CSO 006 through CSO 010 during a 3-month, 1 hour storm event with an even rainfall distribution and will meet the overflow reduction proposed in the city's Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Long Term Control Plan (LTCP). Overflows to Eel River may occur if a storm event exceeds the 3-month, 1-hour design storm.

The No Action alternative for this project was rejected, since the frequency and volume of CSOs to the Eel River would not change, and the city would not meet the overflow reduction proposed in the LTCP. Discharge of untreated sewage would continue to have a detrimental impact to water quality.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

The estimated cost of the project is \$792,000. Logansport 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 a 100-year floodplain, wetlands, surface waters, endangered species or prime/unique 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 Nation Register of Historic Places. The SRF's finding pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is: "no historic properties affected."

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A properly noticed public hearing was held on May 24, 2012 at 10:00 am at the Logansport City Hall, 601 E. Broadway, Logansport, IN. There were no questions during the hearing. No written comments were received in the 5-day period following the hearing.



Scale 1" = 500'
 Project No. D111103.00

LOGANSPORT MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
 LINDEN AVENUE INTERCEPTOR SEWER PROJECT
 PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT

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WETLANDS MAP

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FIGURE 4