State Revolving Fund Loan Programs

Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

TOWN OF NEW CHICAGO
ADDENDUM #2 - DISTRIBUTION VALVE REPLACEMENT
SRF Project DW 12 05 45 01

Date: July 28, 2015

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

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

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address:	**Water Distribution Improvement Project** **Addendum #2 - Distribution Valve Replacement** Town of New Chicago 122 Huber Boulevard Hobart, IN 46342
SRF Project Number:	DW 12 05 45 01
Authorized Representative:	Pam Richard

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The project located in Lake County, Hobart township, Gary USGS Quadrangle, township 36N, range 7W, sections 19 and 20. See Figures 1 and 2.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

Addendum #2 to the Phase 1 project consists of:

- Replacing broken distribution valves;
- Replacing the elevated water storage tank navigation light;
- Making spot repairs and repainting the exterior coating of the elevated water storage tank;
- Installing manual transfer switches and emergency generator connections at the new water control stations;
- Purchasing replacement water meters and appurtenances;
- Purchasing replacement distribution system repair and replacement inventory parts;
- Professional Engineering services to provide technical support and oversight for these projects.

The proposed projects are necessary for the efficient operation of the distribution system and for the safety of the facilities. The repairs to the water tower will extend the life of the asset and the navigation light is needed for local air traffic safety. The installation of the transfer switches and emergency generator connections will allow the control stations to be operable during prolonged periods of localized power outages. The purchase of the replacement meters, repair and other replacement inventory parts will allow the Town to maintain a reasonable and adequate stock of replacement meters, valves, repair clamps, couplings, hydrant assemblies, and other necessary appurtenances. Finally, replacement of the valves will improve the operation of the distribution system.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

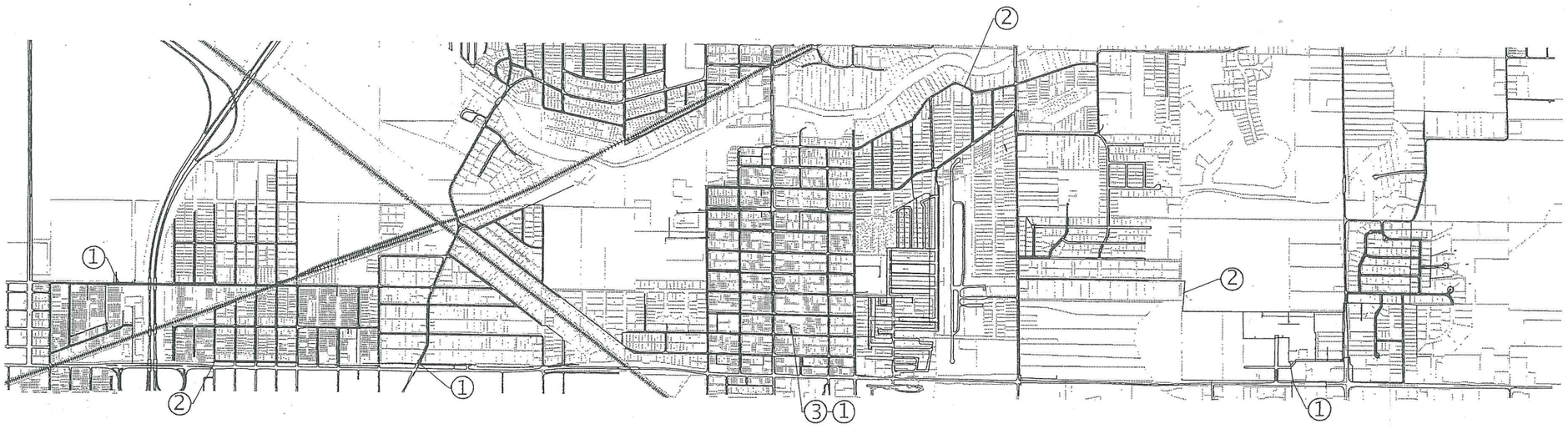
Total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately $264,570. New Chicago will use funds in its existing State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan to pay for these improvements.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

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 National Preservation Act is: "no historic properties affected." See Figure 3.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A properly noticed public hearing was held on May 23, 2012 at 7 pm at the New Chicago Town Hall, 122 Huber Boulevard in Hobart. No written comments were received in the 5-day period following the hearing.



Legend

① Proposed Emergency Generator Connections

② Proposed Valve Replacements

③ Elevated Water Tower

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Figure 1

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Addendum No. 2

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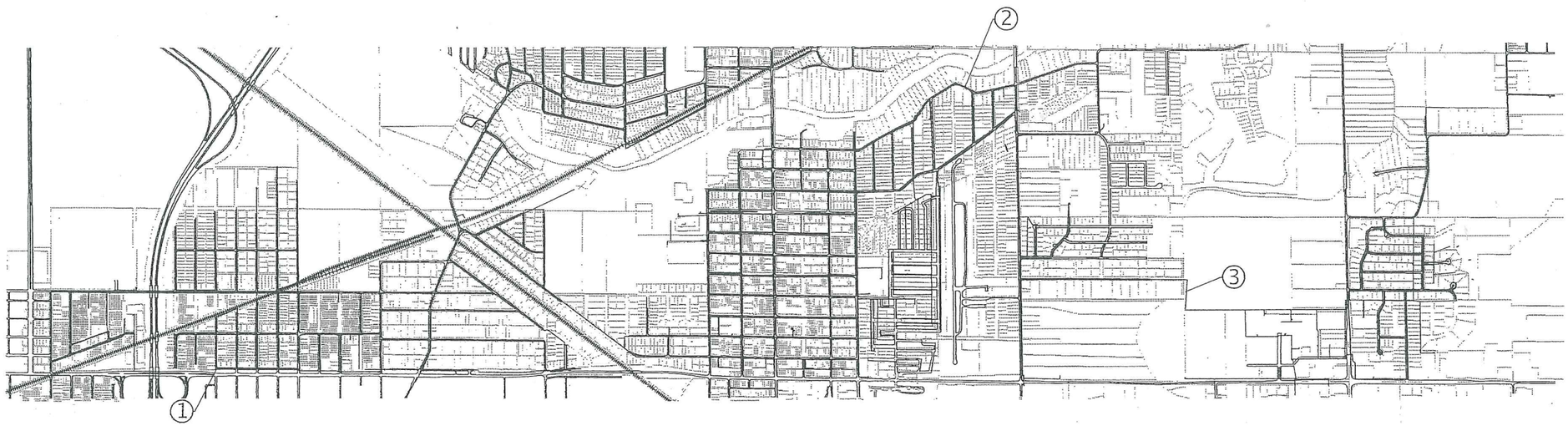

Legend

1. Iowa St. at 37th Avenue (Under Pavement)
2. 750 Van Buren Avenue (Under Pavement)
3. 34th Place at Deep River (In Grass Area)

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Figure 2

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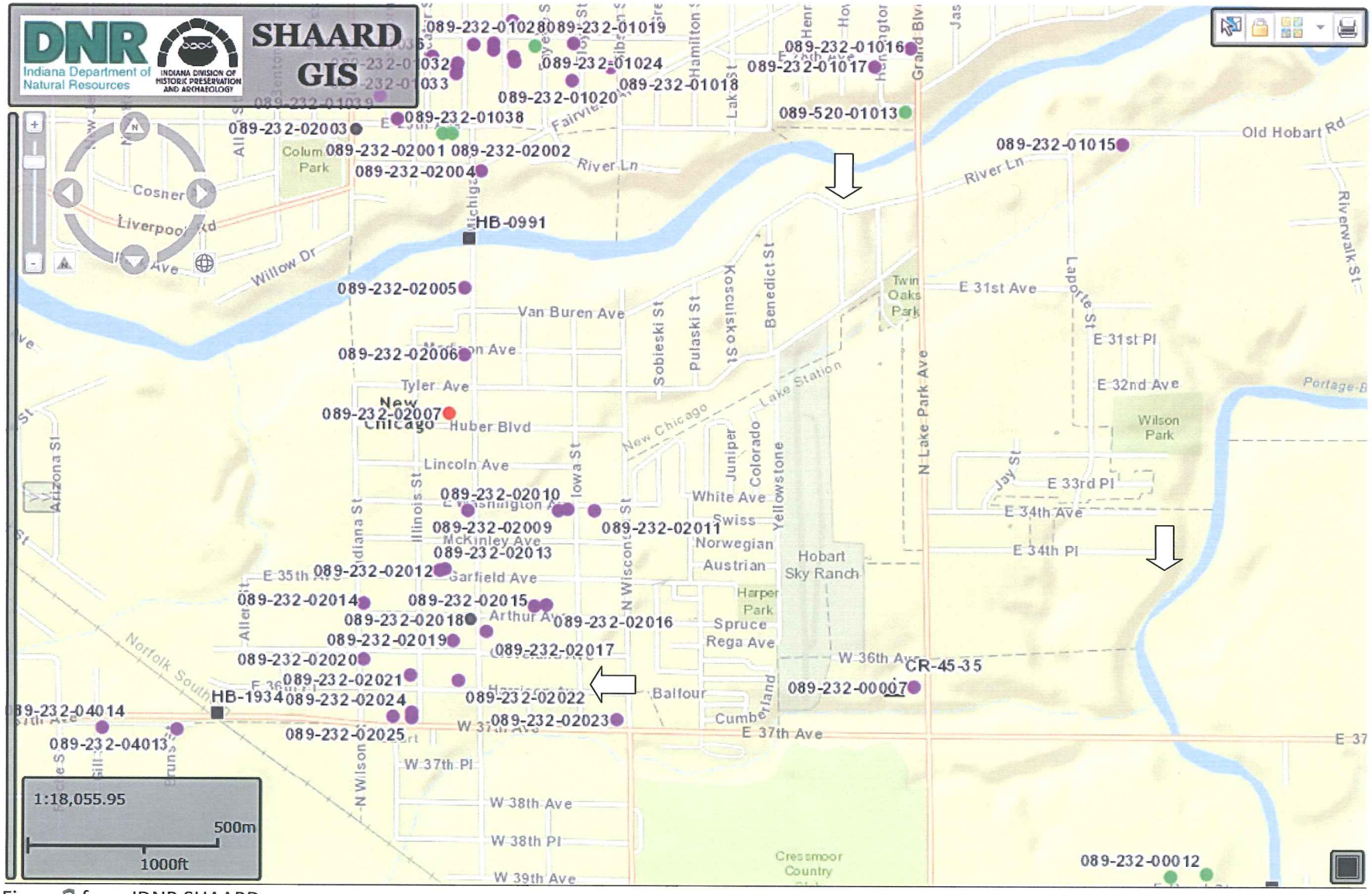

Figure 3 from IDNR SHAARD