



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 RENSSELAER
WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS, PLANNING AND DESIGN
AMENDMENT #1
SRF # DW 10123702

Date: March 23, 2015

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

Amy Henninger, Compliance Officer
SRF Programs
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**CATEGORICAL
EXCLUSION**

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: **Water Main Extension, Amendment #1
Planning and Design**
124 S Van Rensselaer Street
Rensselaer, IN 47978

SRF Project Number: DW 10123702

Authorized Representative: The Honorable Stephen A. Wood, Mayor

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The City of Rensselaer is located in Jasper County, Indiana. The design work will define a project proposed to be constructed west of the City of Rensselaer along State Highway 114 and I-65.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The City has decided to retain an engineering firm to plan and design a water main to the I-65 annexed area of the City of Rensselaer, Indiana. Assisting businesses along State Road 114 with contaminated wells was among the reasons this area was annexed in 2012.

No construction is associated with this project. This project will only plan and design the necessary improvements to the distribution system. The actual construction project will be implemented at a later date.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

The estimated cost of the project is \$170,560. The initial portion of the planning and design was completed utilizing funds in the city's Special Appropriation grant. Rensselaer will finance the remaining \$72,706 of the planning and design with its existing loan from the State Revolving Fund Loan Program.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

Since this project will consist only of planning and design engineering services there will be no negative environmental impacts. This planning and design engineering services project has no potential affect to historic sites. Our finding pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is: "no historic properties affected."

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The proposed planning and design was the subject of a public notice posted February 23, 2015 in the Rensselaer Republican. No written comments were received.