



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

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**RICHMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
EAST SIDE INTERCEPTOR REPLACEMENT PHASE III PROJECT -
CONSTRUCTION OF 8-INCH GRAVITY SEWER
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT ADDENDUM #1
SRF # WW 13 04 89 04**

Date: May 4, 2015

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 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 and Address: **East Side Interceptor Replacement Phase III
Project - Construction of 8-Inch Gravity Sewer
PER Addendum 1**
Richmond Sanitary District
2380 Liberty Avenue
Richmond IN, 47374

SRF Project Number: WW 13 04 89 04

Authorized Representative: Sue Miller, President –Richmond Board of
Sanitary Commissioners

II. PROJECT LOCATION

Richmond's proposed 8-inch gravity sewer project is located in Wayne Township in Wayne County in the Richmond USGS Quadrangle, Township 13N, Range 1W and Section 5.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The purpose of the project is to provide new sanitary facilities for several public events and festivals that are held annually in the Starr Piano/Gennett Road Historic District. These sanitary facilities will also be used for those using the Cardinal Greenway Parkway Trail located in the same vicinity.

In addition, the new gravity sewer will maintain sewer service to four businesses that are located on the southwest corner of the intersection of South 1st Street and Main Street. These businesses are currently connected to the existing Eastside Interceptor, but will be removed from service after the Phase III Eastside Interceptor project is completed. The businesses will be connected to the new interceptor as part of a future project.

The project includes the construction of approximately 835 feet of 8-inch polyvinyl chloride gravity sewer that will be connected to an existing sewer on South 1st Street, just south of South A Street, and then extended southward to the Historic District.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

Total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$130,694. Richmond will finance the project with funds remaining from an existing State Revolving Fund Loan.

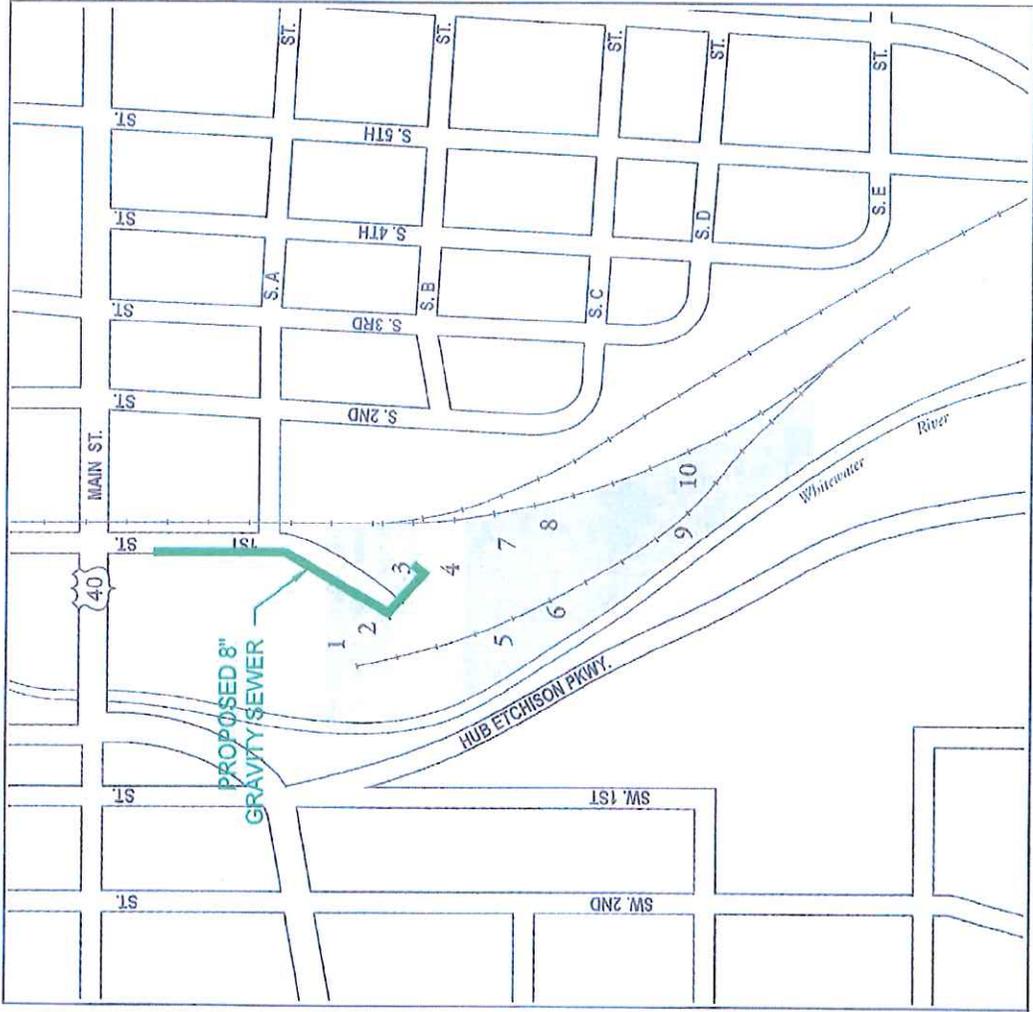
V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

Construction and operation of the project will not alter, demolish or remove historic properties, see Figures 1 and 2. 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."

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Richmond Sanitary District held a public hearing on January 23, 2015 at 4:30 pm at Chalmers Town Hall, 205 West Walnut Street. There were no questions or comments during the hearing. No written comments were received in the 5-day period following the hearing.

Starr Piano/Gennett Record Company Historic District (53001-010)



In 1872 James Starr helped found an enterprise in Richmond known most commonly as the Starr Piano Company. The following year, the company manufactured its first piano in Richmond. Benjamin Starr joined the company in 1878, and in 1893, the Starr Piano Company was reincorporated with Henry Gennett as secretary-treasurer. Under Gennett's entrepreneurial skill, the number of employees had risen to 600 by 1906, and the Starr Piano Company continued to receive national recognition at gatherings like the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition.

As the Starr Piano Company grew, its product output diversified. Indicative of this diversification, the Gennett Record Company was founded in 1918. Among Starr's many products were phonographs, refrigerators and freezers, synchronizer units designed for use with talking picture projection machines, a valve for barrage balloons during World War I, wooden radio cabinets, and billy clubs to quiet local factory strike.

In 1922, Starr Piano Company won a major legal battle that helped to establish the Gennett Record Company. When Starr Piano first entered the recording market in 1915, large firms held valuable patents on wax engraving methods and recording styli dominated the industry. Since 1902, American Graphophone Company (Columbia) and Victor Talking Machine Company had shared their patents on the lateral cut method of recording in an attempt to monopolize the market. Smaller manufacturers led by the Starr Piano Company, challenged the larger companies and won.

The lawsuit effectively ended the monopolization of lateral recording and formed a bond between the small companies. In the mid-1920s, Gennett was producing 3 million

Figure 1: From the Wayne County Interim Report Historic Sites and Structures Inventory



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Figure 2 : SAARD GIS Map