



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 SPICELAND
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT ADDENDUM #1
SRF# DW 13 19 33 01**

Date: July 31, 2014

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in Addendum #1 to Spiceland's Preliminary Engineering Report project 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: **Water System Improvements
Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #1
Town of Spiceland
130 E. Main Street
Spiceland, IN 47385**

SRF Project Number: DW 13 19 33 01

Authorized Representative: Darrin Jacobs, Town Council President

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located in Henry County, Spiceland Township, in the Dunreith USGS 7.5' quadrangle, Township 16 North, Range 10 East, Section 17: Lat: 39° 50' 14.6" N; Long: 85° 26' 53.5" W

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

Addendum #1 proposes replacement of the media in the filter and cleaning of the aerator at the water treatment plant.

The media replacement and aerator cleaning will improve the reliability of the water treatment and resulting water quality and extend the useful life of the water treatment facility.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

The estimated cost of the proposed work in Addendum #1 is \$13, 240, which Spiceland will pay for with funds remaining in its current loan with the SRF Loan Program.

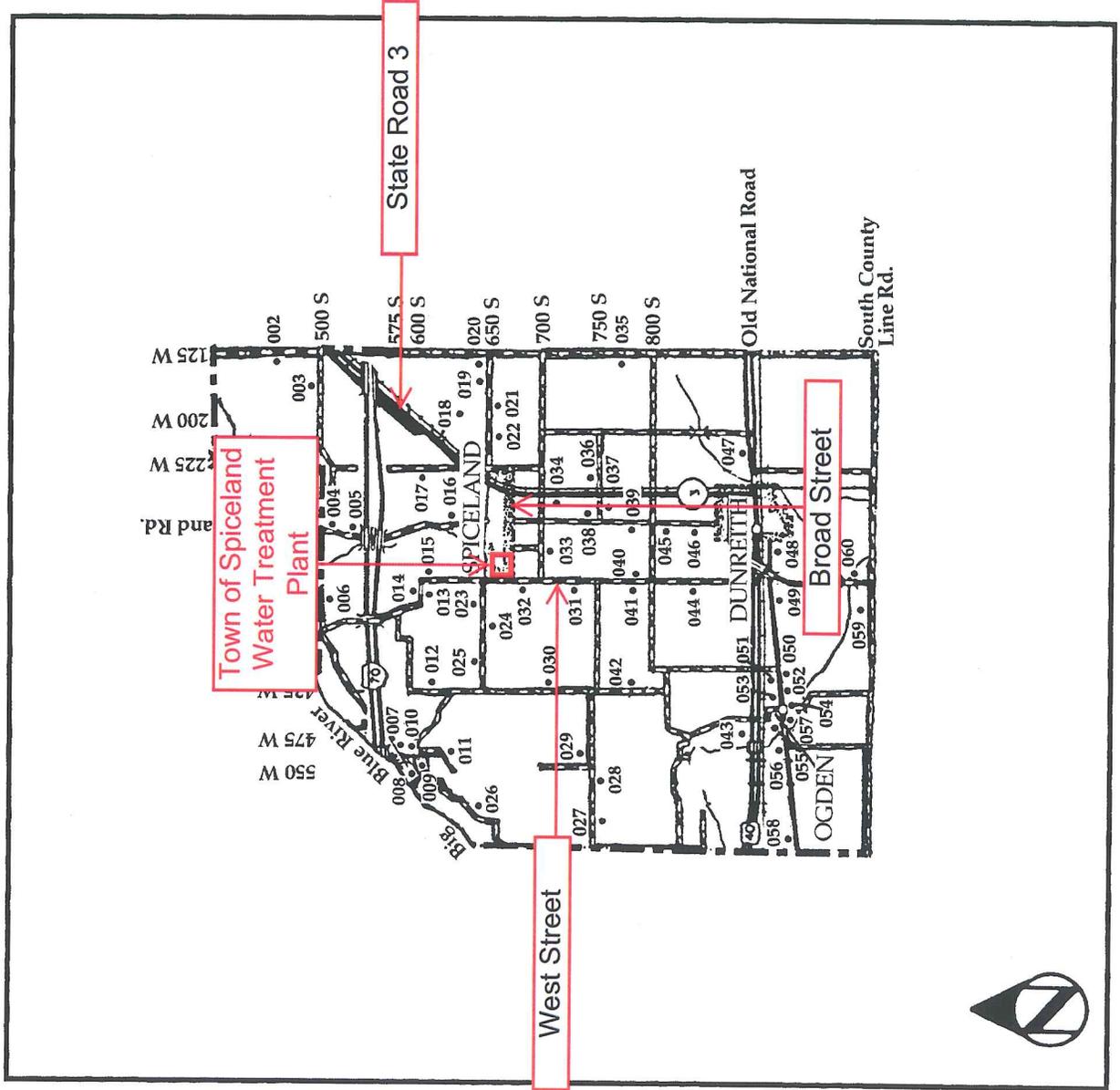
V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

If any visual or audible impacts to historic sites 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 the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is: "no historic properties affected."

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A public notice was placed in the New Castle Courier- to notify the public of the proposed use of the remaining SRF loan funds. The notice was published on July 3, 2014.

Spiceland Township (60001-060)



Spiceland Township is located in the southern part of Henry County. The township was not organized until 1842 and was named for the many spice bushes in the area. The Blue River marks the township's northwest boundary and Brook Bezor and Buck Creek are its two principal streams. Henry County's only limestone quarry is located in the northwest section of the township.

The oldest village in the township is Ogden located on the National Road. The village was laid out in 1822 by Hiram Crum who named it Middletown due to its midway location between Richmond and Indianapolis. The name was later changed to Ogden in honor of a U.S. Army engineer who worked on the National Road. The town grew quickly due to its advantageous location along the Road, becoming a small way station to westward travelers. By the 1870s, Ogden had a population of about 300, a flour and saw mill, Christian and Methodist churches, a school and an Oddfellows lodge.

One of the oldest buildings still standing in Ogden is located along Old US 40 (60054). This brick Federal style house served as a tavern and inn. The Ogden School (60055) has been converted into a residence. Other houses dating from the town's early years include a central-passageway house (60056) and a double-pen house (60052), both located along Old US 40. A c.1840 I-house (60051) exhibits unique recessed entries on the first and second floors.

Two other towns are located in Spiceland Township. Spiceland was laid out in 1847 by A. L. Pleas, a North Carolina Quaker. Dunreith located along the National Road, was formally platted in 1865.

With the exception of Ogden's early homes, few examples of pre Civil War architecture remains in Spiceland Township. One of the earliest extant houses