



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

### PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**SUGAR CREEK UTILITIES  
Preliminary Engineering Report Amendment #1:  
Riley Village Service Line Replacement  
SRF Project DW 09 15 30 01**

**Date: September 22, 2010**

**Target Project Approval Date: September 23, 2010**

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the Sugar Creek Utilities SRF Preliminary Engineering Report amended on July 23, 2010, 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 (NEPA) requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for 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 the proposed action will not produce significant environmental impacts.

*How do I submit comments?*

Comments can be submitted to:

Mr. Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager  
SRF Programs  
317-232-8623; mhensche at ifa.in.gov

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## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

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### I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Sugar Creek Utilities  
Riley Village Service Line Installation  
1613 W. 300 North  
Greenfield, IN 46140

SRF Project Number: DW 09 15 30 01

Authorized Representative: Mr. John Salis, owner

### II. PROJECT LOCATION

Riley Village Subdivision is served by Sugar Creek Utilities and is located in Center Township in the west central part of Hancock County. Riley Village is located in the Greenfield USGS quadrangle, Township 16 North, Range 6 East, NW ¼ of Section 23.

### III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

Sugar Creek Utilities must make improvements to the Riley Village water distribution system based on an order from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC). The proposed project includes replacing the ¾ -inch service lines to each residence. See Exhibit 1. A previously reviewed project proposed replacing undersized water mains and installing water meters at each residence.

The project is needed to improve the water utility's operation. Many of the existing service lines are under buildings and inaccessible, and connections to the distribution system have not been properly made.

The "no action" alternative was considered and rejected as not practical or reliable. If no action is taken, leaks cannot be isolated, making repairs difficult.

### IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

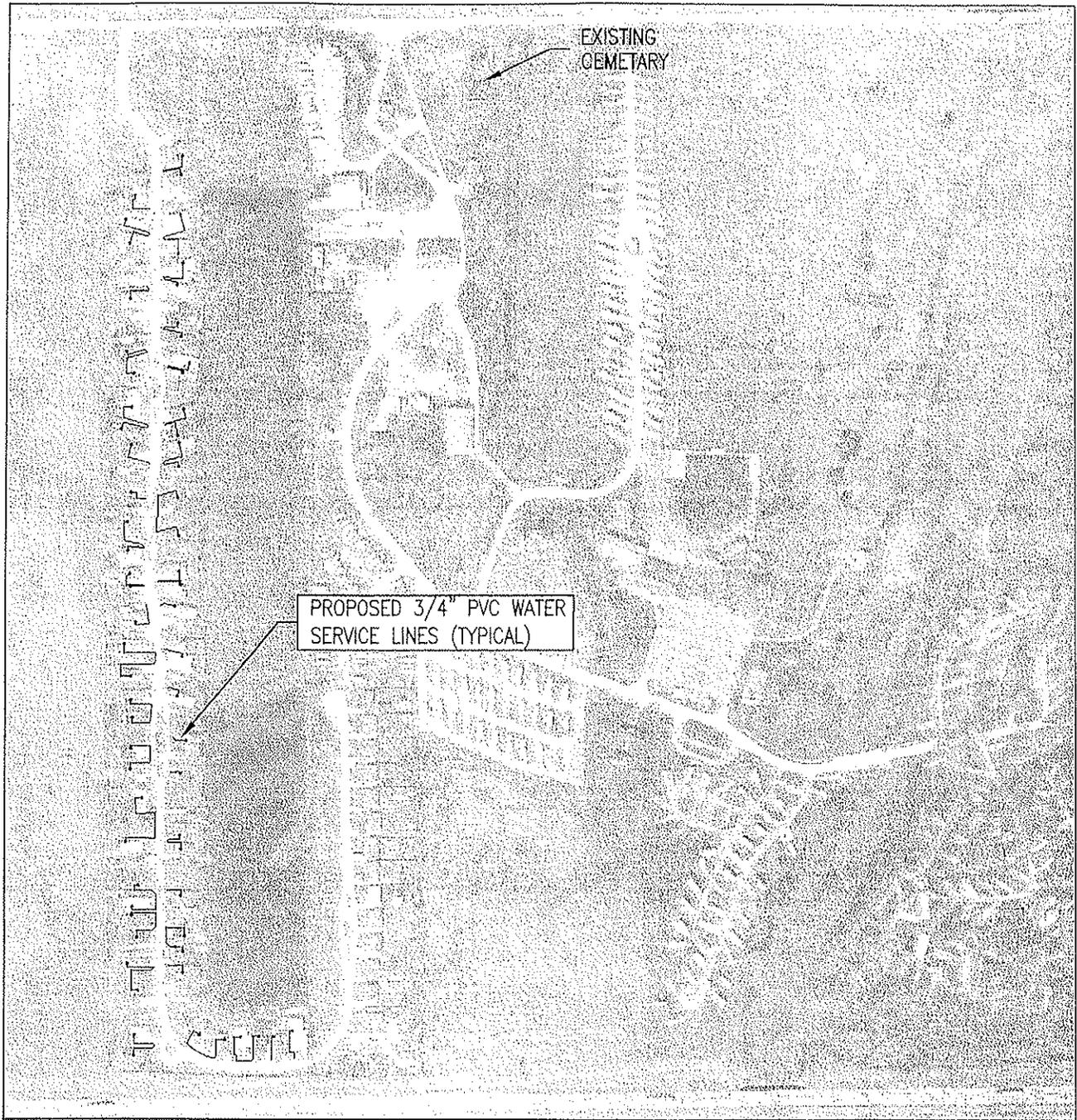
The estimated increase in project cost is \$219,350 which will bring the total project cost to \$510,550. The utility will fund the service line replacement project with a grant from the State Revolving Fund. SRF loan DW 09 15 30 01 will finance the previously reviewed project.

## V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

The proposed project will be constructed on land disturbed by trailer construction and utility installations and will not affect wetlands, streams, endangered species, the 100-year floodplain or other sensitive areas. The project area is next to an excavated 11 acre pond. The Utility's Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) states: *Erosion and sediment control measures... will require that the contractor provide a schedule for clearing, grading, excavating and restoring disturbed areas, along with a description of measures to be used during construction to ensure erosion/sediment control. The program shall meet all applicable federal, state, and local requirements.* The IDNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology has commented on the project in correspondence dated September 14, 2010: *Based on our analysis, it has been determined that no historic properties will be altered, demolished, or removed by the proposed project. This analysis is subject to the following conditions: The project remains within previously disturbed areas. If any archaeological artifacts, features, or human remains are uncovered during construction, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 & 29) requires that the discovery must be reported to the Department of Natural Resources within two (2) business days.* See Exhibits 1 and 2.

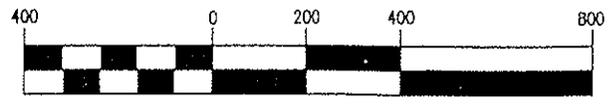
## VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A properly advertised public hearing was held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at the Gate House Meeting Room in Greenfield to discuss the Preliminary Engineering Report. A copy of the Preliminary Engineering Report was available for public review during the ten days prior to the public hearing. There were no written comments received from the public during the five day period after the public hearing.



# SUGAR CREEK UTILITIES PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

SCALE: NONE



1 inch = 400 ft.



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**EXHIBIT 1**

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# Center Township (20001-032)

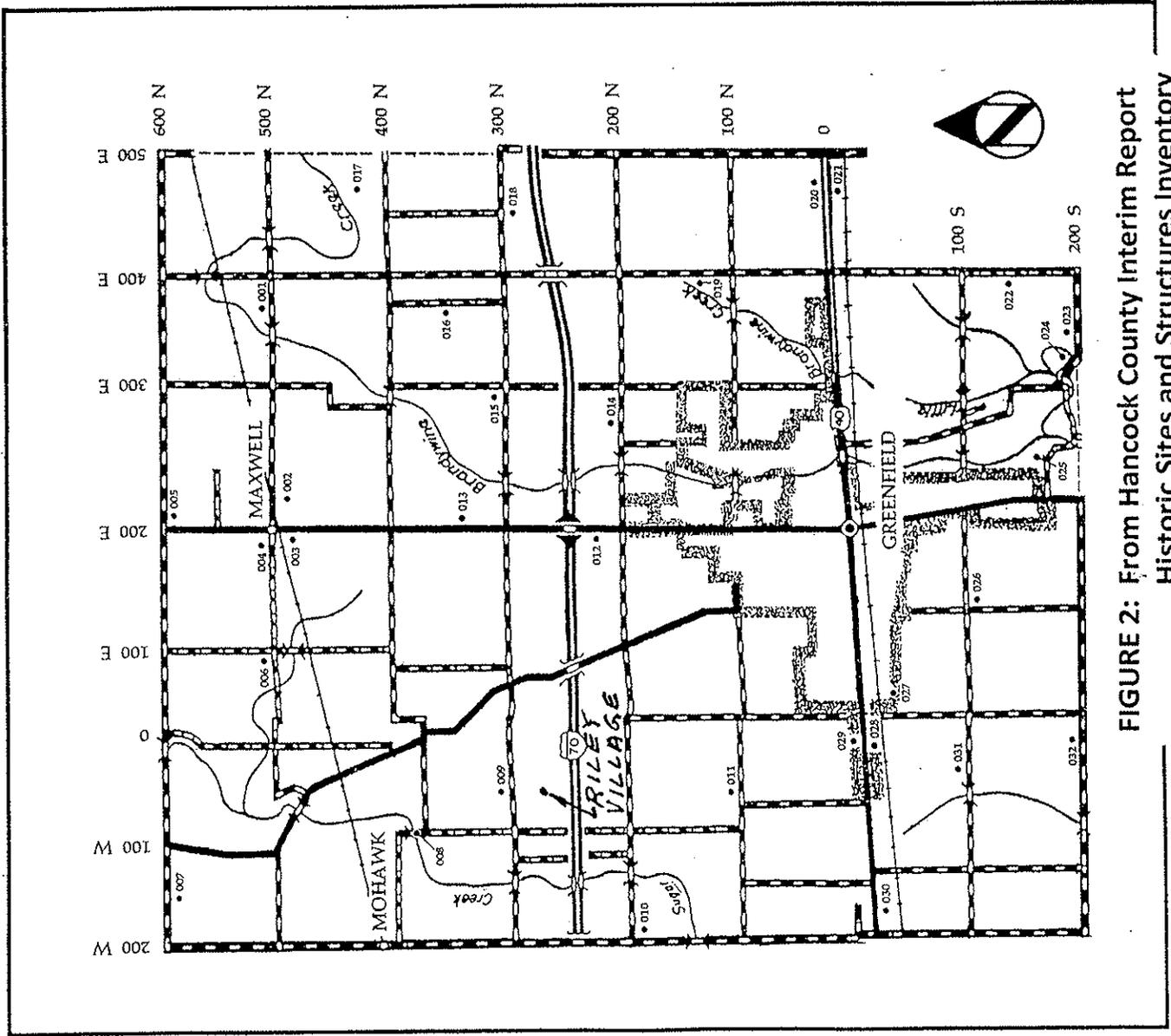
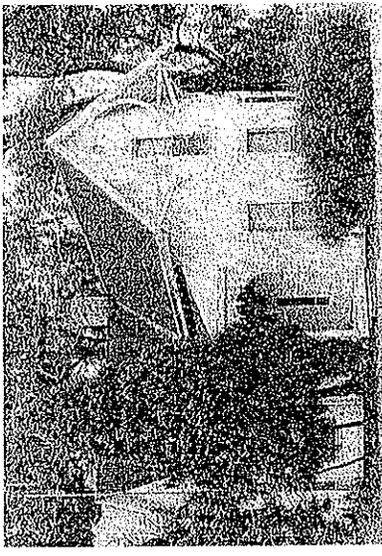
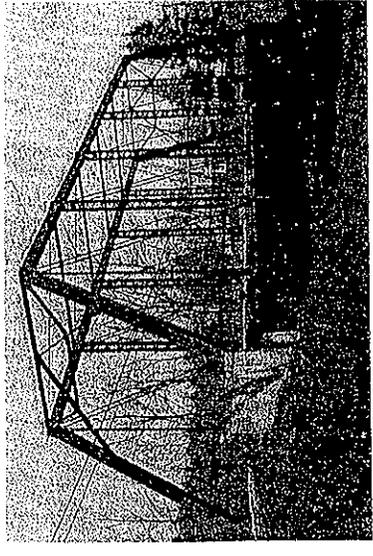


FIGURE 2: From Hancock County Interim Report  
Historic Sites and Structures Inventory

- | No. | Rtg. | Description  |
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| 001 | C    | Farm, 500 N; Carpenter-BUILDER, c.1880; Architecture (118)   |
| 002 | C    | Farm, East Street, Maxwell; Carpenter-BUILDER, c.1880; Architecture (251)                              |
| 003 | C    | Commercial Building, State Road 9, Maxwell; Victorian Functional, c.1900; Architecture, Commerce (251) |
| 004 | C    | Farm, State Road 9; Carpenter-BUILDER/Eastlake, c.1890; Architecture (251)                             |



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| 005 | O | Cooper's Corner/R. D. Cooper House, State Road 9; Italianate/Queen Anne, 1863; Architecture, Exploration/Settlement (251) |
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