



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

### PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**TELL CITY  
BRUSHY HOLLOW SEWER CONNECTION  
SRF # WW 14 30 62 03**

**Date: July 14, 2014**

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

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## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

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### I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address:                   **Brushy Hollow Sewer Connection**  
Tell City  
700 Main Street,  
Box 515,  
Tell City, IN 47586

SRF Project Number:                         WW 14 30 62 03

Authorized Representative:                 Mayor Barbara Ewing

### II. PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project is located in the Brushy Hollow Subdivision, approximately 4 miles northeast of the incorporated border of Tell City in southern Indiana. It is located off S.R. 145, near its intersection with S.R. 37, along Accent Road. The project Study Area is located in Township 6 S, Range 3 W, Section 11, in Anderson Township in Perry County. See Figure 1.

### III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

Brushy Hollow Utilities, Inc.'s existing wastewater facilities, including the wastewater treatment plant will be abandoned and Tell City will provide sanitary sewer service to Brushy Hollow by installing a new low pressure sewer system in the subdivision and connecting to an existing force main. This is needed so that residents of the subdivision will have reliable access to wastewater facilities and to prevent further violations of the Clean Water Act. The wastewater will be treated at the Tell City Wastewater Treatment plant. The proposed project generally consists of the following:

- Installation of approximately 11,500 linear feet of 1.25-3-inch low pressure sewer main;
- Installation of 26 grinder pumps;
- Connection of the proposed system to the Branchville Forcemain at the intersection of SR 145 and SR 37;
- Abandon and/or demolish existing gravity sewer system and Brushy Hollow Wastewater Treatment Plant.

### IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

Total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$961,400. Tell City will finance the project with a loan from the SRF Loan Program for a 20-year term at an annual fixed interest rate to be determined at loan closing. Monthly user rates and charges may need to be analyzed to determine if adjustments are required for loan repayment.

## **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 2.

## **VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A properly noticed public hearing was held on April 30, 2014 at 6 pm at the Tell City in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 700 Main Street. Questions concerning installation of grinder pumps, and various costs were answered during the hearing. No written comments were received in the 5-day period following the hearing.

# Surface Waters Map Figure 1

Date: 4/11/2014



## Legend

- Lakes (NHD)
- Rivers (NHD)
- Streams (NHD)
- 1 1/2" Low Pressure Sewer
- 2" Low Pressure Sewer
- 3" Low Pressure Sewer
- Existing Branchville Force Main

Tie Into Existing Branchville Force Main

Existing Pump Station (To Be Demolished)

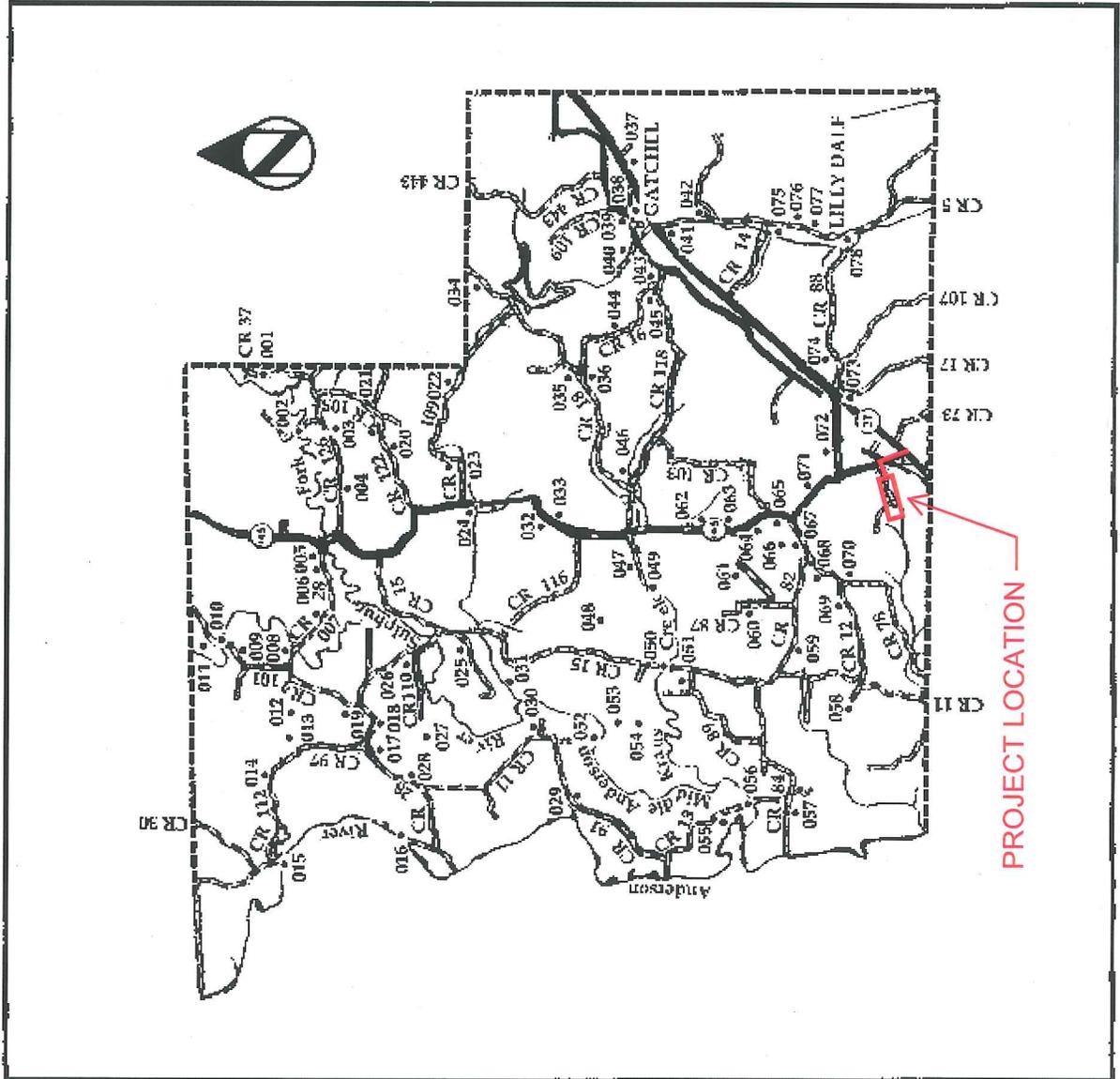
Existing WWTP (To Be Demolished)

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# Anderson Township (20001-078)



Anderson Township is located in the west-central section of Perry County. The Anderson River, source of the township's name, forms the township's western border. Anderson was one of the county's original townships and is one of the largest in area. The topography is varied with heavily wooded areas, cliffs along the river, and valleys in the interior.

Settlers first reached the area during the 1820s. Much of the early activity occurred along the Anderson River where several gristmills were in operation. The settlement of Huffman grew up near one of these mills, just across the river in Spencer County. The 1863 Huffman's Mill Bridge (2001E), the county's only covered bridge and one of southern Indiana's oldest, links Anderson Township with the village of Huffman.

As in other areas of Perry County, settlers from France, Belgium and Germany predominated the area. Catholic missions were established in the township, including St. Joseph's and St. Mark's. The St. Joseph's Cemetery (20020) is the only reminder of this mission. The graveyard contains burials from the 1820s. St. Mark's was established as a mission in 1847 in a predominantly German area. The church (20065) was constructed in 1858 and enlarged in 1900. St. Mark's School (20084) was completed in 1913.

The township's early settlement is reflected in the number of settlement-era log houses found throughout the area. The Lincoln House (20053), built during 1830s is one of the township's oldest extant houses. The Wheatley House (20054) is the township's only example of a log I-house. A farm (20021) on CR 105 includes not only a log double pen house but also two single-crib log barns.

Most of the township's architecture dates from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The I-house form was a popular house type throughout Anderson Township with examples built into the twentieth century. The Kraus House (20017), the Cory Walters

Figure 2 From the Perry County Interim Report Historic Sites and structures Inventory.