



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 WALTON
ADDITIONAL WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
AMENDMENT #1
SRF # DW 10040901**

Date: October 31, 2011

Target Project Approval Date: November 1, 2011

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the Waterworks Improvements Addendum #1 to the Town of Walton Preliminary Engineering Report, addendum correspondence submitted to the SRF on September 7, 2011 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 your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an EA or an EIS.

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, Senior Environmental Manager
SRF Programs
317-232-6566 or ahenning@ifa.in.gov.

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: **Preliminary Engineering Report, Addendum #1,
Additional Water Main Improvements**
Town of Walton
100 S Depot Street
P.O. Box 597
Walton, IN 46994

SRF Project Number: DW 10 04 09 01

Authorized Representative: Mike Robison
Town Council President

II. PROJECT LOCATION

Walton is located in Tipton Township in Cass County. The town proposes two projects that will be implemented. The Depot Street water main replacement project and the water main replacement project at the railroad crossing on Broadway Street are located in Sections 25 and 36 of Township 36N, Range 2E in the Onward quadrangle.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

Depot Street Water Main Replacement: This project is the replacement of approximately 750 feet of 4-inch diameter main with 6-inch diameter main. The purpose of the replacement is to alleviate poor pressures and flows in a commercial area of town (figure 1).

The “No Action” alternative would not correct the poor pressures and flows in this area and therefore was rejected.

Water Main Replacement at the railroad crossing on Broadway Street: The project is to bore approximately 150 feet of a new 6-inch diameter water main under the railroad crossing on Broadway Street to replace an existing leaky 6-inch cast iron water main. The purpose of the project is to replace a leaky structurally unsound cast iron water main which will reduce “loss water” quantity for the Town (figure 2).

The “No Action” alternative would not reduce the “loss water” quantity for the Town. Therefore, this alternative was rejected.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

Selected Plan Estimated Cost Summary

<u>Construction Components</u>	<u>Costs</u>
1. Depot Street Water Main	\$72,000
2. Railroad Crossing Bore	<u>32,000</u>
Estimated Construction Cost	\$104,000
Non-Construction Costs **	<u>\$2,500</u>
Total Project Costs	\$106,500

**includes design, construction engineering and construction observation engineering fees for the projects.

The town will utilize the remaining loan balance in SRF Loan # DW 10040901 of \$154,832 to fund the projects.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

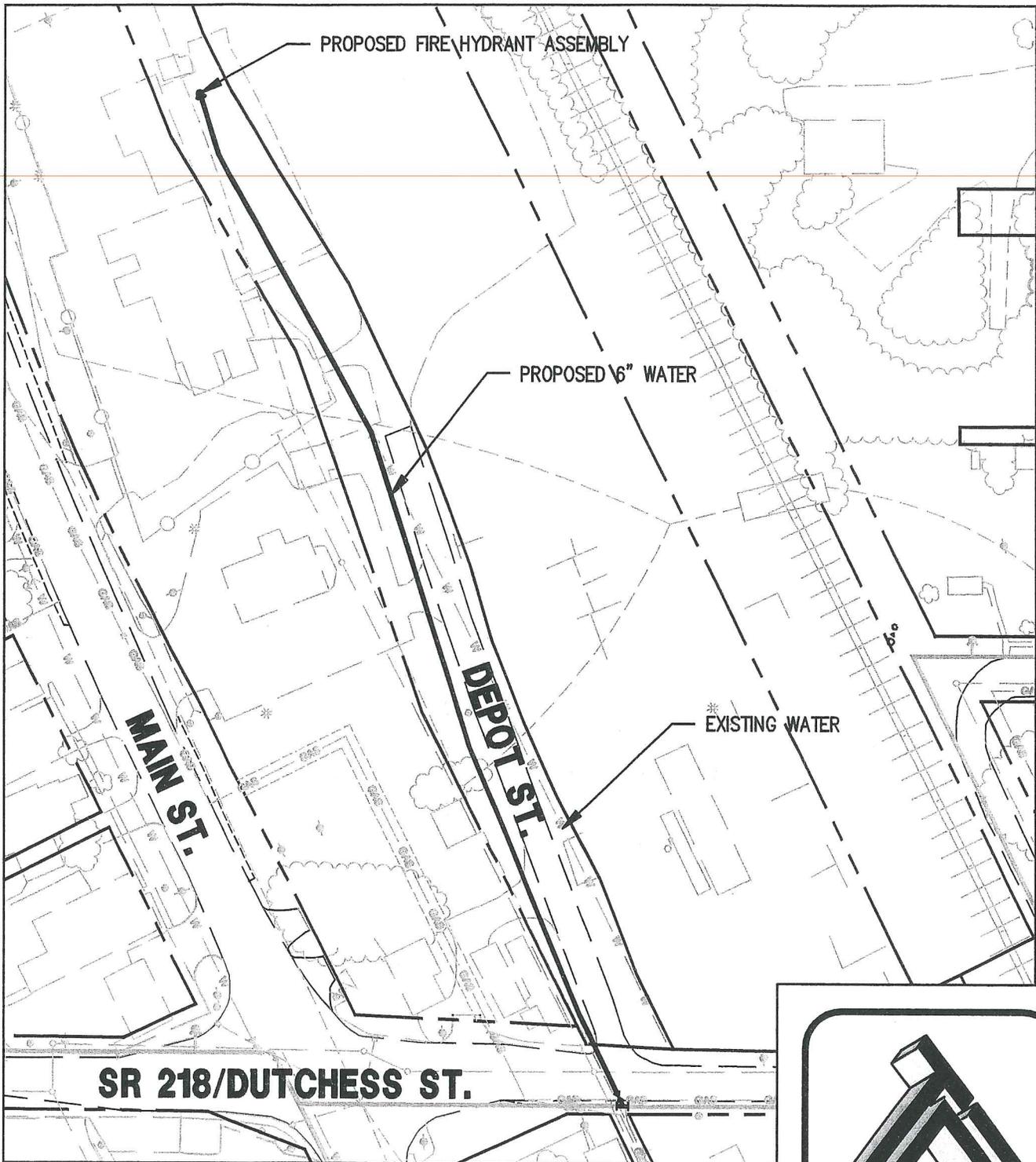
The water main improvement projects will occur on land that has been previously disturbed by utility and infrastructure improvements.

The projects will not adversely affect surface waters, wetlands, wooded areas, prime farmland, a 100-year floodplain or endangered species.

There are no other notable or outstanding historical sites noted. Construction and operation of the projects will not alter, demolish or remove historic properties. 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 Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act is: "no historic properties affected."

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The projects were discussed at the Town of Walton Regular Session Council Meeting on September 12, 2011 at 7:00 pm, regarding the change in the scope of the original preliminary engineering report.

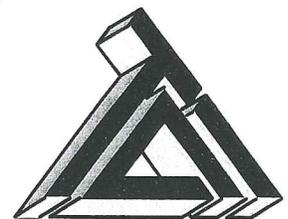


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