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Dear Ms. Vallis,

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District is preparing a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment on the impacts of a sanitary sewer force main replacement project in Lake County, Gary, IN. The Gary Sanitary District is working with the Corps to address gaining sanitary sewer infrastructure. The proposed project is intended to address inadequate sanitary sewer infrastructure in this portion of the service area. The proposed project area is within publicly owned property east of Chase Street between the Chase Street Pump Station and 25th Avenue. The current plan of the proposed project includes the installation of a new 1,900-foot long, 45-inch diameter force main adjacent to the deteriorating and undersized 42-inch diameter force main. A map of the proposed project area can be found in enclosure 1.

The project is in a utility right-of-way on land owned by the City of Gary, Indiana that is currently mowed and cleared of woody and herbaceous vegetation. Installation of the new force main will be done by boring under I-80 to make the connection to the Chase Avenue pump station and through open cut trenching north of I-80 to make the connection with the existing force main. There is a 0.21-acre isolated wetland within the project area that has the potential to be impacted by construction activities. Ongoing coordination with Indiana's Department of Environmental Management and an isolated wetland permit has been applied for. The proposed activity complies with Indiana's approved coastal management program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with such program. Work is expected to commence in 2022 and will last approximately 12 months.

As part of the NEPA process, the Chicago District would appreciate a review of federal consistency and any comments or concerns you might have about potential impacts from this proposed project. This could include impacts to various habitats, threatened and endangered species, or cultural and social resources. After receiving scoping input and conducting an environmental assessment, the Chicago District will release a draft NEPA document for a formal public review. Enclosure 2 is a list of State and Federal Agencies and Tribal Nations receiving this request.

Comments must be received by April 19, 2021 and should be sent to Mr. John Belcik, by email at john.t.belcik@usace.army.mil. Questions should be directed to Mr. Belcik at (312) 846-5595.

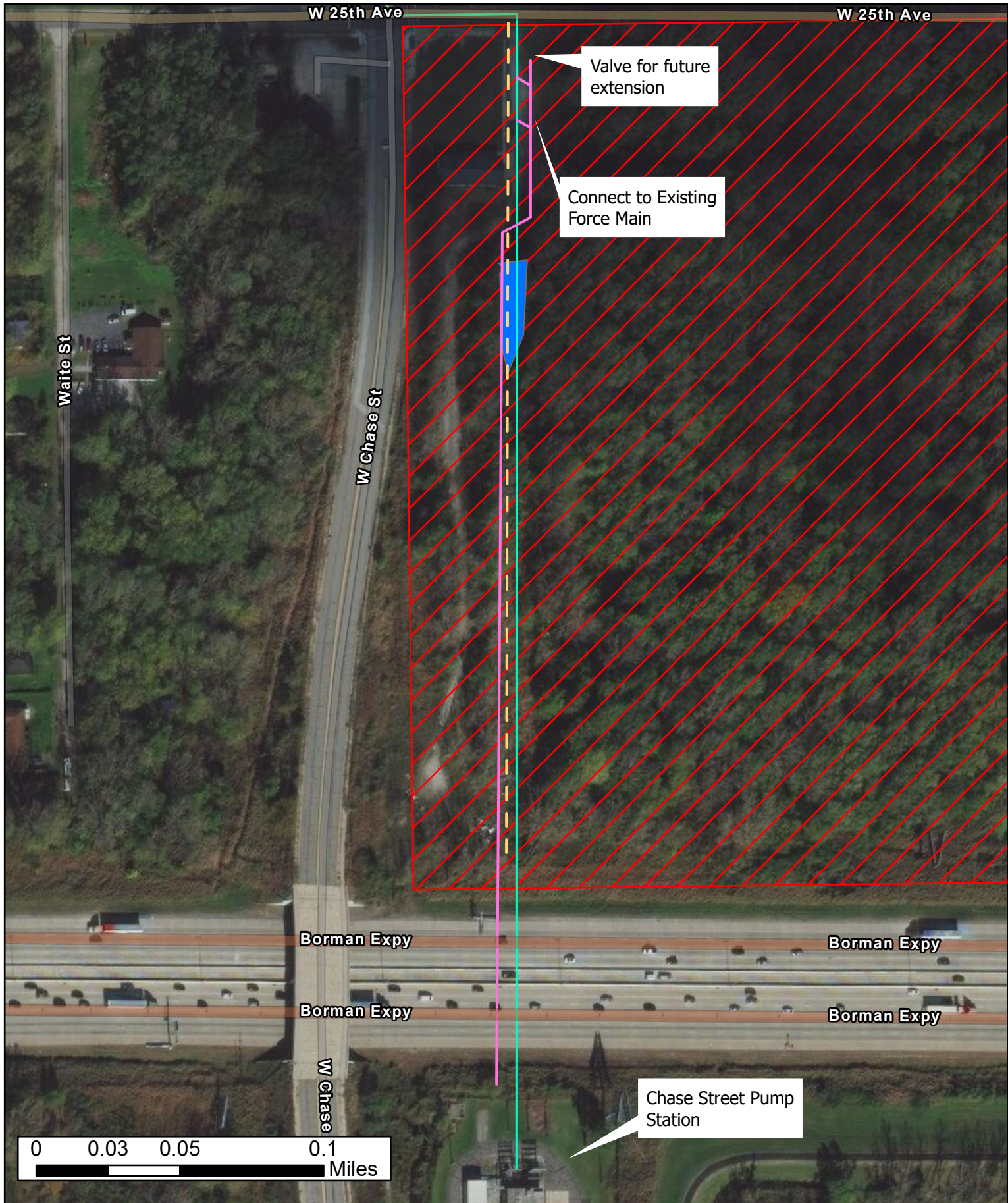
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susanne J. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'S'.

Susanne J. Davis, P.E.
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Enclosures

1. Project Map
2. Distribution List



W 25th Ave

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Valve for future extension

Connect to Existing Force Main

Waite St

W Chase St

Borman Expy

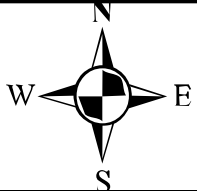
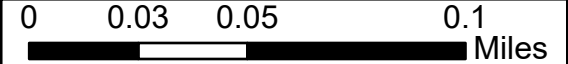
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W Chase

Chase Street Pump Station



- — Existing Overhead Electrical
- — New Force Main
- — Old Force Main
- Isolated Wetland
- City Property

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