



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs Drinking Water, Clean Water, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

CITY OF ANDERSON
WATER MAIN AND SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS
SRF Project DW 24 39 48 00

Date: March 10, 2026

Pursuant to IC 5-1.2-3, the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the City of Anderson's Preliminary Engineering Report will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion (CE) 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. In the absence of significant comments, the attached CE shall serve as the final environmental document.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

State Revolving Fund
100 N. Senate Ave., IGCN 1275
Indianapolis, IN 46204
publicnotices@ifa.in.gov

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Water Main and Service Line Replacement Projects
City of Anderson
120 East 8th Street
Anderson, IN 46016

SRF Project Number: DW 24 39 48 00

Authorized Representative: Mayor Thomas Broderick, Jr.

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located Madison County and the following locations (See **Figure 1**):

Cross Street Water Transmission Main & Service Line Replacement – Anderson and Lafayette Townships, Anderson North 24k USGS Quadrangle, T19N, R7E, Sections 1-3; and T20N, R7E, Sections 34-36

8th Street Water Main & Service Line Replacement – Anderson Township, Anderson South 24K USGS Quadrangle, T19N, R7E, Sections 11-12

North Anderson Cross A Water Main & Service Line Replacement – Lafayette and Richland Townships, Anderson North USGS 24K Quadrangle, T20N, R7E, Section 36; T20N, R8E, Section 31

North Anderson Cross B Water Main & Service Line Replacement – Anderson Township, Anderson North 24K USGS Quadrangle, T19N, R7E, Section 1

Park Place Water Main Replacement – Anderson Township, Anderson South 24K USGS Quadrangle, T19N, R8E, Sections 7 and 18

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The City of Anderson is experiencing high water loss due to leaking water mains and service lines throughout the distribution system. Water mains in many areas have reached the end of their useful life and/or are undersized and in need of replacement. Additionally, the City has identified numerous galvanized requiring replacement (GRR) and lead service lines (LSL) that should be replaced to reduce health risks associated with lead exposure. Numerous areas of the City require main and service line replacement; the work will be done in phases with priority given to older areas with higher historical main breaks. Phase 1 work will include the following:

- Cross Street Water Transmission Main and Service Replacement. Work includes replacement of approximately 9500 LF of 18-in water main from CR 200 W to Broadway St. with 24-in water main; replacement of all service lines along the main alignment, including approximately 22 service lines from the main to the meter and approximately 30 service lines from the main to the premise plumbing; replacement of meter pits; hydrants, valves, fittings, and other appurtenances; and site restoration.

- 8th Street Main and Service Replacement. Work is in the 8th St project area (approximately bordered by Raible Ave., Delaware St., Mulvane Ave., and 4th St.) and includes replacement of approximately 8200 LF of 6-in water main with 12-in main and approximately 23,000 LF of 2-, 4-, and 6-in water main with 6-in water main; replacement of all service lines along the main alignments, including approximately 121 service lines from the main to the meter and approximately 520 service lines from the main to the premise plumbing; replacement of meter pits; hydrants, valves, fittings, and other appurtenances; and site restoration.
- North Anderson Cross A Main & Service Replacement. Work is in the Cross A project area (approximately bordered by Cross St., School St., Indiana Ave., and State St.) and includes replacement of approximately 14,100 LF of 2-, 4-, and 6-in water main with 6-in water main; retirement of approximately 2100 LF of 2-in water main; replacement of all service lines along the main alignments, including approximately 66 service lines from the main to the meter and approximately 270 service lines from the main to the premise plumbing; replacement of meter pits; hydrants, valves, fittings, and other appurtenances; and site restoration.
- North Anderson Cross B Main & Service Replacement. Work is in the Cross B project area (approximately bordered by Cross St., Oak St., Indiana Ave., and Kilbuck Creek) and includes replacement of approximately 12,300 LF of 2-, 4-, and 6-in water main with 6-in water main; retirement of approximately 5200 LF of 2-in water main; replacement of all service lines along the main alignments, including approximately 78 service lines from the main to the meter and approximately 300 service lines from the main to the premise plumbing; replacement of meter pits; hydrants, valves, fittings, and other appurtenances; and site restoration.
- Park Place Service Replacement. Work is in the Park Place project area (approximately bordered by Wilson St., 10th St. & Martin Dr., S. Nursery Rd., and University Blvd.) and includes the replacement of approximately 462 standalone service lines (12 from main to the meter and 450 from the main to the premise plumbing); installation of water main valves, as needed, to isolate areas for service line replacements; replacement of meter pits, valves, fittings, and other appurtenances; and site restoration.

In addition to the water main and service line replacement work, the project will include planning and design of Phase 2 of the project. Due to the Wheeler WTP reaching the end of its useful life, presence of PFAS in the Ranney Wellfield, and failure of the Norton Wellfield, a new South Side Wellfield and WTP must be constructed in the future. This work will include:

- Design and planning of a new South WTP and wellfield rated for approximately 6 MGD firm capacity. Design of the WTP and wellfield will include, but not be limited to, hydrogeological investigations and groundwater modeling, test well drilling, aquifer formation verification, test pumping, water quality testing, geotechnical soil borings, archeological investigations, topographical surveys, development of construction plans and specifications, and permitting.
- Design and planning for the replacement of undersized and/or leaking water mains in the Park Place project area (bordered by Wilson St., 10th St. & Martin Dr., S. Nursery Rd., and University Blvd.) that have reached the end of their useful life and replacement of service lines.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY, AND FUNDING

The total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$44,250,000. The City of Anderson intends to finance the project with a loan from the Drinking Water SRF Loan

Program for a term and 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

The environmental impacts will be minimal. All project activities will take place in areas previously disturbed by installation of existing service lines and road right-of-way. The proposed project will not affect streams, floodplains, wetlands, wooded areas, or other sensitive environmental resources and will not convert prime farmland.

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."

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A properly noticed public hearing was held on March 18, 2025, at 2 pm at the Anderson City Building, Room 501 located at 120 E. 8th Street, Anderson, IN 46016. There were no questions about this project during the hearing. Written comments regarding the proposed well field were received and responded to in the 5-day period following the hearing for this project.

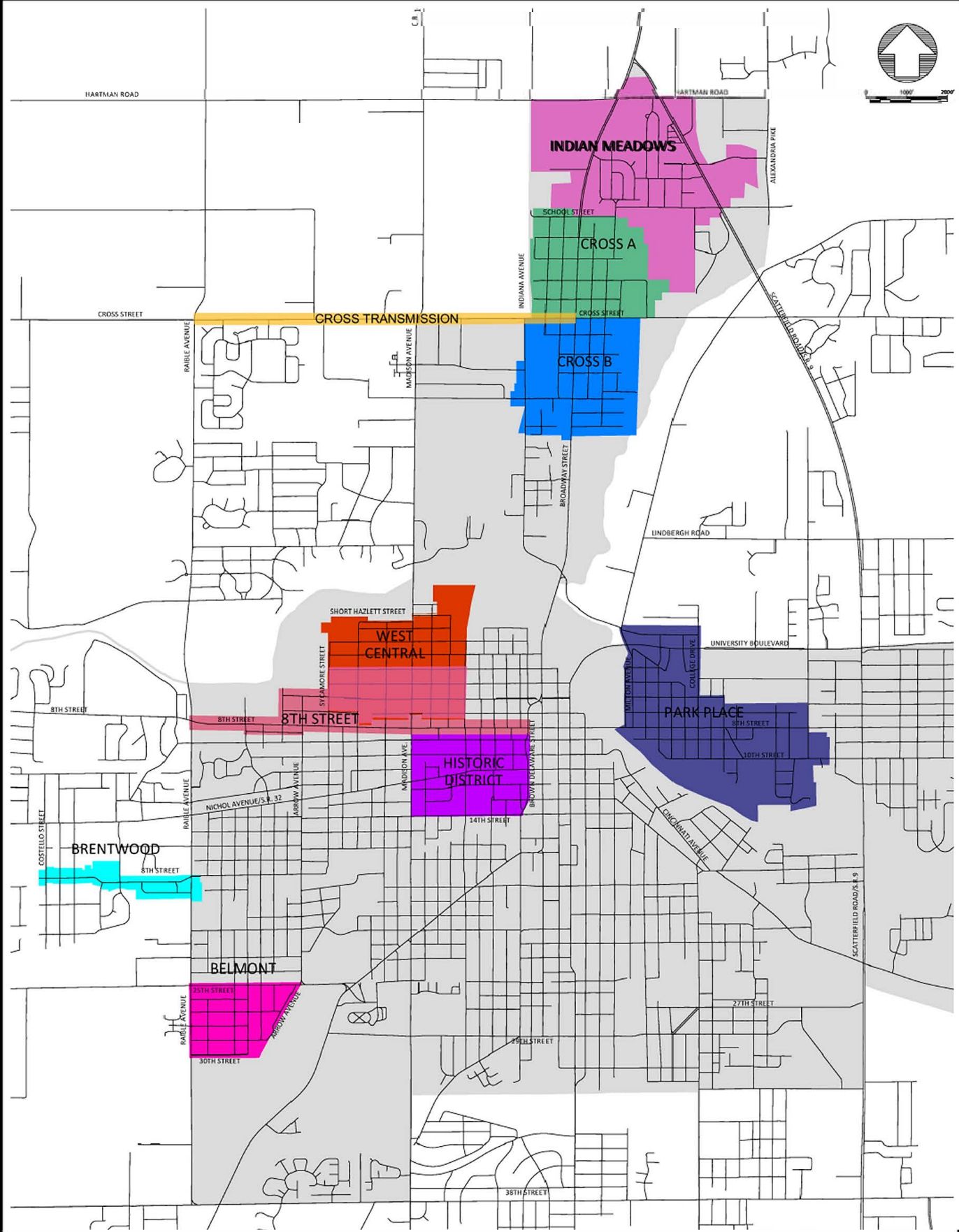


FIGURE 1
PROPOSED AREAS FOR WATER MAIN & SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS

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 [Grey Box] DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY CENSUS TRACT



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