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

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

TOWN OF CAYUGA WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – CHANGE ORDER 2 SRF Project DW 23 29 83 03

Date: April 17, 2025

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 addendum to Town of Cayuga'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:

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Water System Improvements – Change Order 2
Town of Cayuga
301 S. First Street
PO Box 33
Cayuga, IN 47928

SRF Project Number: **DW 23 29 83 03**

Authorized Representative: Sarah Hathaway, Town Council President

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project is located in Vermillion County, Eugene Township, Newport 24k USGS Quadrangle, Township 17N, Range 9W, and Sections 5 and 6. See Figure 1.2, which is the aerial map from the original project.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The proposed Change Order will remove old valve boxes for valves that are being abandoned. Two valve boxes will be replaced or repaired due to damage by a snow plow. Additionally, during the main installation along Curtis Street, it was determined that there were some unknown interconnections on side streets that required some additional investigative work on how best to shut down water mains and abandon the existing water main along Curtis Street. This work includes hydro excavation in certain areas, shown on attached plan sheets.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY, AND FUNDING

The total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$17,540. The Town intends to finance the project with funds from an existing loan from the Drinking Water SRF Loan Program.

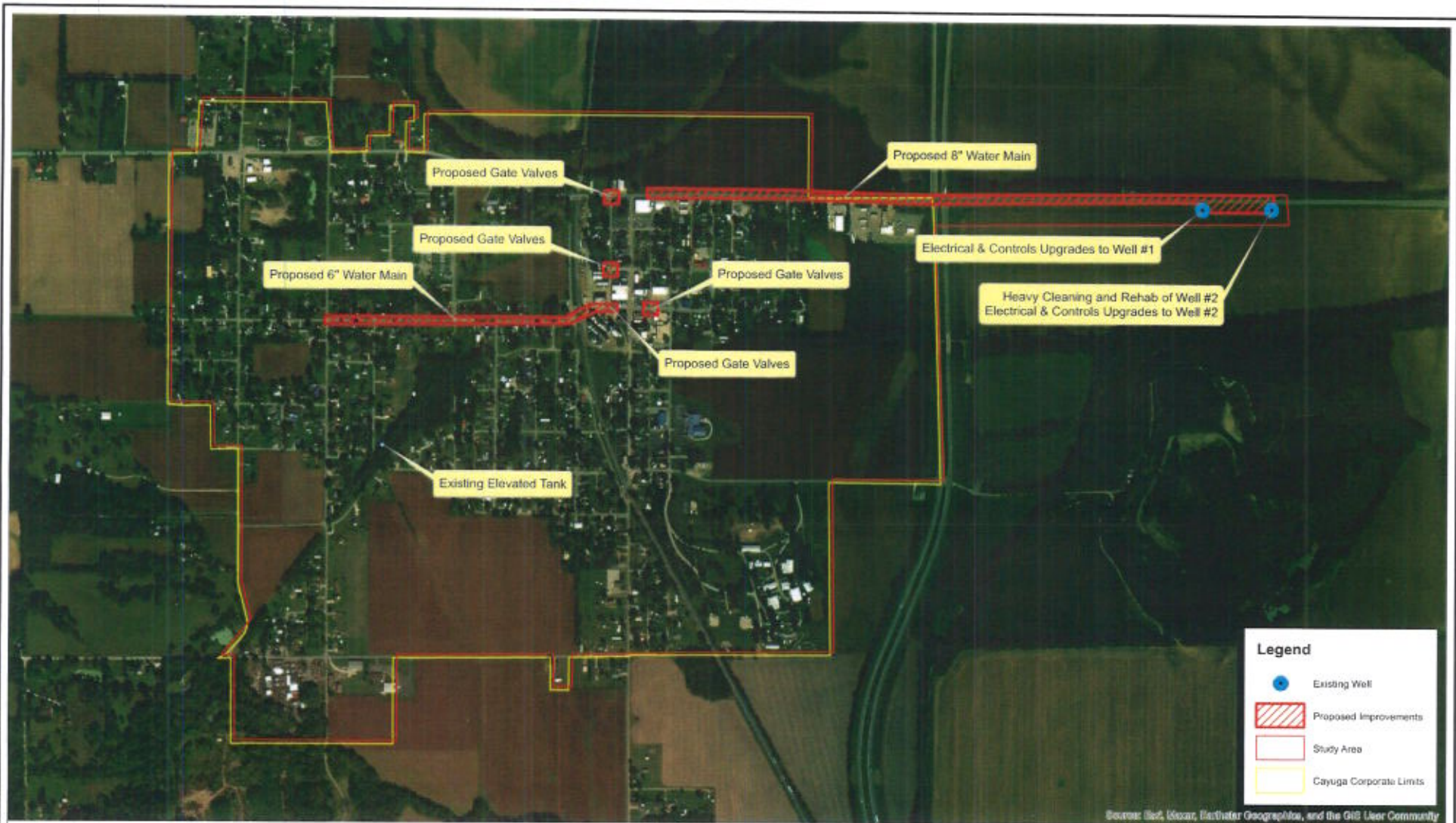
V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

The environmental impacts will be minimal. All project activities will take place in areas previously disturbed. 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 public notice was published on March 29, 2025, in Tribune Star. No written comments were received following the notice for this project.



Source: Esri, DeLorme, GeoEye, iSat, Swire, IGN, Intermap, Inc., Swire, GEBCO, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community



Legend	
	Existing Well
	Proposed Improvements
	Study Area
	Cayuga Corporate Limits

Figure 1.2
 Preliminary Engineering Report
 Aerial Map
 Town of Cayuga, Indiana
 March 2023