



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 CUMBERLAND
WASTEWATER SYSTEM EXPANSION
SRF Project WW 22 30 30 03**

Date: December 12, 2023

Pursuant to IC 5-1.2-3, the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in Town of Cumberland'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:

April Douglas
Environmental Review Coordinator
SRF Programs
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Wastewater System Expansion
Town of Cumberland
11501 East Washington Street
Cumberland, IN 46229

SRF Project Number: **WW 22 30 30 03**

Authorized Representative: Joe Siefker, Town Council President

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project is located in Hancock and Marion County, Sugar Creek and Warren township, Cumberland 24k USGS Quadrangle, township 15N, range 5E and sections 1, 3 and 4, and township 15N, range 5E and sections 5 and 6. **See Figures 1, 2 and 3.**

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The proposed project will: decommission and regionalize the failing GEM Utilities North WWTP that has exceeded its useful life and design capacity; provide treatment capacity at the Cumberland WPCF to meet 20-year needs; expand sewer service to meet development needs and eliminate non-point source discharges; and address identified sources of inflow and infiltration.

The proposed project includes:

- Expansion of the existing Town of Cumberland Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) from 1.5 MGD to 3.0 MGD, including improvements to influent pumping, flow equalization, preliminary treatment, secondary treatment, disinfection, and facility electrical and control systems;
- Decommissioning and demolition of the existing GEM Utilities North WWTP;
- Construction of approximately 50 LF of gravity sewer, new 415 gpm lift station with emergency back-up power, and approximately 7,000 LF of 10-inch force main and associated appurtenance to convey flow from the GEM Utilities North WWTP site to the Cumberland WPCF.
- Improvements to the existing Buck Creek East Lift Station, including pump replacement, valve vault and station piping modifications, new SCADA and controls, and emergency back-up power, to convey flow from the GEM Utilities North WWTP site to the Cumberland WPCF.
- Construction of approximately 3,000 LF of 15-inch gravity sewer to provide sewer service to new development at the intersection of US 40 and Mount Comfort Road.
- Construction of approximately 800 LF of 10-inch gravity sewer to provide sewer service to the East 40 Mobile Home Park.
- Replacement of the existing German Church Road lift station to reduce inflow and infiltration.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

Total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$16,747,500. The Town of Cumberland will finance the project with a loan from the Clean 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 the installation of the existing WPCF, WWTP, and lift station. 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 June 1, 2022 at 6 pm at the Cumberland Town Hall. Questions on this project were answered during the hearing. No written comments were received in the 5-day period following the hearing for this project.

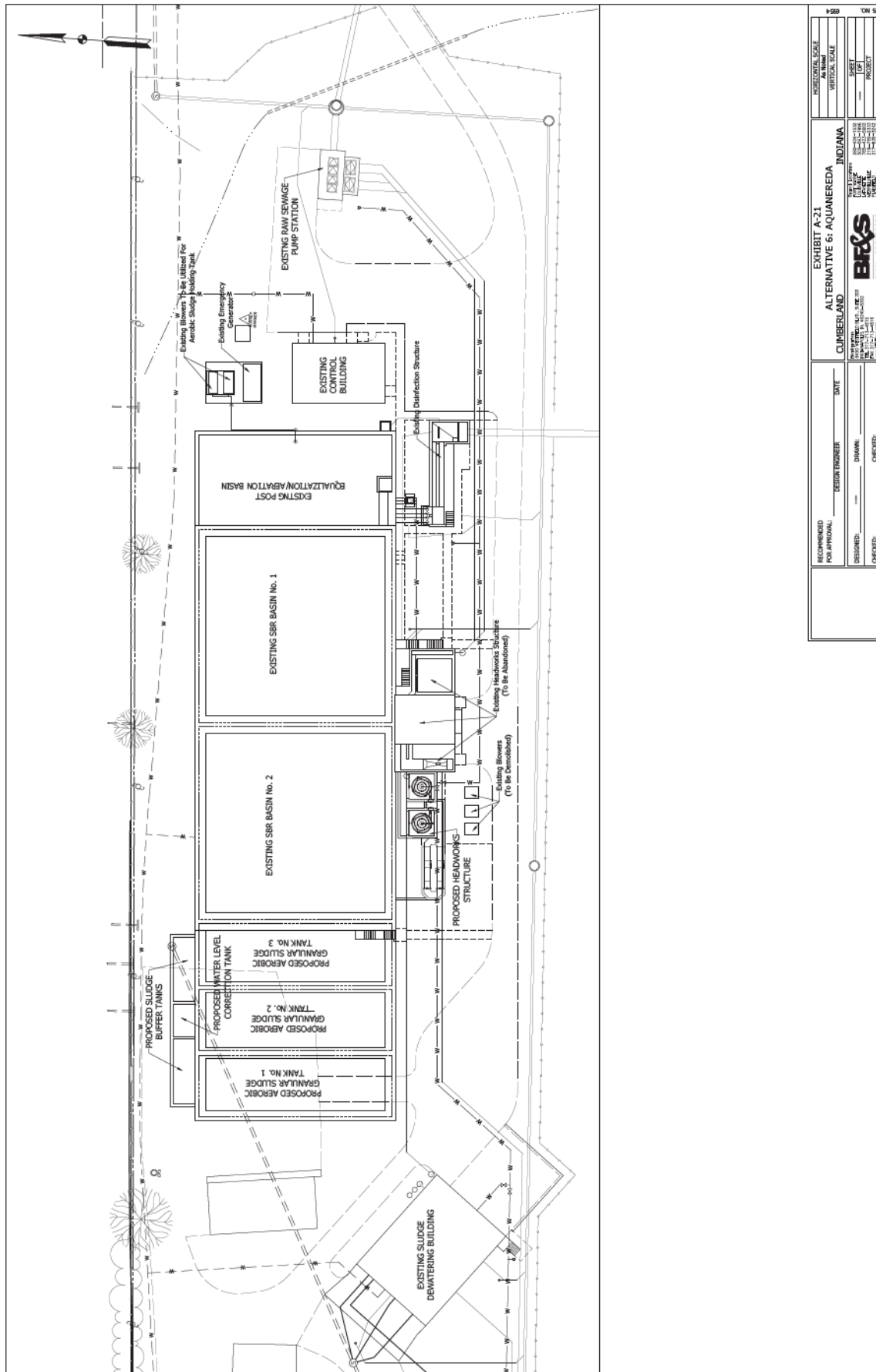


Figure 1

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EXHIBIT A-21	
ALTERNATIVE 6: AQUANERDA	INDIANA
CUMBERLAND	INDIANA
PROJECT NO. 100-000000-0000 SHEET NO. 100-000000-0000 DATE: 10/1/2023 BY: [Signature] CHECKED: [Signature]	

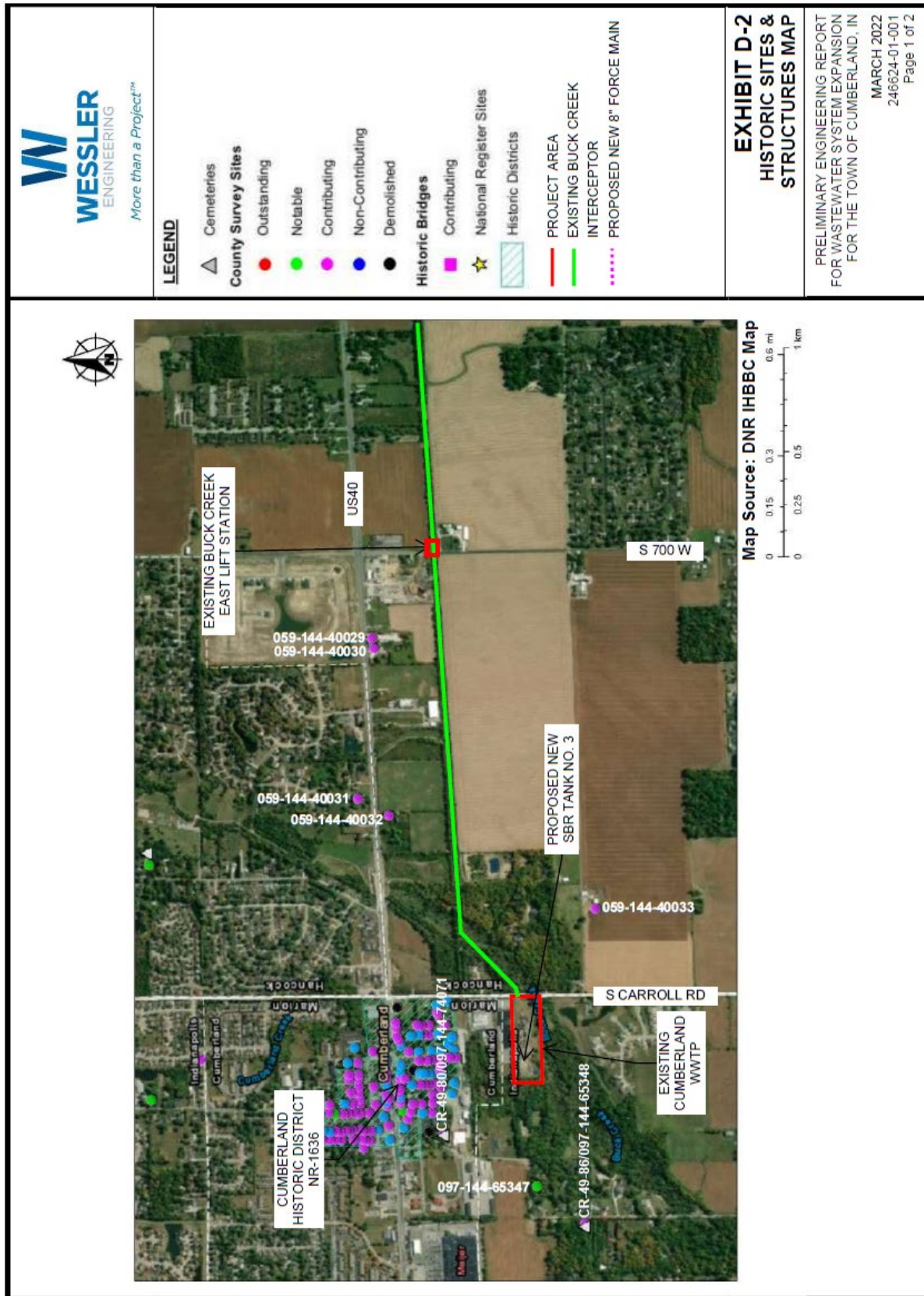


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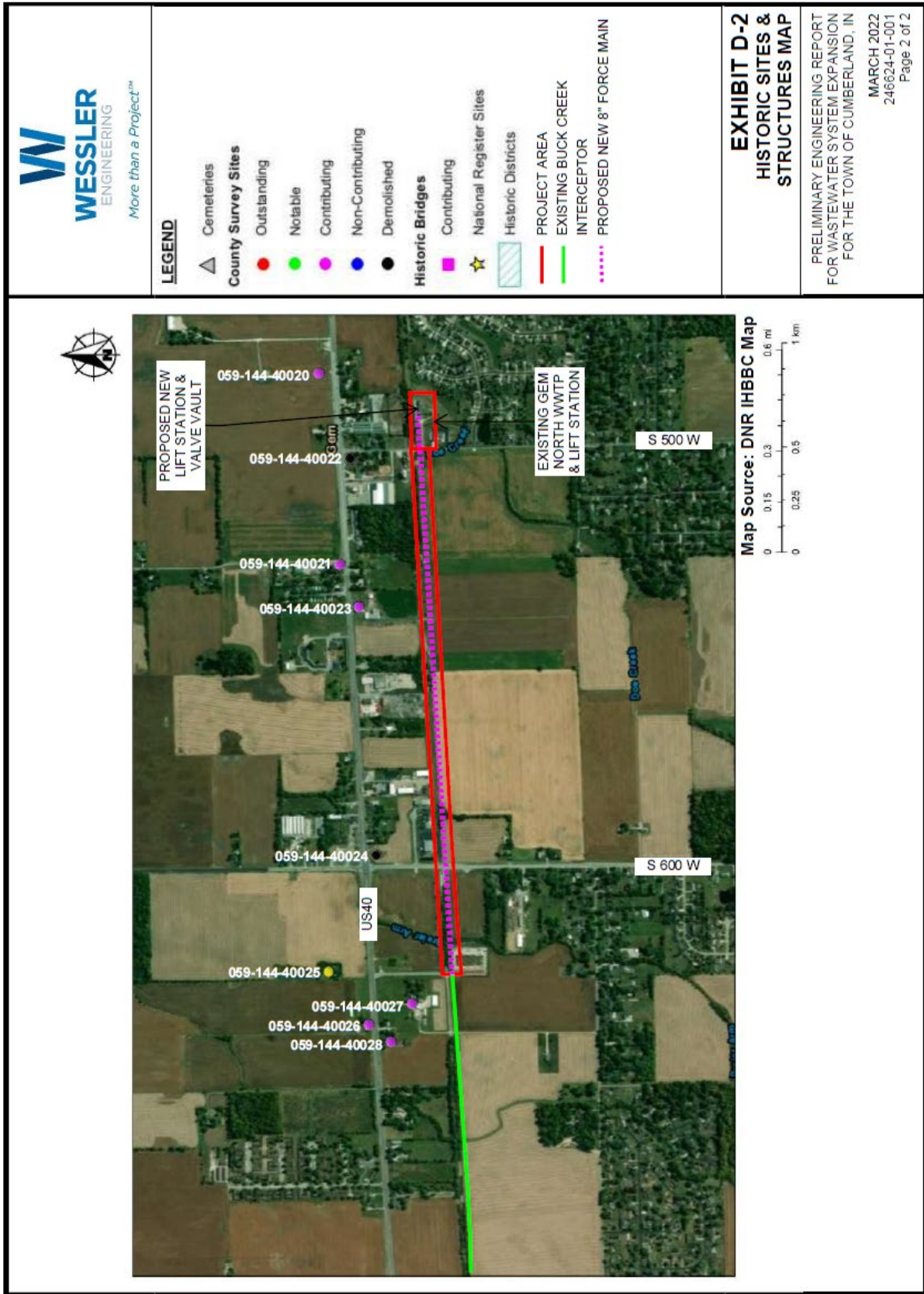


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