



## 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 FLORA**  
**LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENTS**  
**SRF Project DW 25 09 08 00**

**Date: June 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 Town of Flora 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  
[publiccomments@ifa.in.gov](mailto:publiccomments@ifa.in.gov)

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# CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

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## I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address:                   Lead Service Line Replacements  
  Town of Flora  
  4 East Main Street  
  Flora, IN 46929

SRF Project Number:                         **DW 25 09 08 00**

Authorized Representative:                 Darrel Yoder, Council President

## II. PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located in Carroll County, Monroe Township, Flora 24k USGS Quadrangle, Township 24N, Range 1W, and Sections 3, 4, 9, 10, 15, 16. See **Figure 1**.

## III. PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

The Town of Flora completed a lead service line inventory and found out of the 1,050 service lines in the Town’s system, 88 service lines classified as known lead/galvanized requiring replacement. Given the large amount of lead, galvanized requiring replacement, or unknown service lines, and the threat that lead poses, it is imperative that the Town replace their service lines for the health and safety of their customers and comply with federal regulations.

The Town of Flora plans to replace all service lines in the “Highest” and “High” Priority. The proposed service line replacement project includes replacement of lead and galvanized service line materials within Town of Flora’s water distribution system in an effort to reduce the risk of lead exposure.

## IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY, AND FUNDING

The total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$1,815,000. The Town of Flora 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 existing service lines. 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 3, 2025, at 6pm at the Flora Town Hall, 4 East Main Street, Flora, IN 46929. There were no questions on this project during the hearing. No written comments were received in the 5-day period following the hearing for this project.

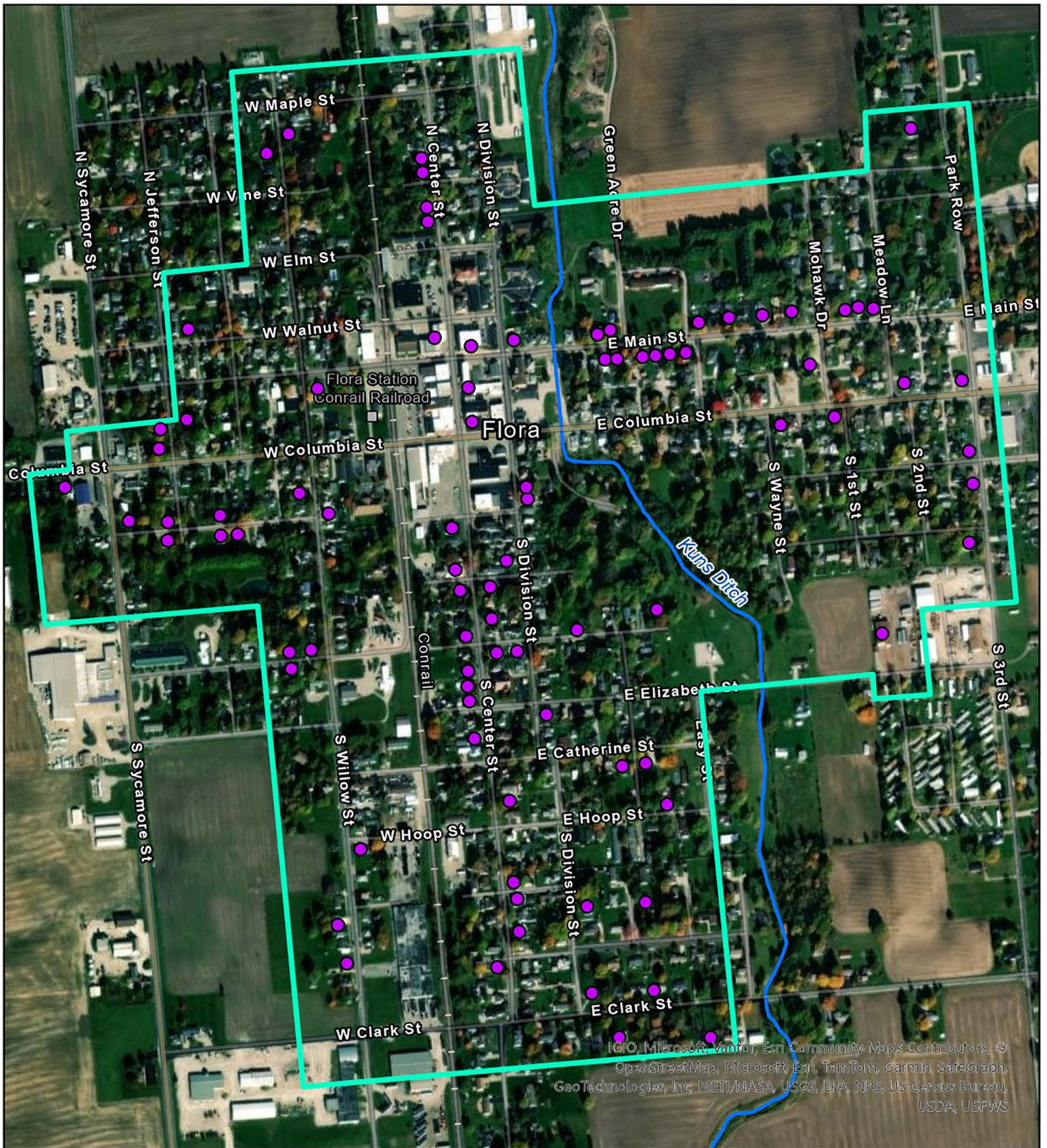


Figure 1: LSLR Locations