



## 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 FORT WAYNE**  
**ADDENDUM NO. 1 – DRINKING WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS**  
**SRF Project DW 22 18 02 06**

**Date: February 28, 2024**

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 the City of Fort Wayne'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  
317-234-7294  
adouglas@ifa.in.gov

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# CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

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## I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Addendum No. 1 – Drinking Water Utility  
Improvements  
City of Fort Wayne  
200 East Berry  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

SRF Project Number: **DW 22 18 02 06**

Authorized Representative: Matthew Wirtz, PE, Deputy Director of Utilities

## II. PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project is located in Allen County, Wayne and Washington Townships; on the Fort Wayne West Quadrangle, in Township 30 North, Range 12 East, Sections 3 and 4, and in Township 31 North, Range 12 East in sections 33 and 34; see **Figure 1**.

## III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

Addendum No. 1 adds the replacement of approximately 32,300 linear feet of water main (including approximately 51 new hydrants, approximately 75 new ball or gate valves/boxes, removal of approximately 40 hydrants and approximately 75 valves), to the lead service line replacement project which was previously approved for Census Tract 9.

## IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

Total cost of the Addendum No. 1 project, water main replacement with the previously approved lead service lines, is estimated to be approximately \$6,124,167.00. The City of Fort Wayne will finance the project with 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 by installation of utilities. 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 November 23, 2023; November 30, 2023; and December 7, 2023 in the Journal Gazette. No written comments were received following the notices for this project.

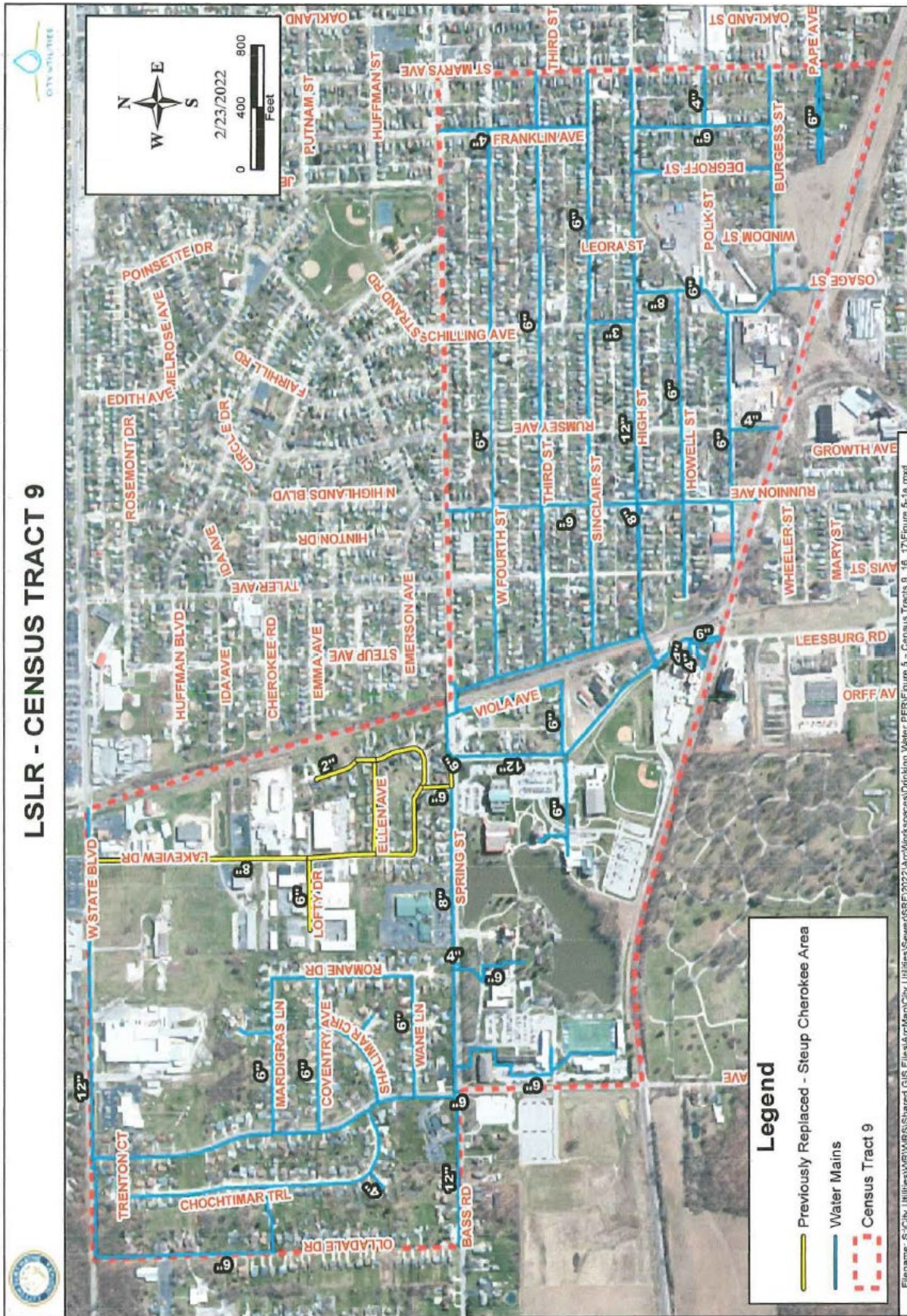


Figure 1