



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 GOSHEN

LEAD SERVICE LINE AND WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

SRF Project DW 24 44 20 03

Date: February 10, 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 City of Goshen'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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State Revolving Fund
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Indianapolis, IN 46204
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Lead Service Line and Water Main Replacement Project
City of Goshen
202 S. 5th Street
Goshen, IN 46528

SRF Project Number: **DW 24 44 20 03**

Authorized Representative: Gina Leichty, Mayor

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project is located in Elkhart County, Elkhart Township, Goshen 24k USGS Quadrangle, Township 36N, Range 6E and Sections 4, 8, and 9. See **Figures 1-2**.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The City of Goshen has developed its service line inventory and has identified service lines designated as Galvanized Requiring Replacement (GRR) in accordance with EPA's Lead and Copper Rule Revisions. The City of Goshen proposes to complete lead service line and water main replacements in four neighborhoods within the City. This includes replacement of approximately 450 galvanized service lines and lead connectors, along with approximately 2,900 LF of aged and undersized water main. Both the utility and customer sides will be replaced, and replacements will run from the utility main to premise plumbing. The City of Goshen will also complete sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and roadway improvements within the project area, which will not be funded by SRF, but will take place concurrently to reduce impact on customers.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY, AND FUNDING

The total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$7,037,000. The City 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 the installation of the existing facilities. 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 25, 2024, at 6 PM at the City Court Room/Council Chambers at 111 East Jefferson Street, Goshen, IN 46258. 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. A public notice was published on January 31, 2025, which outlined the neighborhoods where service lines will be replaced. No written comments were received following the notice for this project.

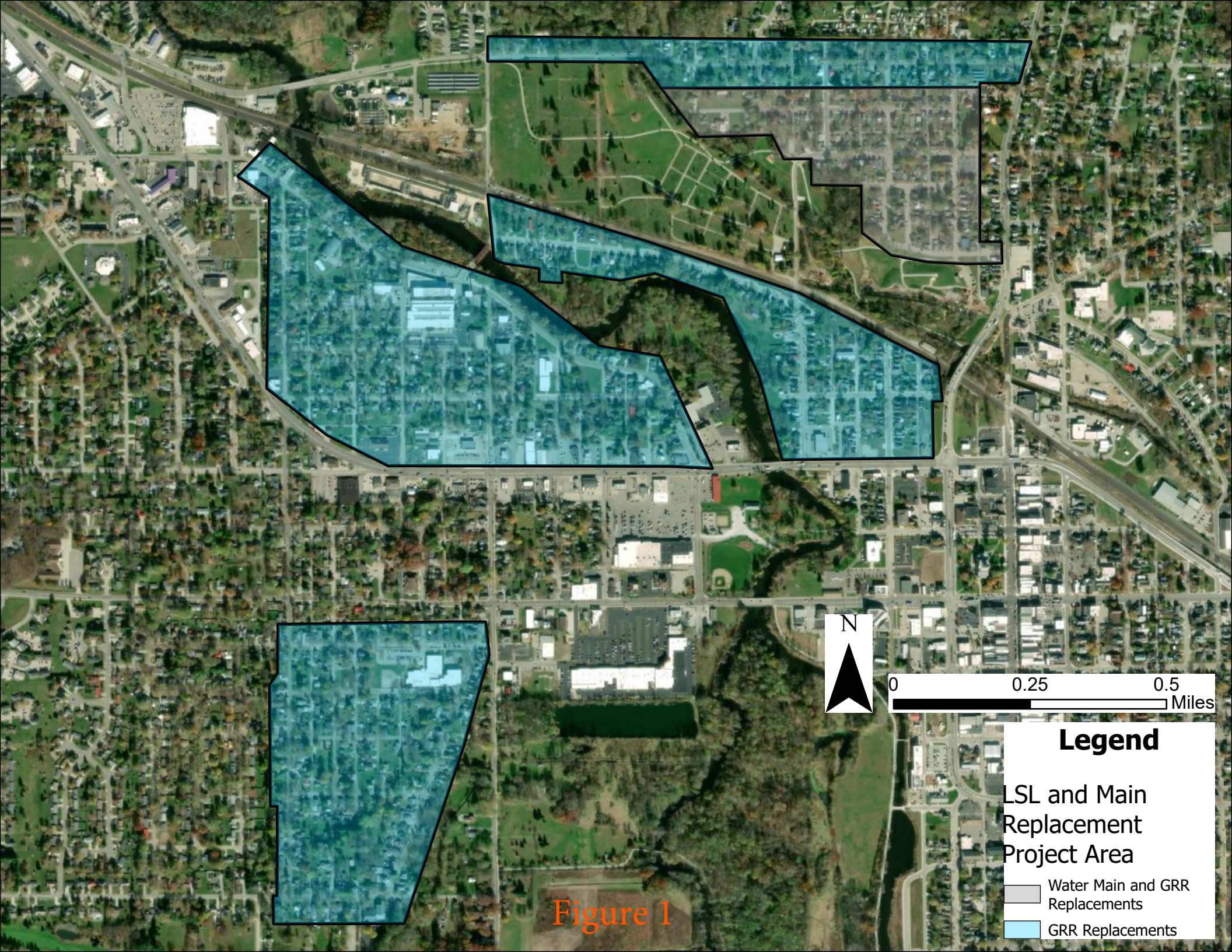


Figure 1

Legend

LSL and Main
Replacement
Project Area

- Water Main and GRR Replacements
- GRR Replacements

