



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 LACROSSE
ADDITIONAL WATER IMPROVEMENTS – CHANGE ORDER 5
SRF Project DW 22 44 46 02

Date: January 7, 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 change order to Town of LaCrosse'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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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Additional Water Improvements Change Order 5
Town of LaCrosse
13 N Washington St
La Crosse, IN 46348

SRF Project Number: **DW 22 44 46 02**

Authorized Representative: Justin Kiel, Town Council President

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located in LaPorte County, Dewey Township, LaCrosse USGS Quadrangle, Township 33N, Range 4W, Sections 8, 9, 16, and 17. See **Figure 1**.

III. PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

This change order proposes the following (See attached figure for corresponding numbers):

1. Remove the Hydrant to the East of Delams Tavern
2. Add a 6" Insertion Valve to Water Main East of Delams Tavern
3. Replace the 4" Water Main on Ohio St. with 6" Water Main
4. Replace the Hydrant Along Illinois St.
5. Replace the Hydrant at Oneida St. and Genesee St.
6. Replace the 2" Gate Valve Along E Dominic St.
7. Replace the Hydrant at Corner of E Dominic St. and Daisy St.
8. Replace the Hydrant at the End of Rain St.
9. Add a 4" Insertion Valve to Water Main Along Iowa St.
10. Add a 4" Insertion Valve to Water Main Along Illinois St.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY, AND FUNDING

The total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$247,100. 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 by existing 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 properly noticed public hearing was held on April 25, 2022, at 4:30 PM at the Council Chambers at 13 N Washington St, LaCrosse, IN 46348. 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

Google Earth

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