



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs Drinking Water, Clean Water, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

LAFAYETTE WATER WORKS LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENTS PHASE 2 SRF Project DW 25 18 79 00 and DW 24 54 79 01

Date: April 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 Lafayette Water Works 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

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Lead Service Line Replacements Phase 2
Lafayette Water Works
1020 Canal Road
Lafayette, IN 47904

SRF Project Number: **DW 25 18 79 00 and DW 24 54 79 01**

Authorized Representative: Steve Moore, Water Superintendent

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located in Tippecanoe County, Fairfield Township, Lafayette West 24k USGS Quadrangle, Township 23N, Range 4W, and Sections 16, 20, 21, 28, and 29; Lafayette East 24k USGS Quadrangle, Township 23N, Range 4W, and Section 27; Township 99 and Range 99. See **Figure A-4.1**.

III. PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

Lafayette Water Works identified approximately 3,200 service lines in their drinking water distribution system that are known to be lead. With recent changes to the Lead and Copper Rule, drinking water systems must identify their service lines and remove lead service lines in the distribution system.

To meet these requirements, the proposed Lead Service Line Replacements project includes replacement of all lead service lines (LSL) and galvanized service lines requiring replacement (GRR) in the water distribution system. The replacement will be done in multiple phases, prioritizing older areas of the distribution system with high concentrations of lead service lines. Phase 2 includes Areas 4-9 in Figure A-4.1. Phase 2 may also include Areas 10-11 if there are insufficient rights-of-entry granted in the other project areas.

Full replacement of the LSL and GRR from the water main to the premise plumbing will be completed. Meter pits and appurtenances, as needed, and site restoration will be completed.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY, AND FUNDING

The total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$10,000,000. The City of Lafayette 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

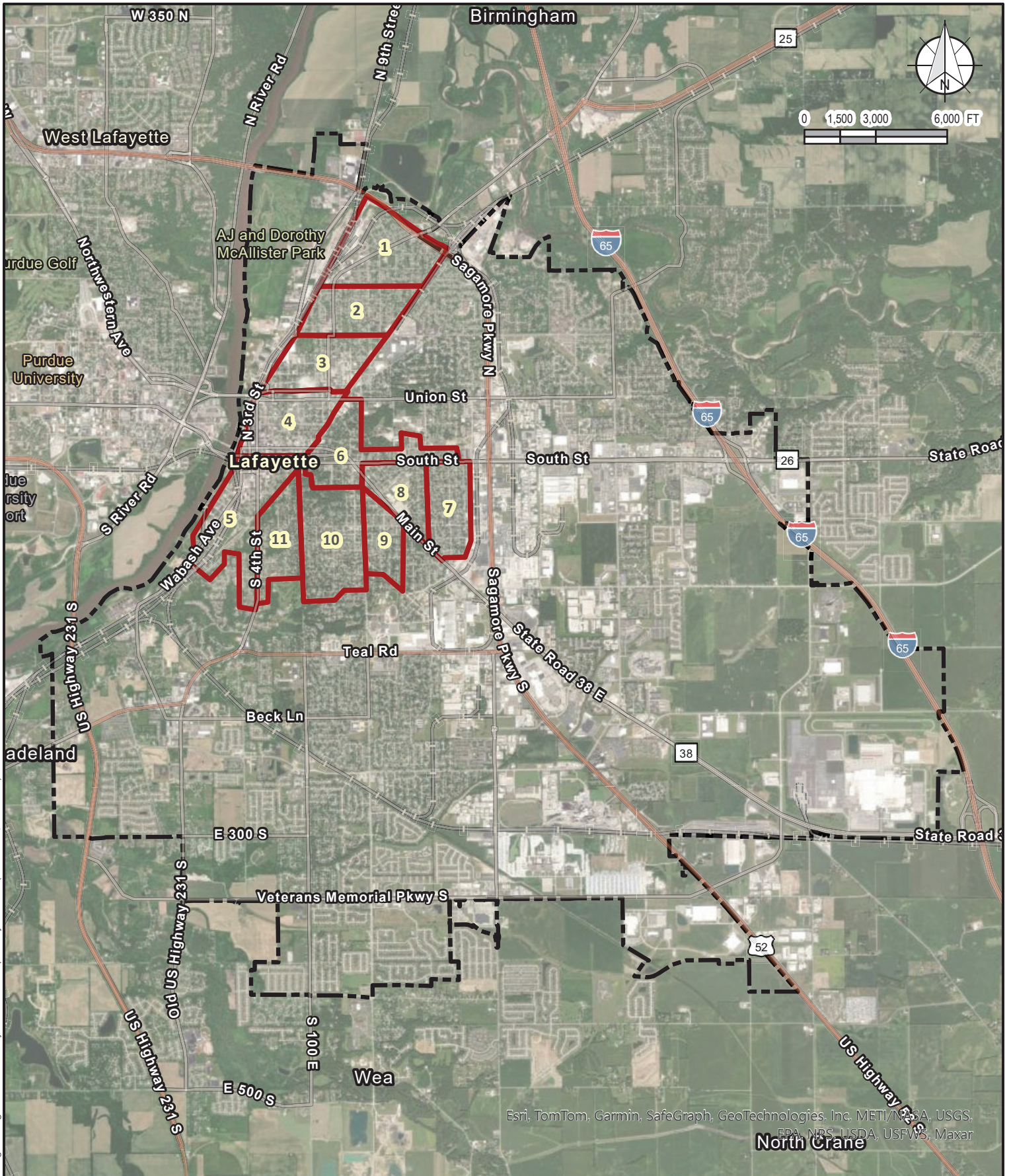
The environmental impacts will be minimal. All project activities will take place in areas previously disturbed by existing service lines. The proposed project will not affect streams, floodplains, wetlands, wooded areas, or other sensitive environmental resources and will not

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 November 12, 2024, at 9:00 am at the City of Lafayette City Hall, 20 North 6th Street, Lafayette, IN 47901. 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.



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- Legend**
- Investigation Areas
 - Corporation Limits

FIGURE A-4.1
Lead Service Line Area

City of Lafayette, Indiana
Lead Service Line Replacements
Preliminary Engineering Report

March 2024
Project No-267323.00