



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

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

SANITARY DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN CITY ADDENDUM 2 – SMITH VALLEY LIFT STATION PROJECT SRF Project WW 13 11 46 02

Date: August 22, 2016

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the Sanitary District of Michigan City's Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum 2 will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion 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.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: **Addendum 2 – Smith Valley Lift Station Project**
Sanitary District of Michigan City
1100 East Eighth Street
Michigan City, IN 46360

SRF Project Number: WW 13 11 46 02

Authorized Representative: Michael Kuss, General Manager

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The Smith Valley Lift Station Project is located within Section 21, Township 38 North, Range 4 West in LaPorte County, Indiana. It lies within Michigan Township and Michigan City, Indiana, see Figure 1.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The recommended plan for the lift station and its piping is to locate the proposed lift station adjacent to the existing lift station and replace the existing lift station. Approximately 340-feet of 15-inch sanitary sewer immediately upstream of the existing lift station will also be replaced. The new lift station and sanitary sewer will significantly reduce the amount of stormwater and sand that enters the lift station thereby providing improved reliability of the lift station.

Without relocation and replacement of the lift station, it will continue to infiltrate sand and stormwater, increasing the lift station's risk of failure. Sand creates mechanical issues for the pumps and the infiltration of stormwater through the lift station and aging upstream sewer increases the amount of water that the pumps have to accommodate. Furthermore, without the necessary relocation, the lift station will become inoperable and jeopardize the collection and removal of wastewater from the area it serves.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

Michigan City Sanitary District will finance the estimated project cost of \$598,000 with remaining funds in a loan from the State Revolving Fund Loan Program and local funds.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

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 April 9, 2016. No written comments were received during the 5-day comment period following the notice.

Figure 1 Smith Valley Lift Station Project Area Aerial

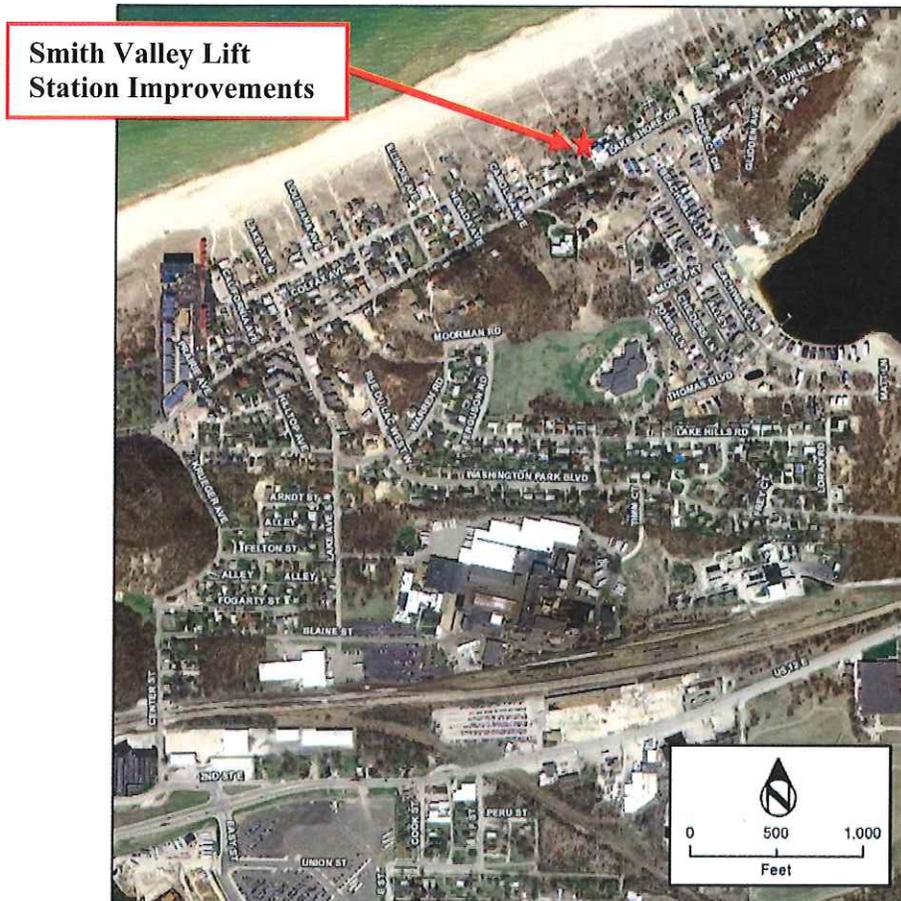


Figure 1-25.B. Smith Valley Lift Station Project Area Aerial
Source: 2005 State of Indiana Orthophotography for LaPorte County Indiana