



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

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

MONTPELIER **BASEBALL FIELD STORM AND SANITARY SEPARATION PROJECT** **SRF Project WW 22 51 05 03**

Date: June 8, 2023

Pursuant to IC 5-1.2-3, the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in Montpelier's Preliminary Engineering Report 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: Baseball Field Storm and
Sanitary Separation Project
Montpelier
300 W. Washington St
Montpelier, IN 47359

SRF Project Number: **WW 22 51 05 03**

Authorized Representative: Honorable Mayor Kathy Bantz

II. PROJECT LOCATION

Project is located in Blackford County, Harrison township, Montpelier 24K USGS Quadrangle, township 24N, range 11E and sections 4 and 9. See **Figure 1**.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

Montpelier's 2022 Baseball Field Storm and Sanitary Separation includes:

- The installation of approximately 2,000 lineal feet of 24-inch and 36-inch storm pipe and associated appurtenances and restoration from the Baseball Fields north to Standard Blvd (Route 1),
- The installation of approximately 3,000 lineal feet of 12-inch through 42-inch storm pipe and associated appurtenances and restoration along North Grant Street from Windsor Street to Green Street (Route 2),
- The installation of approximately 4,000 lineal feet of 12-inch through 42-inch storm pipe and associated appurtenances and restoration along Standard Boulevard near the Old Street Department Garage (Route 3),
- The installation of approximately 1,500 lineal feet of 24-inch and 36-inch storm pipe and associated appurtenances and restoration around the Elementary School (Route 4),
- Removal of the existing comminutor at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP),
- Replacement of the impellers at the existing Headworks Lift Station with chopper style pump impellers, and
- Investigative work of the collection system to identify additional sources of infiltration and inflow, including smoke testing, flow monitoring, and flow model updates.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

Total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$7,514,480. Montpelier will finance the project with a loan from the Clean 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 installation of existing utilities and roadways. 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 15, 2023 at 2 pm at the Montpelier City Hall, 300 W Huntington St, Montpelier, IN 47359. 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.

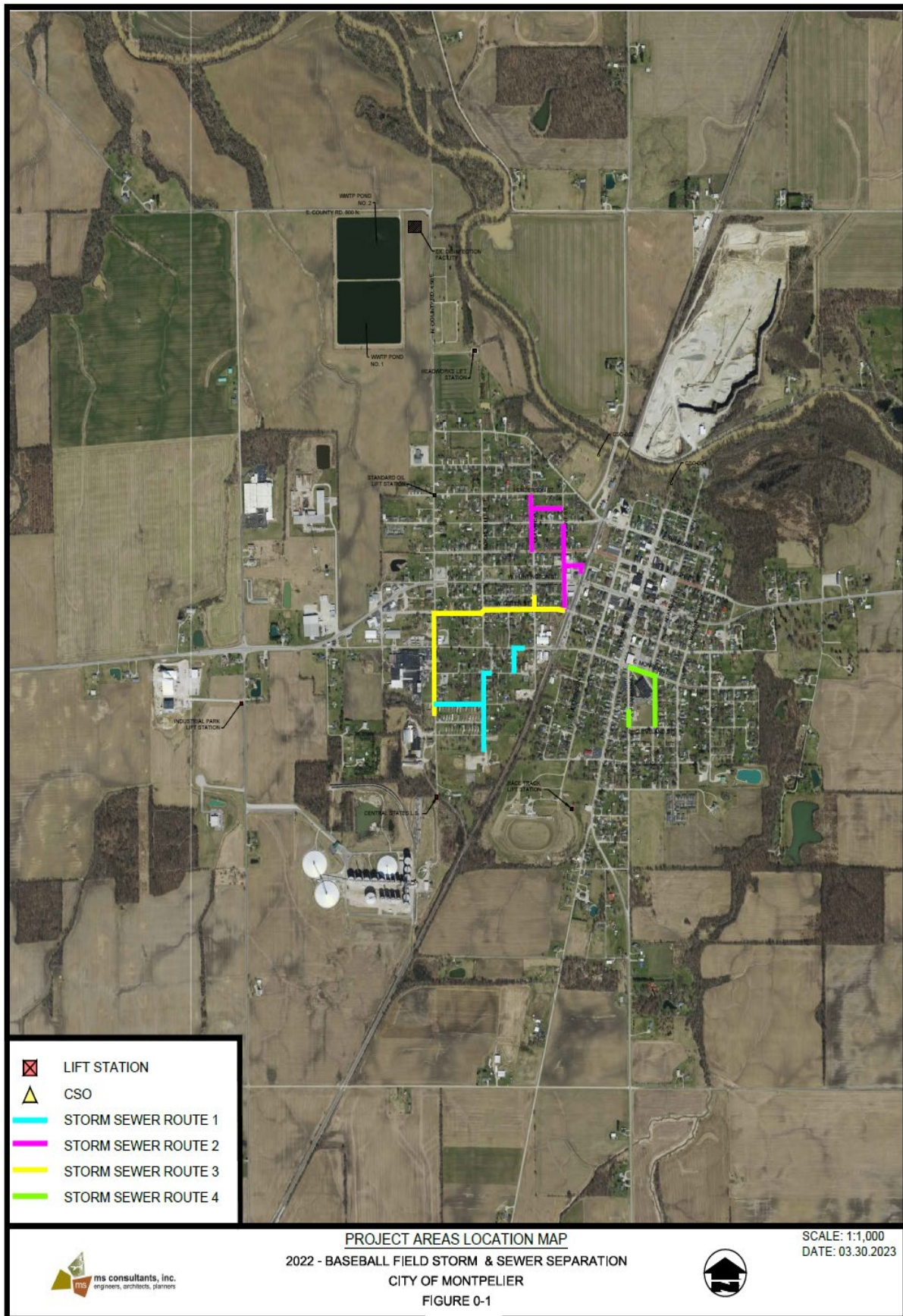


Figure 1 – Proposed Drinking Water Improvement Projects