



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 NASHVILLE
BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK
SRF Project DW 22 03 07 01

Date: March 16, 2022

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 Town of Nashville'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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SRF Programs
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Brown County State Park
Town of Nashville
PO Box 446
Nashville IN 47448

SRF Project Number: **DW 22 03 07 01**

Authorized Representative: Nancy Crocker, Town Council President

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located in Washington Township, Brown County.

Description	Civil Township	Township, Range & Section	USGS Quad Map Name(s)
Proposed Water Main Connection to Nashville, Booster Station, Storage Tank, Water Main Improvements	Washington	T9N, R3E, Sec 29	Nashville
Decommissioning of System Components			
Water Treatment Plant	Washington	T8N R3E Sec 32	Nashville
Underground 100,000-Gallon Clearwell Tank at Water Treatment Plant	Washington	T8N R3E Sec 32	Nashville
Raw Water Pumping Station	Washington	T8N R2E Sec 1	Nashville
Raw Water Pumping Station Intake & Piping	Washington	T8N R2E Sec 1	Nashville
Raw Water Pumping Station Backwash Lagoon/Pond	Washington	T8N R2E Sec 1	Nashville
Underground Tank at Raw Water Pumping Station	Washington	T8N R2E Sec 1	Nashville
North Tower Underground Tank	Washington	T9N, R3E, Sec 29	Nashville
Fire Tower Underground Tank	Washington	T9N R3E Sec 32	Nashville
Hoosier's Nest Shelter Underground Tank	Washington	T8N R3E Sec. 5	Nashville

See **Figures 1 and 2.**

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

In 2019 torrential rains forced the closure of the source of supply for Brown County State Park and therefore, the Park itself. With the completion of this project, Brown County State Park will regionalize with the Town of Nashville for potable water service. This will allow

the park to decommission its existing water treatment plant and other non-essential facilities and will provide the Park with a safe and reliable water supply.

The Brown County State Park project includes:

- Installation of approximately two miles of 6-inch through 10-inch diameter water main to connect facilities in the Park to the Town of Nashville
- Construction of a new water booster station and appurtenances
- Installation of a ground level water storage tank and appurtenances
- Decommissioning of facilities within the Park, including underground storage tanks and the existing water treatment plant.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

Total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$3,066,700. The Town of Nashville will 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 existing drinking water infrastructure. 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 May 27, 2021 at 4 pm at the Town of Nashville's Town Hall. 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.

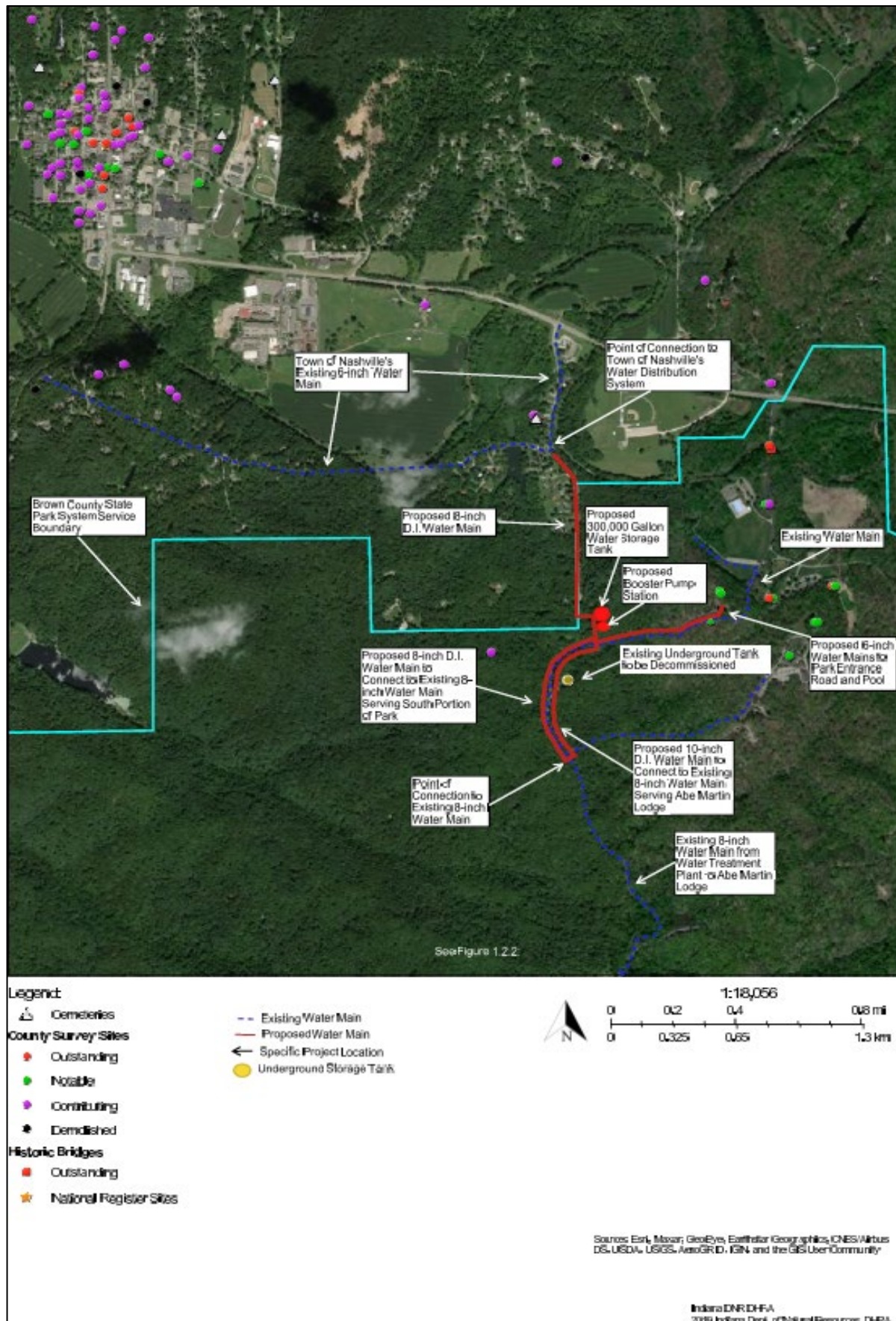


Figure 1 – Proposed project on the Indiana Buildings, Bridges and Cemeteries map

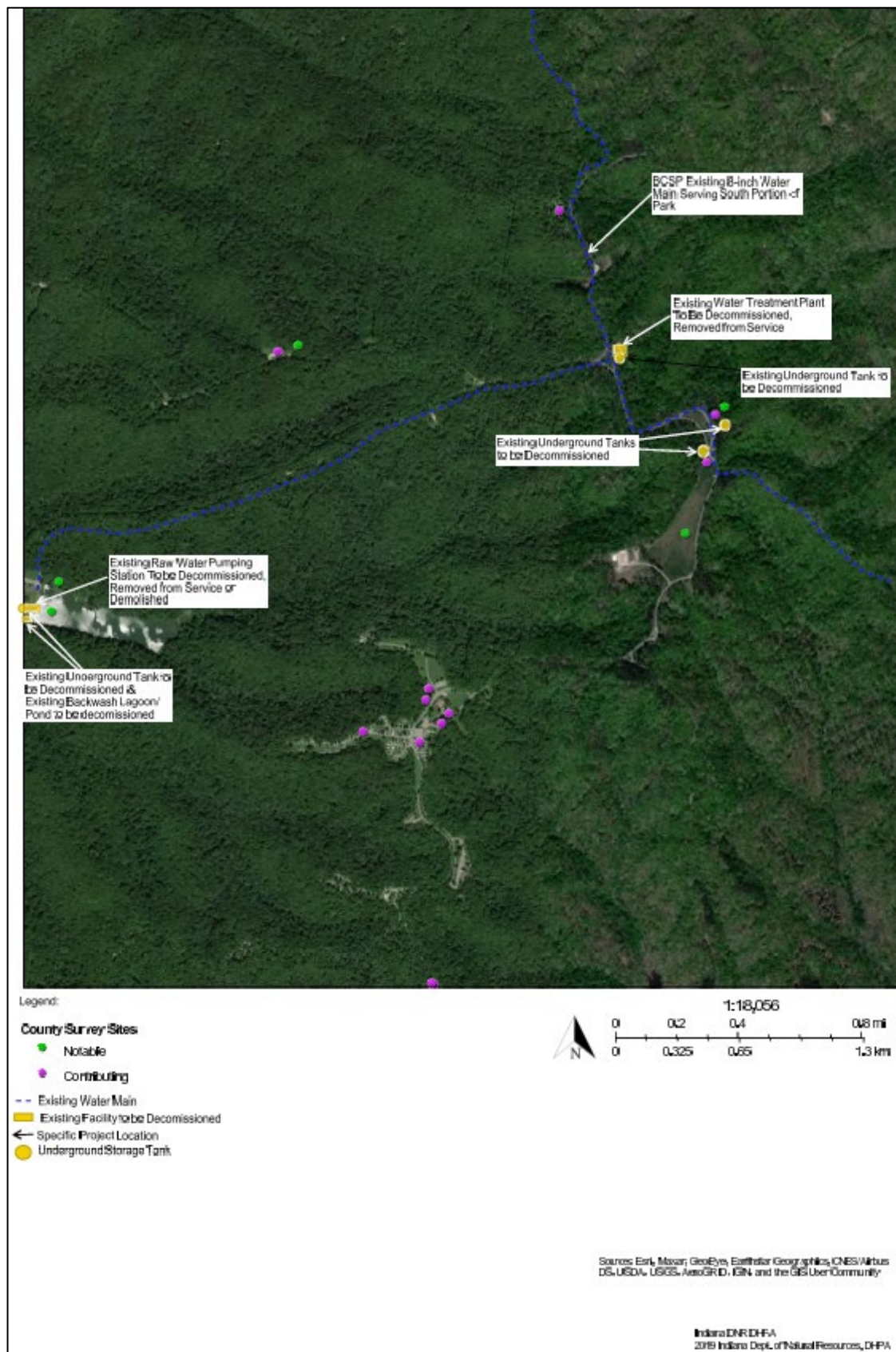


Figure 2 – Proposed project on the Indiana Buildings, Bridges and Cemeteries map