



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 ODON WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS SRF Project DW 22 37 14 00

Date: April 25, 2025

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 Odon'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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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Water Utility Improvements
Town of Odon
109 South Spring Street
Odon, IN 47562

SRF Project Number: **DW 22 37 14 00**

Authorized Representative: BJ Sanders, Town Council President

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located in Daviess County, Madison Township, Odon 24k USGS Quadrangle, Township 5N, Range 5W, and Sections 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, and 30. See **Figures 1 and 2**.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

Odon's Water Treatment Plant was built in 1981. The equipment and structures at the plant have either passed or are nearing the end of their useful life. The plant's design capacity has been exceeded during peak demand periods. To continue to serve existing customers and to meet 20-year water demand projections, an increase in supply and treatment capacity is needed. In addition, usable system storage capacity is inadequate.

The Water Utility Improvements Project includes:

- Supply improvements, including one new well and upgrades to two existing wells, and site piping;
- Treatment improvements, including 500 gpm package treatment system, new high service pumps, plant building expansion, chemical feed upgrades, backwash structure rehabilitation, electrical and controls, site piping, and demolition of existing package unit, pumps and piping; and
- Storage and pressure improvements, including new 400,000 gallon ground water storage tank, approximately 1,800 LF of 8-inch diameter water main, valving, booster pump station, electrical and controls, site access road and fencing.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY, AND FUNDING

The total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$5,464,400. The Town of Odon intends to finance the project with the Office of Community and Rural Affairs funds and 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 installation of 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 November 25, 2024, at 6 pm at the Town of Odon Community Building, 311 Park St, Odon IN, 47562. 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.

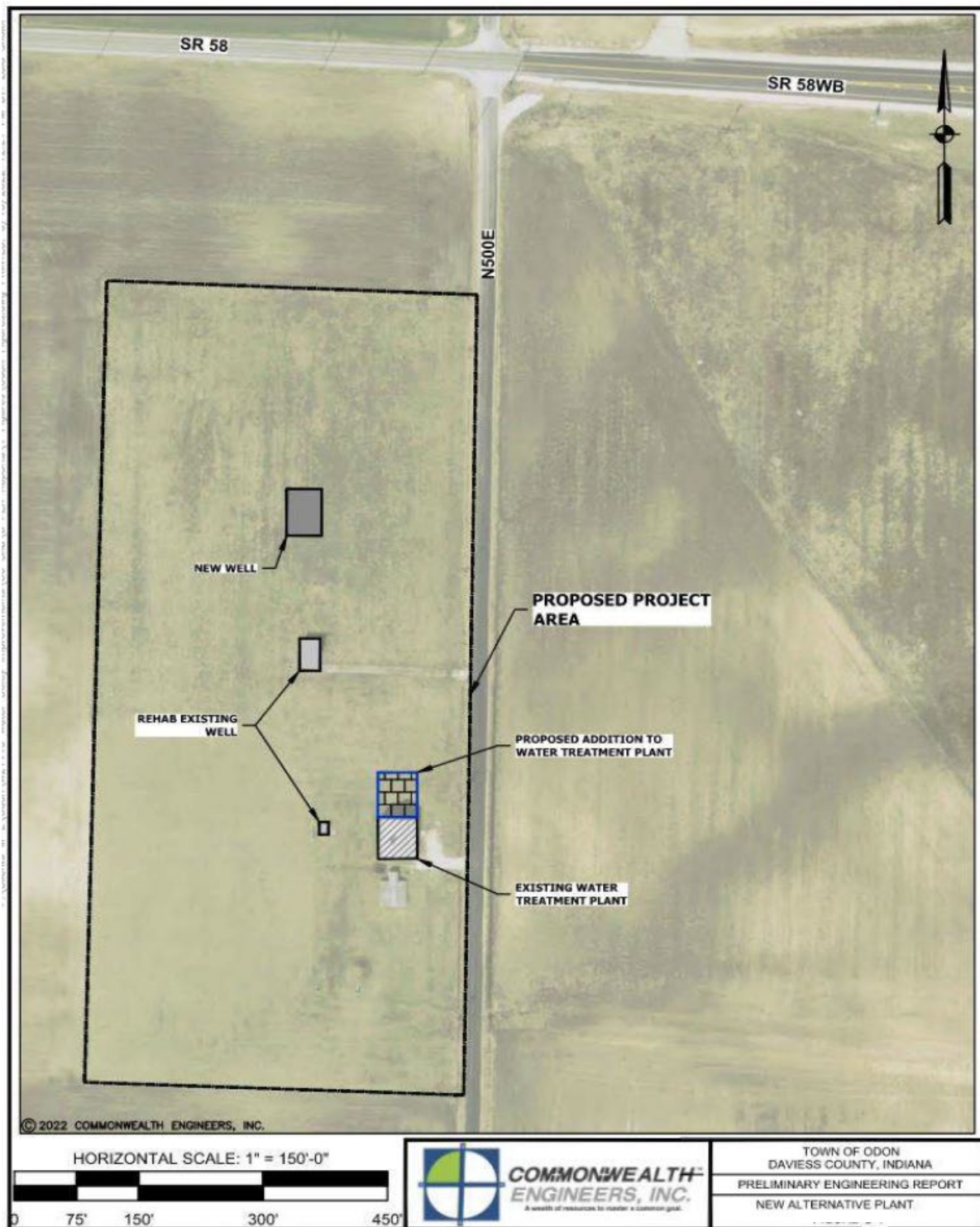


Figure 1

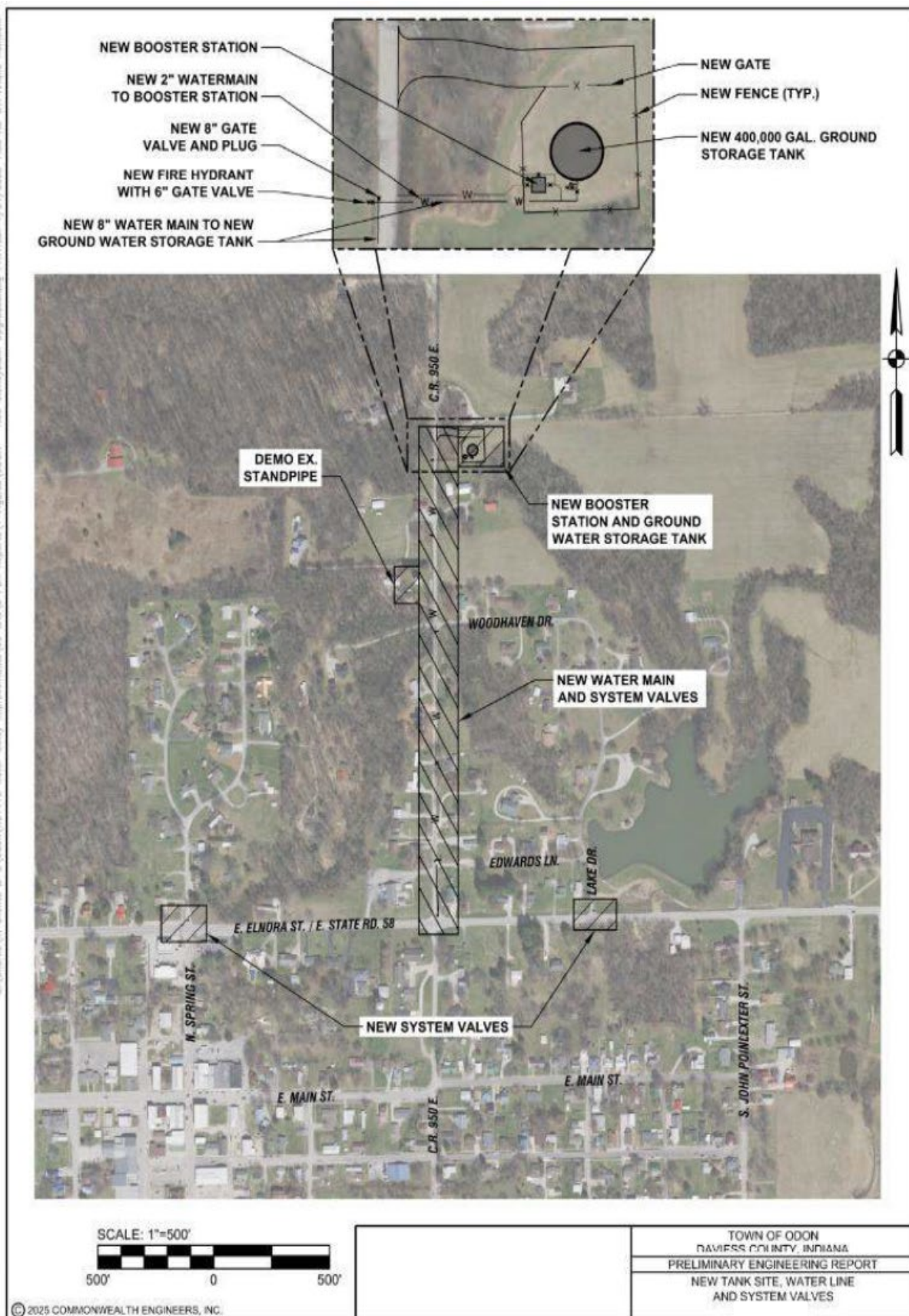


Figure 2