



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

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

CITY OF ROCHESTER ADDENDUM NO. 1 – PLANNING AND DESIGN SRF Project WW 21 08 25 01

Date: May 10, 2024

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 the Addendum to the City of Rochester'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: Addendum No. 1 – Planning and Design
City of Rochester
320 Main Street
Rochester, IN 46975

SRF Project Number: **WW 21 08 25 01**

Authorized Representative: Mayor Trent Odell

II. PROJECT LOCATION

This project is to fund planning and design for future projects.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

Addendum No. 1 consists of planning and preliminary design efforts associated with newly identified growth, and previously identified deficiencies at the WWTP. The April 2020 Preliminary Engineering Report will be updated to reassess current and 20-year needs. This will ensure the City's current and future wastewater needs are addressed in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

Total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$40,000. The City of Rochester will finance the project with funds from an existing loan from the Clean Water SRF Loan Program.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

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

The scope of work for this project is planning and design. Consistent with 36 CFR 800.3(a)(1) in the implementing regulations of the National Historic Preservation Act, the SRF has determined that the proposed undertaking is not a type of activity that has the potential to cause effects to historic properties.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A public notice was published on March 13, 2024 in the Rochester Sentinel. No written comments were received in the 5-day period following the notice for this project.