



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 TELL CITY

LEAD SERVICE AND SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

SRF Project DW 25 45 62 00, DW 24 17 62 01

Date: January 22, 2026

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 City of Tell City'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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State Revolving Fund
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Lead Service and System Improvements
City of Tell City
700 Main Street
Tell City, IN 47586

SRF Project Number: DW 25 45 62 00, DW 24 17 62 01

Authorized Representative: Chris Cail, Mayor

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project is located in Perry County, Troy Township, Perry 24k USGS Quadrangle, Township 6S, Range 3W, and Sections 32, 33, and 39. See **Exhibit 1**.

III. PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

Tell City's Lead Service and System Improvements The project includes the investigation of 350 service lines with unknown materials, and verification modeling of the system. The investigation and modeling tasks will assist in developing a lead service line replacement plan; service lines that are verified as lead or galvanized requiring replacement will be replaced. Other improvements include system-wide copper service line replacements and SCADA system replacements. The copper service lines are being replaced due to age, likelihood of failure and lack of backflow valves. The existing SCADA system replacement parts are no longer available; system-wide SCADA replacement is required.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY, AND FUNDING

The total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$4,211,000. The City intends to 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

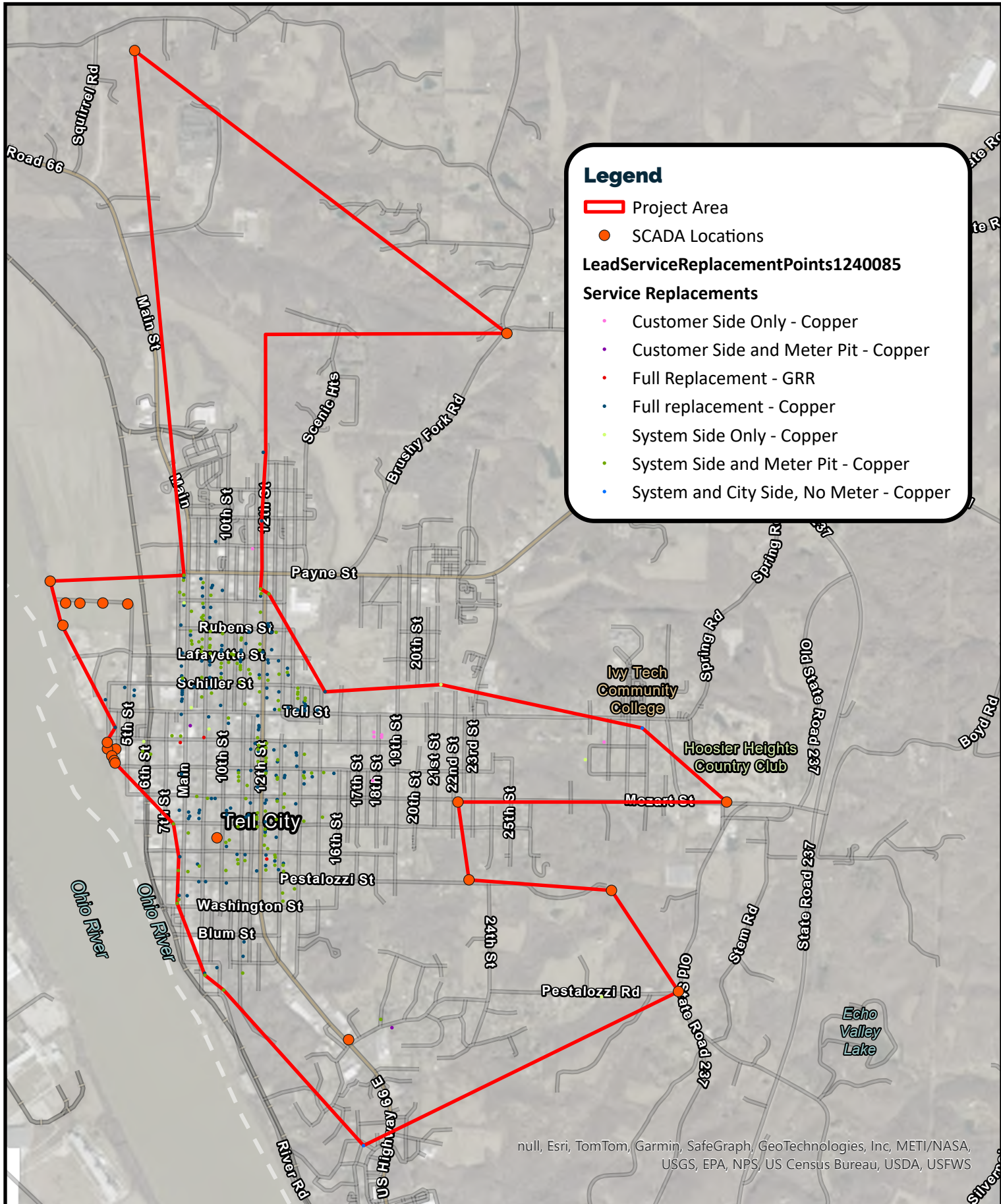
The environmental impacts will be minimal. All project activities will take place in areas previously disturbed by existing utilities. The proposed project will not affect streams, floodplains, wetlands, wooded areas, or other sensitive environmental resources and will not convert prime farmland.

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 April 21, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Council Chambers at City Hall, 700 Main Street, Tell City, IN 47586. 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.

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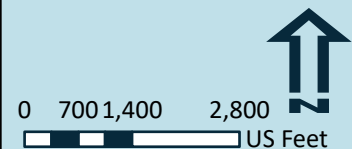


Exhibit 1

Recommended Alternative
Tell City, Indiana

