



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

### PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**TIPPECANOE AND CHAPMAN REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT  
EAST WEBSTER LAKE AREA WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM  
SRF Project WW 24 17 43 00**

**Date: January 26, 2026**

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 Tippecanoe and Chapman Regional Sewer District'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

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## I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: East Webster Lake Area Wastewater Collection System  
Tippecanoe and Chapman Regional Sewer District  
301 N Main Street, Ste 112  
North Webster, IN 46555

SRF Project Number: **WW 24 17 43 00**

Authorized Representative: Jeff Thornburg, President

## II. PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project is located in Kosciusko County, Tippecanoe Township, North Webster 24k USGS Quadrangle, Township 33N, Range 7E, and Sections 12-14. See **Figures 1-2**.

## III. PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

Residents of the East Webster Lake service area rely on onsite septic systems for wastewater disposal and treatment. Due to small lot sizes, an appropriate separation distance cannot be maintained between the groundwater wells and the septic systems. Many of these septic systems are old and failing, creating potential health and safety issues.

The Tippecanoe and Chapman RSD East Webster Lake Area Wastewater Collection System project includes:

- Approximately 150 grinder pump stations to eliminate approximately 200 residential septic systems including the Webster Bay Mobile Home Park septic systems;
- Approximately 5 miles (26,000 LF) of 1.25-inch to 4-inch diameter low pressure sewer and force main piping with associated appurtenances;
- Connection to the existing force main along Epworth Forest Road that was built as part of the Knapp Lake Area Conservancy District;
- New East Webster Lake Lift Station (Pump Station No. EW-1), serving both East Webster Lake and Knapp Lake Areas; and
- Wastewater will ultimately be treated by the Town of North Webster treatment plant.

## IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY, AND FUNDING

The total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$6,998,000. The Tippecanoe and Chapman RSD intends to 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

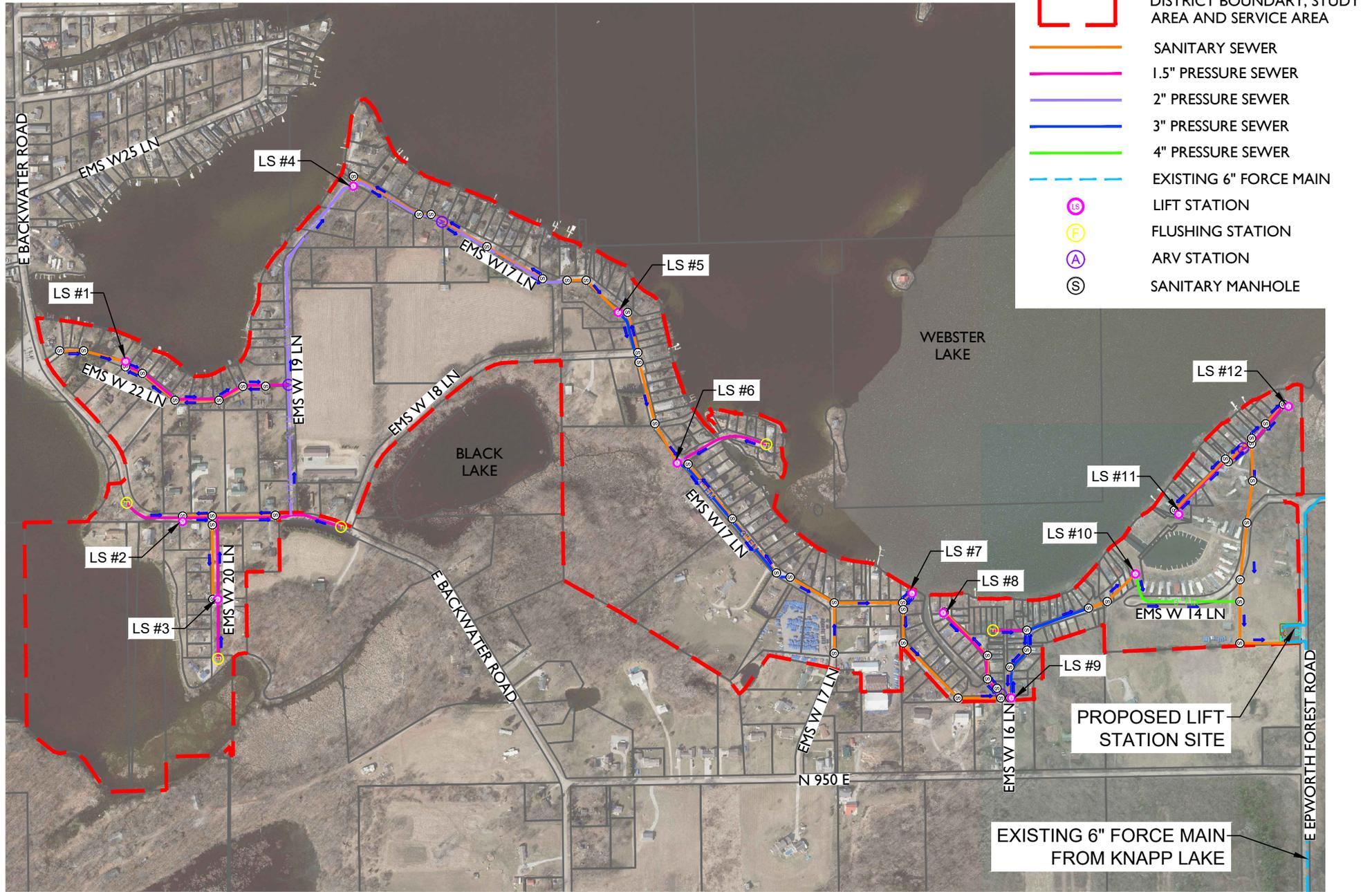
The environmental impacts will be minimal. All project activities will take place in areas previously disturbed. Areas not previously disturbed were subject to an archaeological investigation. The proposed project will not affect streams, floodplains, wetlands, wooded areas, or other sensitive environmental 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 January 8, 2024, at 4:30 pm at the North Webster Community Center, 301 N. Main St, North Webster, IN 46555. Several questions were asked by the public and answered during the hearing. There was one email received prior to the hearing and one received in the 5-day period following the hearing for this project. These emails were answered in a timely manner.

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**LEGEND**

- DISTRICT BOUNDARY, STUDY AREA AND SERVICE AREA
- SANITARY SEWER
- 1.5" PRESSURE SEWER
- 2" PRESSURE SEWER
- 3" PRESSURE SEWER
- 4" PRESSURE SEWER
- EXISTING 6" FORCE MAIN
- LS LIFT STATION
- F FLUSHING STATION
- A ARV STATION
- S SANITARY MANHOLE

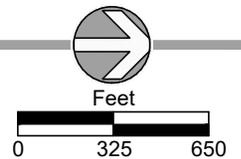
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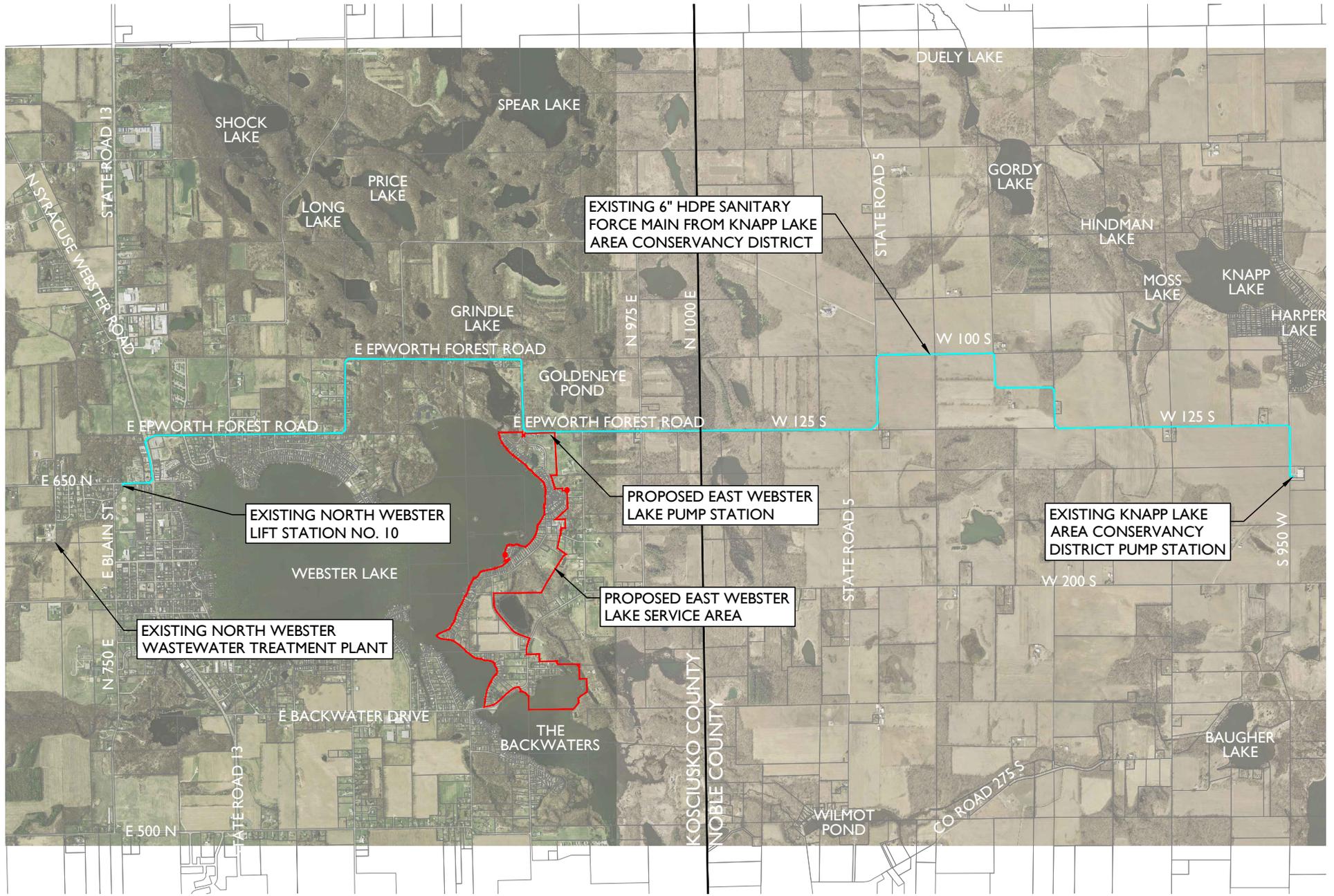
**FIGURE 1**  
GRAVITY SEWER LAYOUT  
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# EAST WEBSTER WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM

FIGURE 2

EXISTING FACILITIES

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