



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

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

MAYSVILLE REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT (RWSD) SEPTIC ELIMINATION PROJECTS ADDENDUM NO. 1 SRF Project WW 22 38 02 03

Date: May 1, 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 Maysville RWSD'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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SRF Programs
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Septic Elimination Projects
 Addendum No. 1
 Maysville RWSD
 18633 SR 37 (PO 413)
 Harlan, IN 46743

SRF Project Number: **WW 22 38 02 03**

Authorized Representative: Judy James, Board of Trustees President

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed projects are located in Allen County, Milan township, Grabill 24k USGS Quadrangle, township 31N, range 14E and sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, and 12; and Springfield township, 32N, 14E, sections 27, 28, 29 and 30. See **Figure 1**.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

This document relates to Change Order No. 1 for the previously approved Phase 1-Brush College Road septic tank elimination project. The change order incorporates additional connections to the proposed sewer at the southern limits of the original project area, south of Ehle Road. The change order also increases the size of the low-pressure force main from 2-inch to 3-inch along Brush College Road, south of Ward Road, to accommodate future planned septic elimination projects.

Many of the septic systems within the proposed project areas are failing or not in compliance with current codes. Septic tank failures result in leakage of untreated and/or partially treated sewage, which leads to negative environmental impacts, health, and safety hazards. The proposed project will correct the environmental, health, and safety concerns caused by failing septic tanks in the area.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

Total construction cost of the Phase I project is estimated to be approximately \$1,600,000. The Maysville RWSD will finance the project with 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 or subject to an archaeological survey. 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 public notice was published on March 26, 2024 in the East Allen Courier. No written comments were received following the notice for this project.

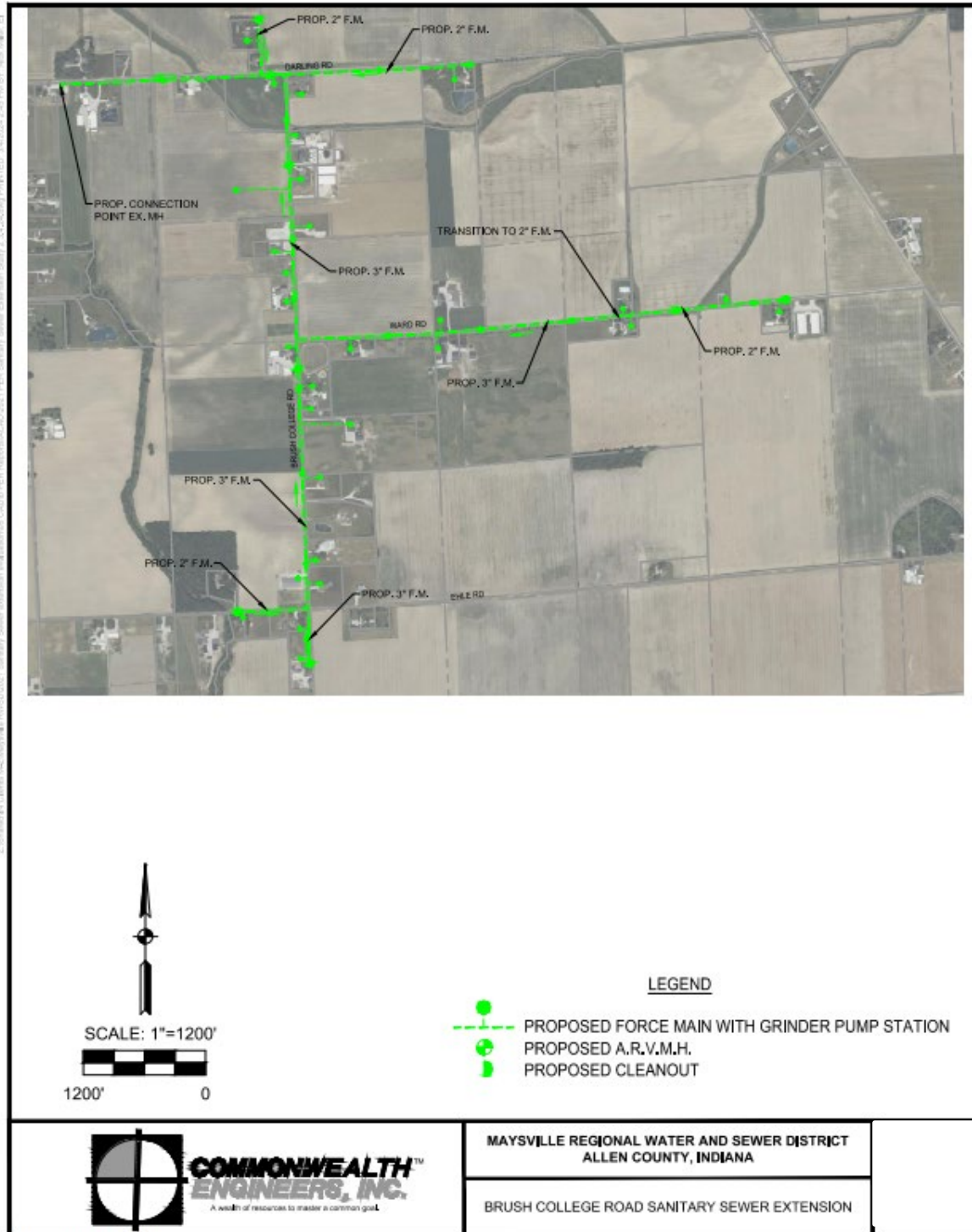


Figure 1