

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL CONSISTENCY REVIEW
LAKE MICHIGAN COASTAL ZONE PROGRAM**

Project Number: ER-17313

Name of Applicant: Max Henschen

Address of Applicant:

Indiana Finance Authority
100 North Senate Avenue
Room 1275
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Project Description:

Shady Oaks Mobile Home Park new sewer installation, and Riley Sheridan Beach and Riley Combs sewer replacement; Michigan City Sanitary District; SRF Project #WW 13 11 46 02

Location of Project:

Michigan City, LaPorte County

Send comments to the following no later than Sunday, December 15, 2013:

Federal Consistency Review Coordinator, Environmental Unit
Division of Fish and Wildlife
Department of Natural Resources
402 West Washington Street, Room W273
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Electronic mail: environmentalreview@dnr.in.gov

Copies of the request, accompanying information and data are available for inspection at the following location:

Environmental Unit
Division of Fish and Wildlife
Department of Natural Resources
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Indianapolis, IN 46204



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs

Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

MEMORANDUM

TO: Christie Stanifer, Environmental Coordinator
Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish & Wildlife
402 West Washington St., Room W 273
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2781
For Federal Consistency Review Lake Michigan Coastal Zone

FROM: Max Henschen *MH* 2-8623 mhensche@ifa.in.gov
Senior Environmental Manager
SRF Programs IGCN 1275

DATE: December 2, 2013

SUBJECT: **Michigan City Sanitary District; LaPorte County; Springfield and Michigan townships**

1. Shady Oaks MHP New Sewer
2. Riley Sheridan Beach Sewer Replacement
3. Riley Combs Sewer Replacement

State Revolving Fund Project WW13 11 46 02

Here are three projects: one addresses the need for adequate wastewater treatment for the Shady Oaks Mobile Home Park, and the other two address the need to replace undersized and deteriorated sanitary sewers. No federal permits are involved.

The projects will not negatively affect the Lake Michigan Coastal Program Area. We assert that the project will be conducted consistent with state laws to the maximum extent practicable.

The projects are described and illustrated in the attached Categorical Exclusions.

We ask that your office review the enclosed material and notify us of your comments on the project as soon as possible. Comments should be sent to me. **Please include the project name and SRF project # and project name in your reply.**

MTH/mth

Attachments: Categorical Exclusions for Michigan City Shady Oaks, Sheridan Beach and Riley Combs projects.



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

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**MICHIGAN CITY SANITARY DISTRICT
Riley/Combs/Michigan Sewer Replacement
SRF Project # WW 13 11 46 02**

Date: November 22, 2013

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the Michigan City Sanitary District's Preliminary Engineering Report will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion 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 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.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager
SRF Programs
317-232-8623; mhensche at ifa.in.gov

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: **Riley/Combs/Michigan Sewer Replacement**
Michigan City Sanitary District
1100 E. Eighth Street
Michigan City, IN 46360

SRF Project Number: WW13 11 46 02

Authorized Representative: Michael Kuss, General Manager

II. PROJECT LOCATION

Michigan City is located in LaPorte County. The project area is in Michigan Township, Michigan City West USGS 7.5' quadrangle, Township 38 North, Range 4 West, Section 28.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The city will install new sewers to replace deteriorating and undersized sewers in the streets and alleys shown on Figure 1.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

Estimated project cost is \$827,353. The District will finance the project with a 20-year loan from the SRF program at an interest rate to be determined at the time of 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

All work will occur within areas previously disturbed by sewer installation under existing streets. The project will not affect wetlands, wooded areas, floodplains or prime farmland. Construction and operation of the project will not alter, demolish or remove historic properties; see Figure 2. 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 the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, is: "no historic properties affected."

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The proposed project was mentioned at a properly public noticed Public Hearing on December 19, 2012. Members of the public did not comment at the Hearing, and the District did not receive written comments in the 5-day post-Hearing period.



FIGURE 1: Proposed Sewer Replacements (yellow lines)

**RILEY COURT / COMBS STREET / MICHIGAN BOULEVARD
SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

For:
**The Sanitary District of Michigan City
 Michigan City, LaPorte County, Indiana**

OCTOBER 17, 2013

PREPARED BY:

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

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**MICHIGAN CITY SANITARY DISTRICT
Shady Oaks Mobile Home Park: Connection to District
SRF Project # WW 13 11 46 02**

Date: October 14, 2013

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the Michigan City Sanitary District's Preliminary Engineering Report will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: **Shady Oaks MHP: Connection to District**
Michigan City Sanitary District
1100 E. Eighth Street
Michigan City, IN 46360

SRF Project Number: WW13 11 46 02

Authorized Representative: Michael Kuss, General Manager

II. PROJECT LOCATION

Michigan City is located in LaPorte County. The Wildrose pumping station and the proposed north-south sewer line crossing the railroad, Grand Beach Road, and US 12 are in Michigan Township, New Buffalo West USGS quadrangle, Township 38N, Range 4W, Section 13. The proposed line from the Mobile Home Park (MHP) to the north-south alignment will be in Springfield and Michigan townships, New Buffalo West and Michigan City East quadrangles, T38N, R4W, sections 13 and 18. All work will occur within previously disturbed areas and under existing streets and a railroad. See Figure 1.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The Shady Oaks MHP is under an Agreed Order from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to connect to the Michigan City Sanitary District due to the failing wastewater treatment plant in the MHP.

The District will install a 12-inch sewer from the MHP to carry MHP sanitary flows to the Wildrose pump station; the sewer will cross under White Ditch, US Highway 12, the AMTRAK railroad, and Grand Beach Road on its way to the pump station.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

The estimated project cost is \$682,662. The District will finance the project with a 20-year loan from the SRF program at an interest rate to be determined at the time of loan closing. Monthly user rates and charges may need to be analyzed to determine if adjustments are required for loan repayment.

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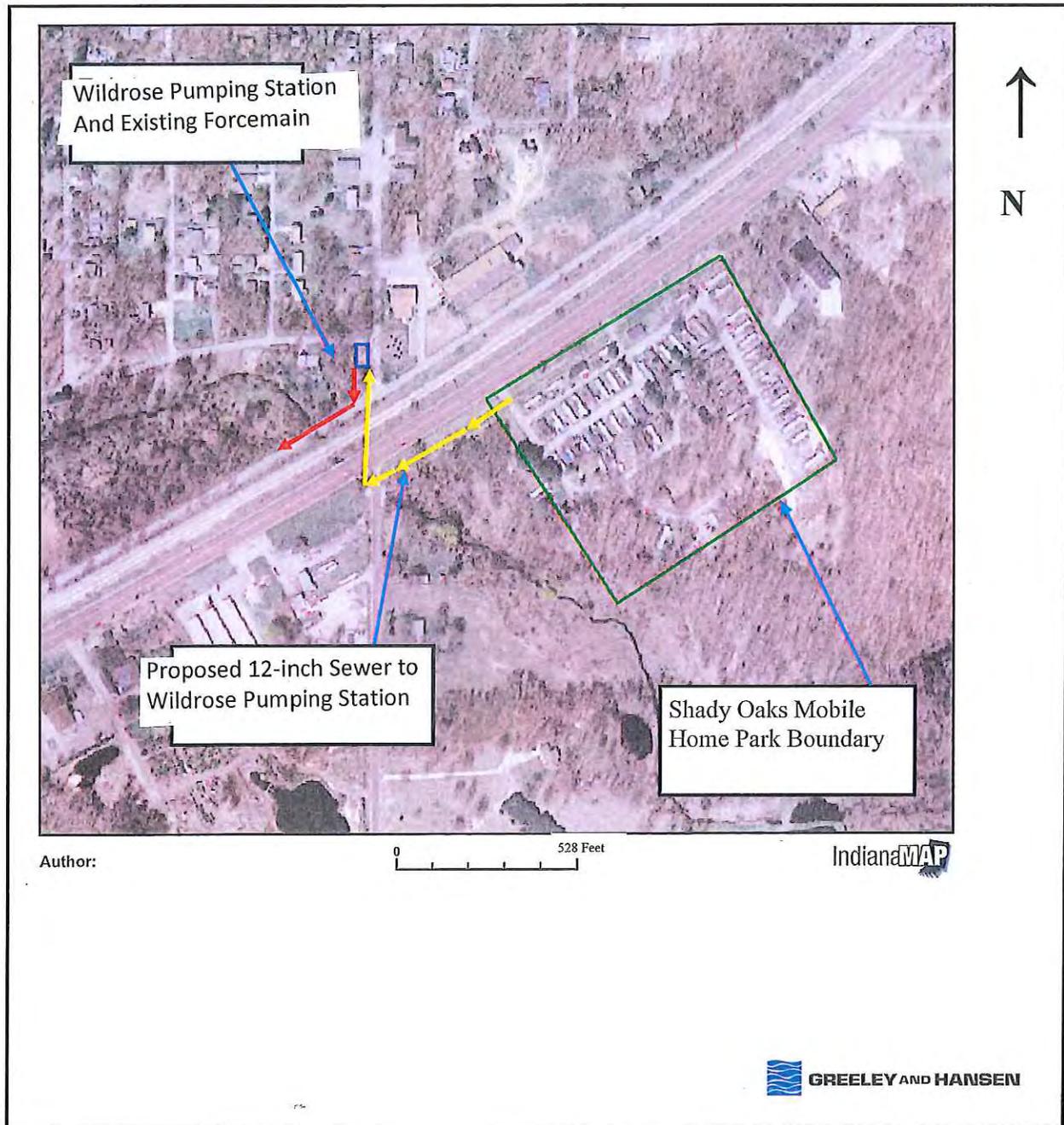


FIGURE 1: US Highway 12/Shady Oaks MHP Project



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PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**MICHIGAN CITY SANITARY DISTRICT
Sheridan Beach Sewer Separation
SRF Project # WW 13 11 46 02**

Date: October 14, 2013

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the Michigan City Sanitary District's Preliminary Engineering Report will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

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Project Name and Address: **Sheridan Beach Sewer Separation**
Michigan City Sanitary District
1100 E. Eighth Street
Michigan City, IN 46360

SRF Project Number: WW13 11 46 02

Authorized Representative: Michael Kuss, General Manager

II. PROJECT LOCATION

Michigan City is located in LaPorte County. The Sheridan Beach project is in Michigan Township, Michigan City West USGS 7.5' quadrangle, Township 38 North, Range 4 West, Section 21. See Figure 1. All work will occur within existing streets.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The sanitary sewer system in this area discharges into the municipal sanitary sewer through the Lake Avenue pumping station. However, over the past several decades, storm water has been diverted into the sanitary sewer via street inlets, driveway grates, roof drains, etc., so that the sanitary sewer functions as a combined sewer and the pumping station receives significant flows during wet weather.

To remedy the situation, the city will install storm sewers in the Sheridan Beach area to remove public inlets, private drains and downspouts. The District will also install infiltration drains to keep stormwater from an inlet currently tied into the sanitary sewer.

The project area has been divided into two areas: (1) Primary Area: Lake Shore Drive, Lake Avenue and Prairie Avenue; and (2) Alternate 1: Colfax Avenue and its side avenues: Nevada, Illinois, Georgia and Louisiana.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

The Primary Area's estimated project cost is \$2,405,373 and the Alternate 1 estimated project cost is \$754,944. The Alternate 1 project will be implemented if bids for the Primary Area are low enough and if the District has the financial capability. The District will finance the project with a 20-year loan from the SRF program at an interest rate to be determined at the time of 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 project will not affect wetlands, wooded areas, floodplains or prime farmland. Construction and operation of the project will not alter, demolish or remove historic properties; see figures 2 and 3. 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 the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, is: "no historic properties affected."

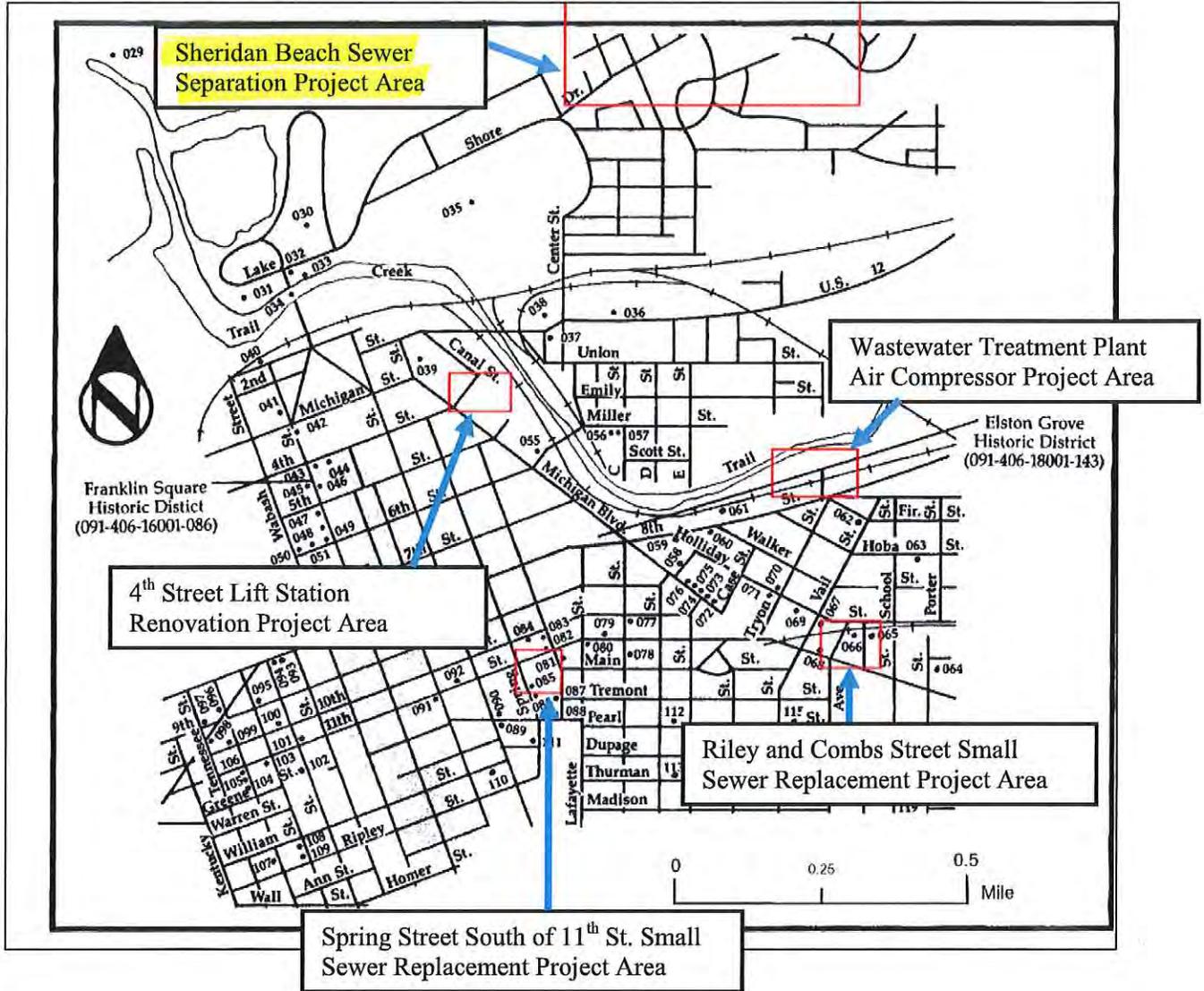
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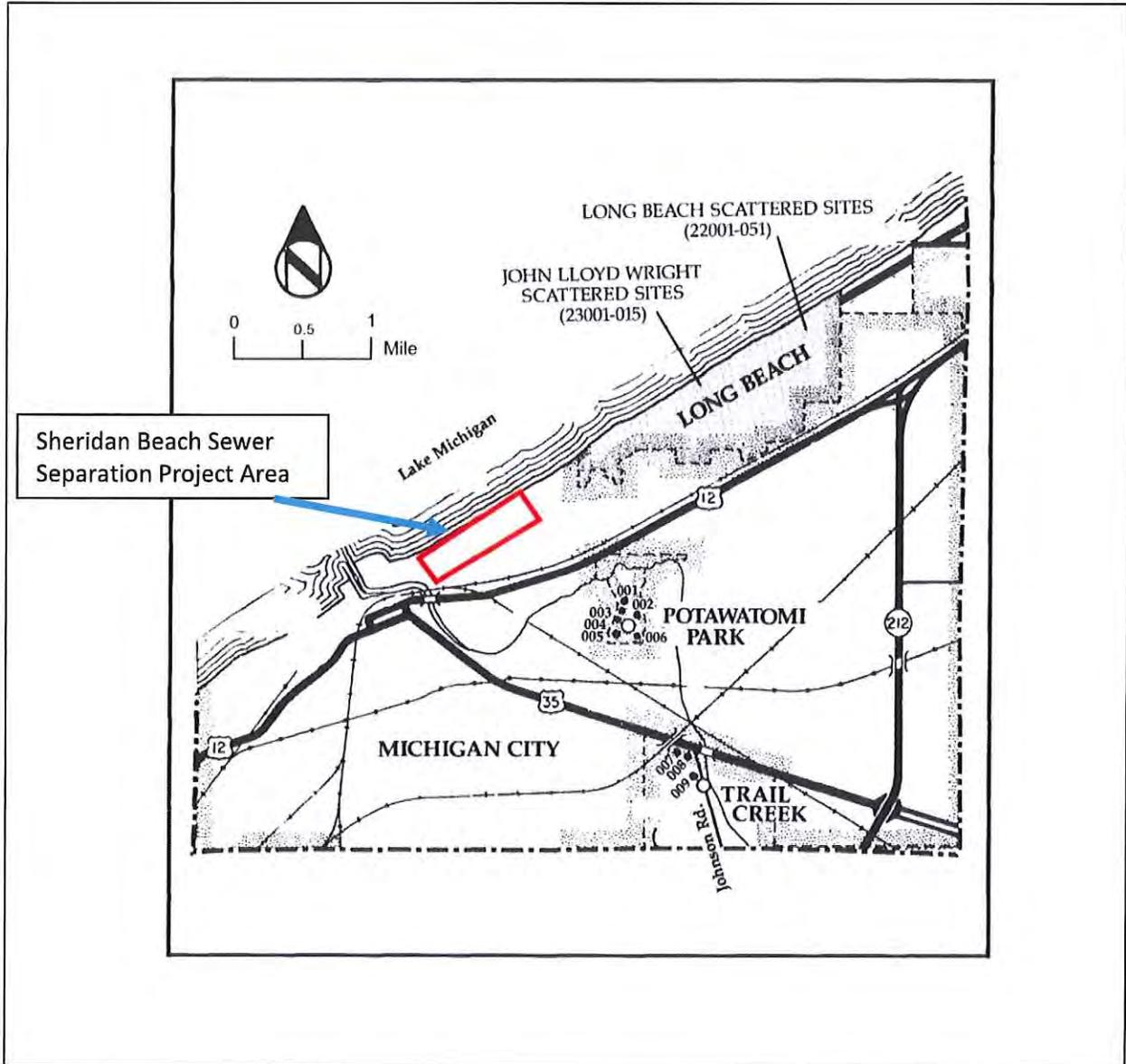
FIGURE 1 Sheridan Beach Sewer Separation Project Location

Michigan City Scattered Sites (21029-119)



**FIGURE 2: from LaPorte County Interim Report
 Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory**

Michigan Township (15001-009)



**FIGURE 3: from LaPorte County Interim Report
Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory**