



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

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

LOGANSPORT UTILITIES WWTP HEADWORKS IMPROVEMENTS SRF Project WW 23 46 09 10

Date: July 16, 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 Logansport Utilities' 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: WWTP Headworks Improvements
 Logansport Utilities
 601 E. Broadway #101
 Logansport, IN 46947

SRF Project Number: **WW 23 46 09 10**

Authorized Representative: Greg Toth, CEO/Superintendent

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project is located in Cass County, Eel township, Logansport 24k USGS Quadrangle, Township 99, Range 99 and Section Barron. See **Figures 1 and 2**.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The City of Logansport Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) underwent improvements in 2016 that allow the facility to operate at a peak design flow rate of 18 MGD. The headworks structure was not included in the 2016 improvements and has exceeded its useful life. Therefore, headworks facility improvements are needed.

The Headworks Improvements Project includes:

- Rehabilitation of existing influent structure;
- Septage receiving station;
- Mechanical fine screening with screw conveyors and dumpster;
- Grit removal system, including grit separation, pumping, and washing;
- Submersible influent pumping, including VFDs (GPR) and flow metering;
- Non-potable water system improvements;
- Structural and Motor Control Center upgrades;
- Instrumentation and SCADA system improvements;
- Standby generator; and
- Site work and site piping, including access drives and effluent bypass channel replacement.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

Total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$20,750,000. Logansport Utilities will 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 by construction of the existing WWTP. 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 March 26, 2024, at 5 pm at Logansport Utilities Board Room, Logansport City Building, 601 E. Broadway Street, Logansport, IN 46947. A question regarding the WWTP capacity was addressed during the hearing. No written comments were received in the 5-day period following the hearing for this project.

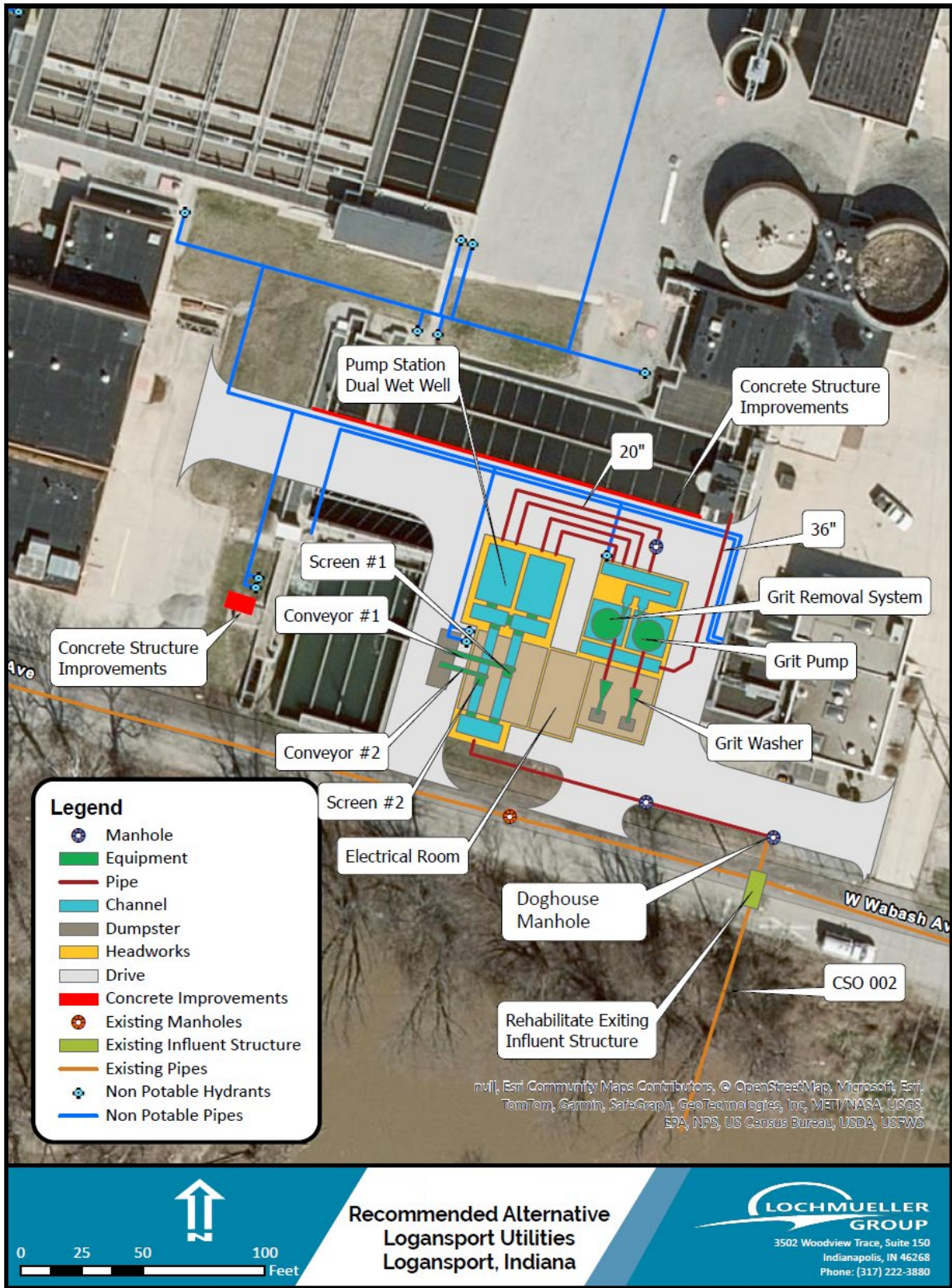


Figure 1

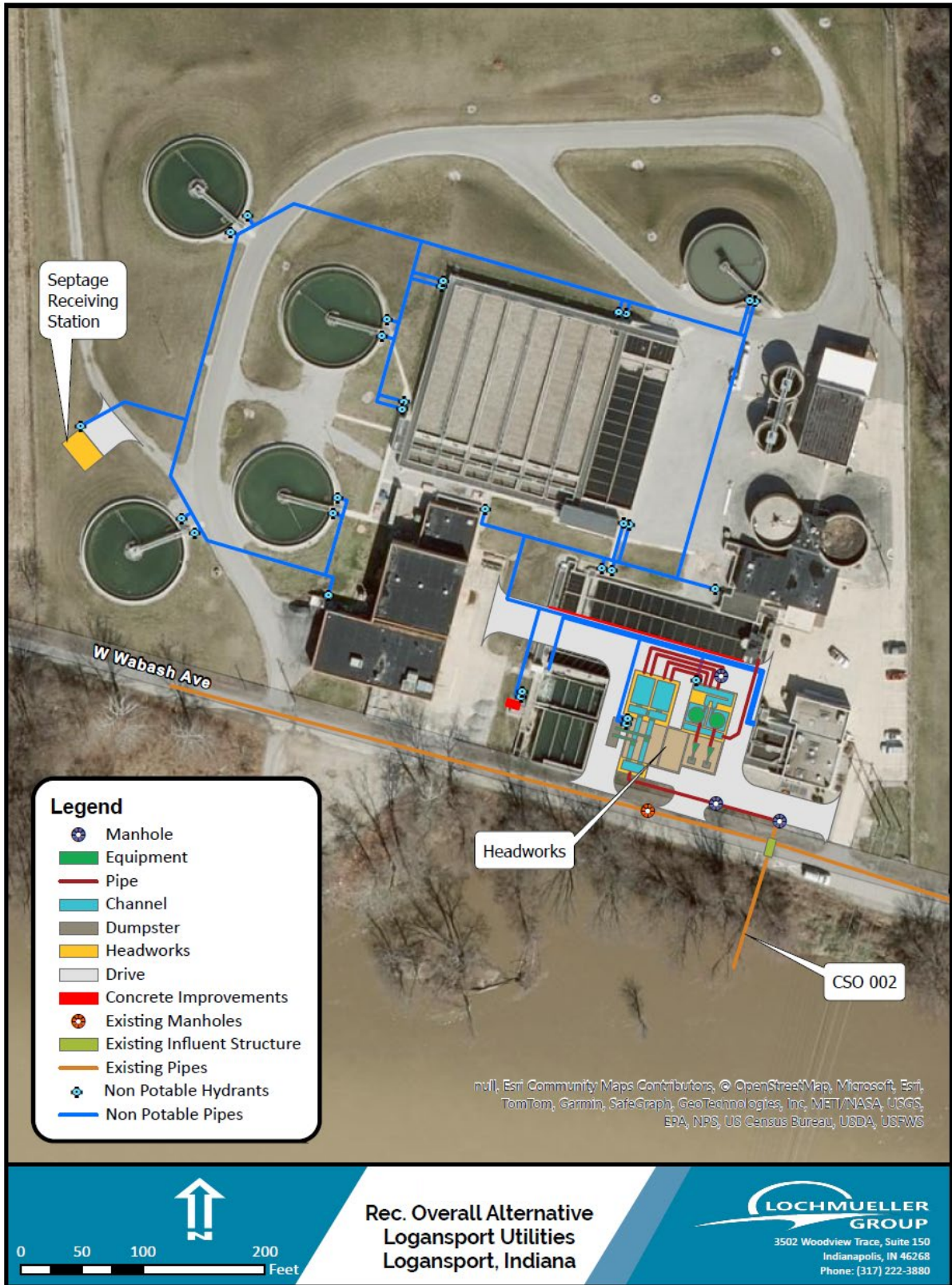


Figure 2