



## CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM

### CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO: All Interested Citizens, Government Agencies and Public Groups

In accordance with the Nebraska Clean Water State Revolving Fund environmental review process, which is based on the National Environmental Policy Act, an environmental review has been performed on the proposed agency action below:

This information reviews the environmental impact likely from a project. This project is planned to be federally funded wholly or in part through your tax dollars; therefore, you are entitled to take part in its review. If you have concerns about the environmental impact of this project, please provide them at this time. The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) encourages public input in this decision-making process.

PROJECT NAME:	Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Replacement
APPLICANT:	Hampton, Nebraska
COUNTY:	Hamilton
POPULATION:	423 (2010 census)
NDEE ID NO.:	57730
AWIN SUSTAINABILITY SCORE:	1 - low risk
CWSRF PROJECT NUMBER:	C318023
TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT:	\$130,000
ESTIMATED CWSRF LOAN AMOUNT:	\$130,000

The Village of Hampton needs to replace a sanitary sewer lift station. The Village has applied for financial assistance through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan program to fund the project. The Village's existing lift station has aged and needs to be replaced by a new wet well submersible lift station. In addition, a generator hookup and valve vault adjacent will be constructed. The two new submersible pumps will be installed on a slide rail system so maintenance can be conducted outside the wet well. Finally, the project will include new pump controls, motor starters and electrical equipment.

The project will have a positive impact on the environment. The project will result in continued wastewater treatment of the Village's sewage flows with a lower risk of blockage or failure of the lift station pumps, which could result in backup of untreated sewage into Village homes. Wastewater will continue to be pumped to the Village's Wastewater Treatment Facility.

The project is eligible for financing through the CWSRF and is currently listed on the CWSRF SFY2020 Intended Use Plan Planning List. The Village qualifies for a 15 year loan at a program interest rate of 1.5 percent. In addition to principal and interest payments, an administrative fee of 1.0 percent of the loan balance would be assessed each year. The Village's Assessing Infrastructure Wastewater Needs (AWIN) score is 1 and is considered a low risk category which does

not qualify the Village for CWSRF Loan Forgiveness. The Village's median household income is \$56,429, which does not qualify the Village for any CWSRF small town grant assistance.

Sewer use fees would be pledged to repay the loan. Current residential sewer use rates are a flat rate of \$14.50 per month. The Village of Hampton has approximately 207 residential and commercial sewer connections. It is estimated that sewer rates would need to be raised by \$4.86 per month to cover the proposed CWSRF debt service and 10 percent coverage requirement. This would equate to a projected residential sewer rate of \$19.36 per month.

The proposed project was reviewed for eligibility for a categorical exclusion from National Environmental Policy Act review specified in 40 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 6.204. The project meets all criteria described in the above reference and the Department has determined that this project is eligible for categorical exclusion. Consequently, a preliminary decision has been made that a Finding of No Significant Impact will not be prepared. The project as proposed is solely directed toward rehabilitation of the existing lift station.

Justification for categorical exclusion includes:

- The proposed action is not known or expected to have potentially significant environmental impacts on the quality of the human environment either individually or cumulatively over time;
- The proposed action is not known or expected to significantly affect federally listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat;
- The proposed action is not known or expected to significantly affect national natural landmarks or any property with nationally significant historic, architectural, prehistoric archeological or cultural value, including but not limited to, property listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places;
- The proposed action is not known or expected to significantly affect environmentally important natural resource areas as wetlands, floodplains, prime farmland, wild and scenic rivers, and significant fish or wildlife habitat;
- The proposed action is not known or expected to have a significant effect on the pattern and type of land use (industrial, commercial, agricultural, recreational, residential) or growth and distribution of population including altering the character of existing residential areas, or may not be inconsistent with state or local government, or federally-recognized Indian tribe approved land use plans or federal land management plans.
- The proposed action is not known or expected to cause significant public controversy about a potential environmental impact of the proposed action.

The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy shall revoke the categorical exclusion and shall require a full environmental review if, subsequent to the granting of exclusion, the state determines that the proposed project no longer meets the requirements for a categorical exclusion due to changes in the proposed project; or new evidence reveals that serious local or environmental issues exist; or federal, state, local or tribal laws are being violated.

This action is taken on the basis of careful review of the application and other supporting data, which are on file in the office of the NDEE. These are available for public review upon request. Persons having a comment on this categorical exclusion determination are encouraged to submit such comments directly to Tom Fuenning, Review Engineer, of the Technical Assistance Section of NDEE, who can be reached at (402) 471-4989 or email: [tom.fuenning@nebraska.gov](mailto:tom.fuenning@nebraska.gov) or John Danforth, Project Manager, of the Financial Assistance Section of NDEE who can be reached at (402) 471-3373 or email: [john.r.danforth@nebraska.gov](mailto:john.r.danforth@nebraska.gov).

Signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Macy".

Jim Macy  
Director

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- Attachments: Distribution List  
Maps
- a. Location Map
  - b. Floodplain Map
  - c. Existing Lift Station Photo

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DISTRIBUTION LIST

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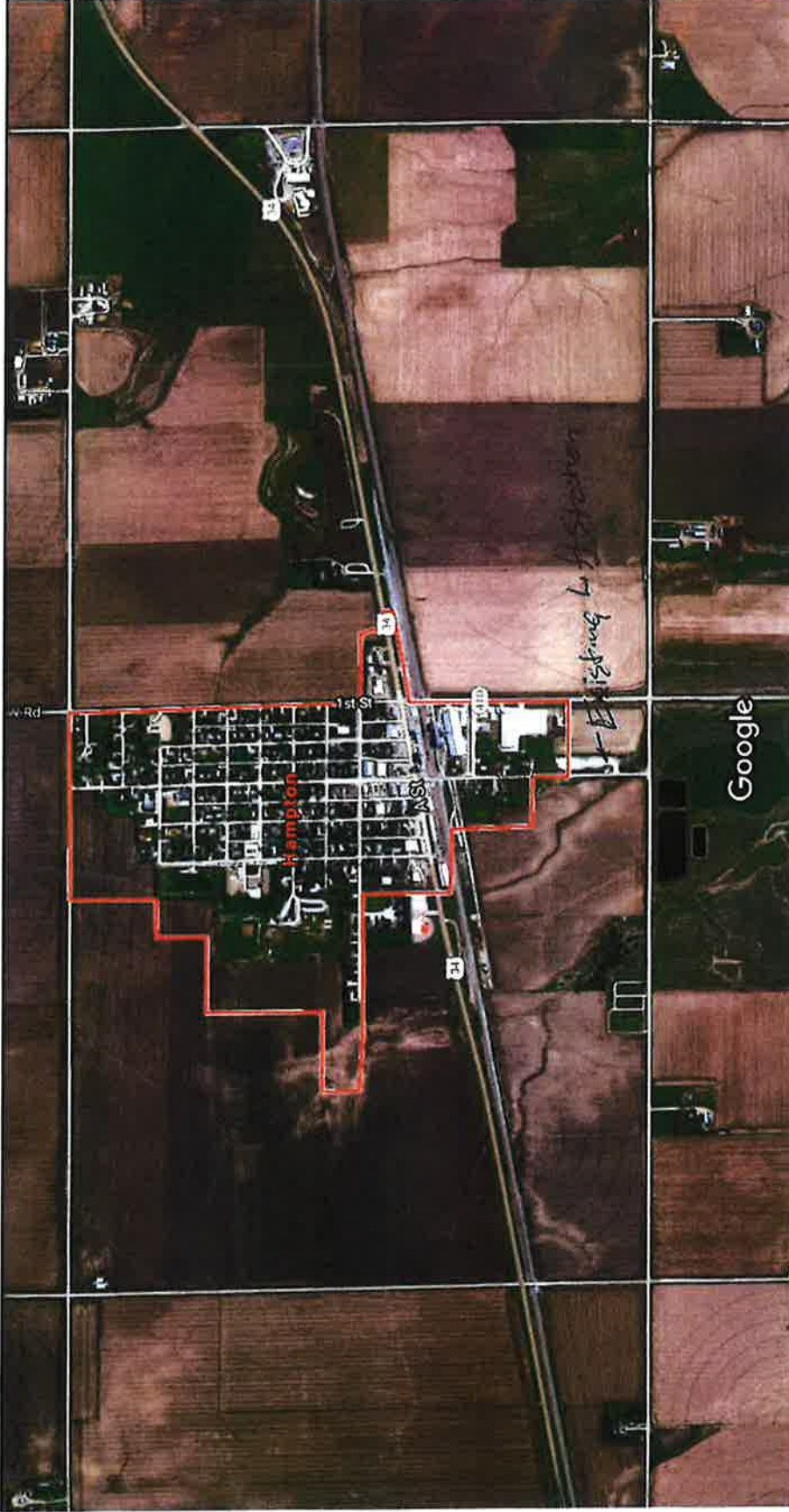
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