



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:	Falls City, Nebraska
COUNTY:	Richardson
POPULATION:	4,325 (2010 census)
NDEE ID NO.:	57715
AWIN SUSTAINABILITY SCORE:	15 - moderate risk
CWSRF PROJECT NUMBER:	C318022
TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT:	\$375,000
ESTIMATED CWSRF LOAN AMOUNT:	\$225,000
ESTIMATED CWSRF LOAN FORGIVENESS:	\$150,000

The City of Falls City needs to replace a sanitary sewer lift station. The City has applied for financial assistance through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan program to fund the project. Falls City'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 next to the new wet well which will be positioned adjacent to the existing lift station. 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 Falls City'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 city homes. Wastewater will continue to be pumped to Falls City's Mechanical Wastewater Treatment Facility.

The project is eligible for financing through the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) and is currently listed on the CWSRF SFY2020 Intended Use Plan Planning List. Falls City qualifies for a 10 year loan at a program interest rate of 1.5 percent. In addition to principal and interest payments, an administrative fee of 0.5 percent of the loan balance would be assessed each

year. Falls City's Assessing Infrastructure Wastewater Needs (AWIN) score is 15 and is considered a moderate risk category which qualifies Falls City for CWSRF Loan Forgiveness. Falls City's median household income is \$41,618, which qualifies Falls City for 50 percent CWSRF loan forgiveness capped at \$150,000. Forgiveness funds are dependent on availability at the time of loan closing.

Sewer use fees would be pledged to repay the loan. Current residential sewer use rates are an actual use rate of \$2.86 per 750 gallons per month per winter water use. The City of Falls City has approximately 2028 residential and commercial sewer connections. It is estimated that sewer rates would need to be raised by \$1.14 per month to cover the proposed CWSRF debt service and 10 percent coverage requirement. This would equate to a projected residential sewer rate of \$21.16 per month for 5,250 gallons monthly water use.

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 replacement of the existing lift station.

Justification for categorical exclusion includes:

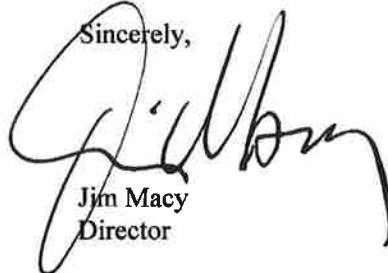
- The proposed action is not known or expected to have potentially significant environmental impacts on the quality of the human environment either individually or cumulatively over time;
- The proposed action is not known or expected to significantly affect federally listed threatened or endangered 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 (the lift station is found in the 100 year floodplain but the lift station top will be designed for 1.0 ft. above the 100 year flood elevation; work will require a floodplain construction permit from the local floodplain administrator), 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 or John Danforth, Program Manager, of the Financial Assistance Section of NDEE who can be reached at (402) 471-3373 or email: john.r.danforth@nebraska.gov.

Signed this 30th day of October, 2019.

Sincerely,



Jim Macy
Director

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- Attachments: Distribution List
Maps
a. Location Map
b. Floodplain Map

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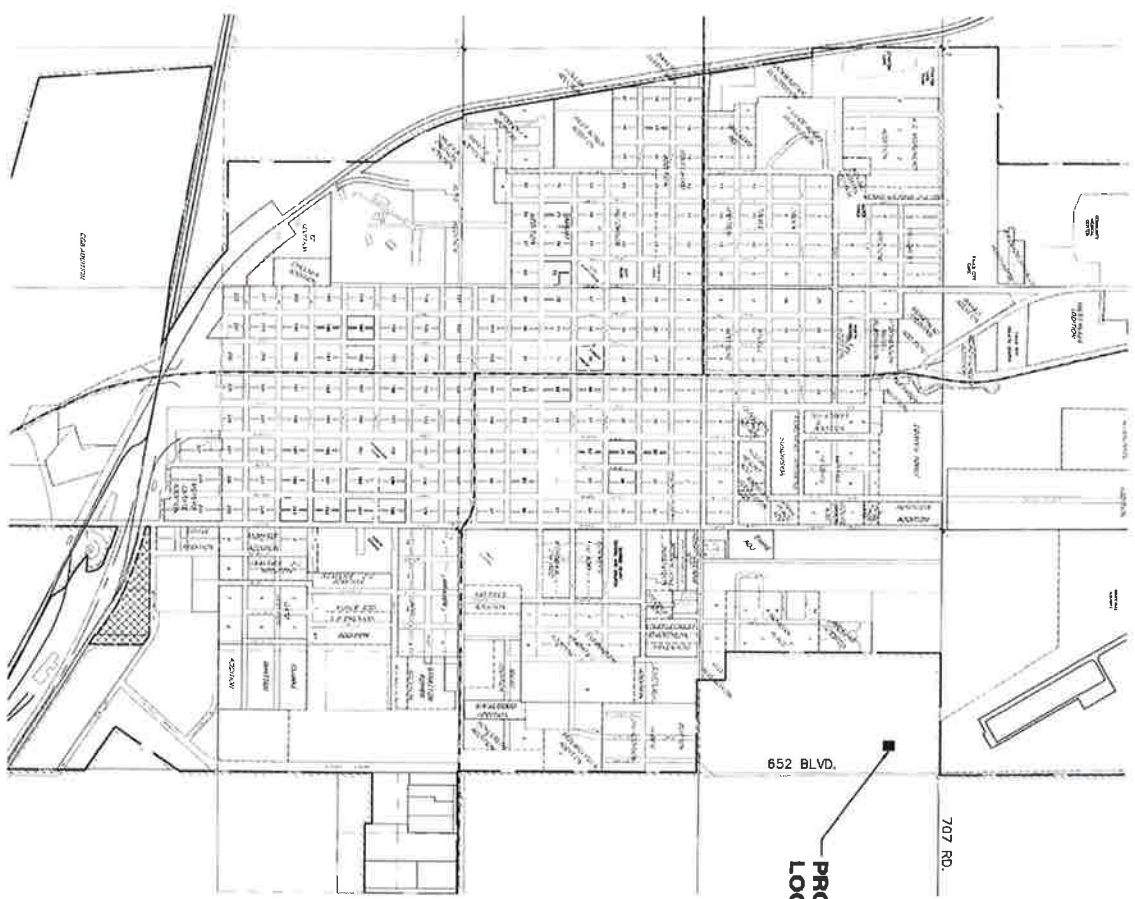
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Falls City Journal
1810 Harlan Street
Falls City, NE 68355
(Public Information Only not for Public Notice)

NEMAHA, NRD
62161 US Hwy 136
Tecumseh, NE 68450

707 Rd & 652 Blvd, Falls Q

NDNR | Missouri Dept. of Conservat on, Esri, HERE, Garmin, INCREM

LOCATION MAP
NO SCALE



652 BLVD.
PROJECT LOCATION
707 RD.

NOTES

1. CONTRACTOR IS TO COORDINATE ALL STREET CLOSINGS WITH THE CITY OF FALLS CITY, NOTIFY CITY FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT, QUALITY SERVICE, AND ALL ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS 48 HOURS PRIOR TO CLOSING STREETS OR DRIVES.
2. NO EXCAVATION WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE AREA OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES UNTIL ALL SUCH FACILITIES HAVE BEEN LOCATED AND IDENTIFIED TO THE SATISFACTION OF ALL PARTIES AND THEN ONLY WITH EXTREME CARE TO AVOID ANY POSSIBILITY OF DAMAGE TO THE UTILITY FACILITY.
3. ALL SIGNS, MAILBOXES, CULVERTS, GUY WIRES, ETC. ENCOUNTERED DURING THE CONTRACTOR'S OPERATIONS SHALL BE RESTORED TO ORIGINAL CONDITION AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE.
4. THE QUANTITIES OF EACH ITEM LISTED ON THE DRAWINGS MAY VARY FROM THE TOTAL QUANTITIES INSTALLED.
5. THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HAULING AND LEGALLY DISPOSING OF ALL REMOVAL MATERIALS OFF SITE.
6. ALL PROPERTY PINS REMOVED OR DAMAGED ARE TO BE RESET BY A REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE.
7. THE OWNER MAY ADD TO OR DELETE FROM THE PROJECT PORTIONS OF OR ENTIRE IMPROVEMENTS.
8. ALL KNOWN EXISTING UTILITIES SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS BASED ON UTILITY MAPPING AND UTILITY INFORMATION. THE ACTUAL LOCATIONS MAY VARY FROM THE DRAWINGS, ESPECIALLY IN THE CASE OF COMPANIES AND UTILITIES WHOSE RECORDS ARE INCOMPLETE. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY ALL UTILITY COMPANIES AND DETERMINE THE LOCATION OF ALL EXISTING UTILITY FACILITIES PRIOR TO PROCEEDING WITH CONSTRUCTION. ALL WORK PERFORMED IN THE AREA OF PUBLIC UTILITIES SHALL BE PERFORMED ACCORDING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AGENCIES. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING ALL NECESSARY PERMITS (INCLUDING DEPTH) WHICH MAY CONFLICT WITH THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROTECT AT HIS OWN EXPENSE ALL EXISTING UTILITIES AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR REPAIR IF THEY ARE DAMAGED DURING CONSTRUCTION.

LIFT STATION PUMP STATION RECONSTRUCTION
LOCATION MAP & NOTES
FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA

PRELIMINARY FOR REVIEW

DATE	10/17/2018
TIME	2:22 PM
SCALE	AS NOTED
PROJECT NO.	1440-101018
DATE	OCTOBER 2018
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