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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
CE-WV-174

DATE: June 13, 2024

To All Interested Parties:

In accordance with the State regulations found in Title 47, Series 31, "State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund," the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has performed an Environmental Review on the proposed project, as described below, and on the attached Environmental Assessment:

City of New Martinsville
AAA Mobile Home Park Sewer System Improvements
SRF No. C-544741

(Official Project Name and Number)

City of New Martinsville
Municipal Building
191 Main Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155

(Project Applicant)

City of New Martinsville, Wetzel County, West Virginia

(Project Location, City, County, State)

\$1,500,000

(Estimated State Revolving Fund Financial Share)

\$2,742,300 / \$2,742,300

(Estimated Total Project Cost/Estimated Eligible Cost)

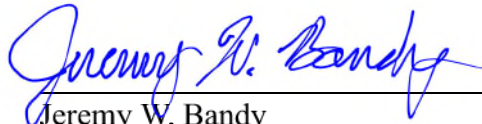
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The review process indicated that either significant environmental impacts would not result from the proposed action or significant adverse impacts have been eliminated by making changes in the project. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement has been made.

This action is taken on the basis of a careful review of the Environmental Information Document, and other supporting data. These documents are on file in the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection office and are available for public review on request. Additional copies of the Environmental Assessment will be made available, at cost, upon request.

It should be noted that this document will satisfy the NEPA requirements and Section 6 of the SRF regulations and therefore a 30 day public comment period for this document is not required. The Facility Plan shall be approved when this document is published.



Jeremy W. Bandy
Director

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION PROJECT SUMMARY FOR
NEW MARTINSVILLE WATER AND SANITARY SEWER BOARD
AAA MOBILE HOME PARK SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
SRF NO. C-544741**

Proposed Action

The New Martinsville Water and Sanitary Sewer Board (Board) operates and maintains the City of New Martinsville's (City) combined sanitary sewer collection system and wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) designed to treat an average daily flow (ADF) of 1.42 million gallons per day (MGPD) in Wetzel County, West Virginia (Exhibit 1). The City operates under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit number WV0027472 and serves approximately 2,509 customers.

This project proposes to replace the existing sanitary sewer lines throughout the AAA Mobile Home Park (MHP). Approximately 15,000 LF of new sanitary sewer line, 1 Lift Station, 11 manholes, and all necessary appurtenances are proposed to be installed (Exhibit 2).

The anticipated project costs and proposed funding sources are as follows:

Total Project Cost	\$ 2,742,300.00
Total Construction Cost	\$ 2,200,000.00
CWSRF Loan (1.75%, 30 yrs., 0.25% AF)	\$ 796,920.00
CWSRF Principal Forgiveness	\$ 796,920.00
EEGF	\$ 642,300.00
Local ARPA Funds	\$ 600,000.00
Proposed Monthly Rate (3,400 gallons)	\$ 56.00

Environmental Benefits

The Board has provided water and sewer service to the AAA MHP for many years, while the MHP owner, owned and maintained the sewer system throughout the facility. In 2021, AAA Mobile Homes, Inc. filed a Public Service Commission (PSC) complaint against the City and Board. As a result, the PSC issued an order requiring the Board to take over ownership, operations, and maintenance of the sewer system within the MHP.

The layout of the existing sewer system within the MHP development does not allow for reasonable access for operation, maintenance, and repairs. Access is hindered by narrow and crowded areas, multiple utility lines sharing a single narrow easement, and the placement of mobile homes and outbuildings.

This project will reduce operation and maintenance costs for the Board and allow the Board to continue providing reliable sewer service to the AAA MHP customers.

Categorical Exclusion Criteria

EPA regulation 40 C.F.R. §6.204(a) permits the use of categorical exclusions from the substantive environmental review requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). To be excluded, the action must fit within a category of action that is eligible for exclusion and must not involve any extraordinary circumstances. For most infrastructure projects, the following actions are eligible for exclusion [40 C.F.R. § 6.204(a) (1) (ii)]:

Actions relating to existing infrastructure systems that involve minor upgrading, or minor expansion of system capacity, or rehabilitation of the existing system and system components, or construction of new minor ancillary facilities adjacent to or on the same property as existing facilities. This category does not include actions that:

- a. Involve new or relocated discharges to surface or groundwater;
- b. Will likely result in the substantial increase in the volume or loading of pollutant to the receiving stream;
- c. Will provide capacity to serve a population 30% greater than the existing population;
- d. Are not supported by the state, or other regional growth plan or strategy; or
- e. Directly or indirectly involves or relates to upgrading or extending infrastructure systems primarily for the purpose of future development.

Criteria which prevent the use of a categorical exclusion are found at 40 C.F.R. §6.204(b), summarized as follows:

- (1) The action may have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment or is expected to have disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on a disadvantaged community; or
- (2) The action may affect cultural resource areas, endangered or threatened species, environmentally important natural resources, or other identified resource areas of concern; or
- (3) The action is not cost-effective or may cause public controversy about a potential environmental impact.

Analysis

The proposed project meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion. It involves the criteria, “Actions relating to existing infrastructure systems that involve minor upgrading, or minor expansion of system capacity, or rehabilitation of the existing system and system components, or construction of new minor ancillary facilities adjacent to or on the same property as existing facilities.”

The proposed system upgrades and rehabilitation will be constructed on previously disturbed property that has several other utility easements adjacent to this location.

The project does not meet any of the criteria prohibiting the issuance of a categorical exclusion.

Revocation

This conclusion can be revoked if additional and/or future information indicates any of the following:

- (1) The proposed action no longer meets the defined category due to changes in the proposed action;
- (2) Serious local or environmental issues now exist; and/or
- (3) Federal, State, or local laws may be violated.

Documentation

1. Facilities Plan for AAA Mobile Home Park Sewer System Improvements, for the New Martinsville Water and Sanitary Sewer Board, prepared by Burgess & Niple, Inc., dated December 2022 and updated March 2024
2. EPA Categorical Exclusion Determination Checklist

Attachments

1. Exhibit 1 - Project Location Map (1)
2. Exhibit 2 - Project Site Map (2)

Exhibit 1

Project Location Map

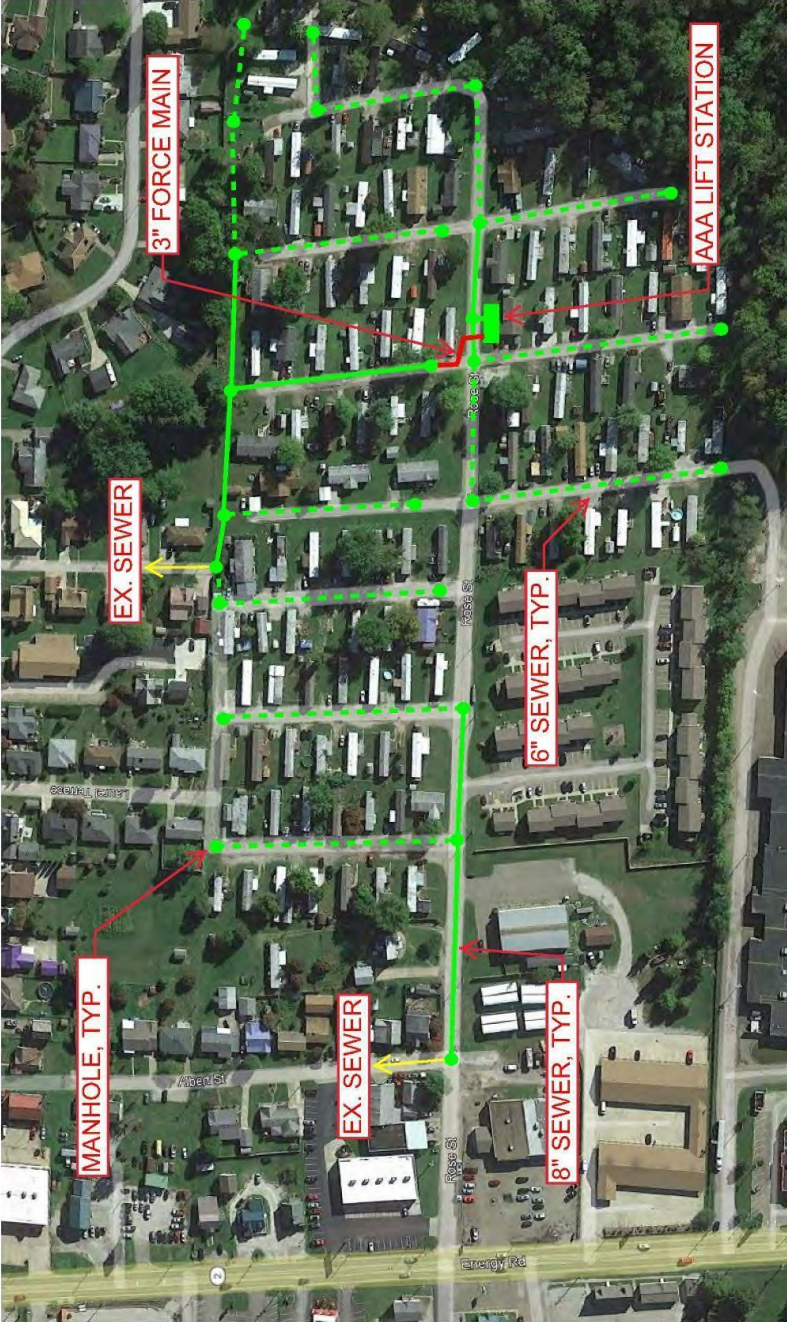


Exhibit 2



NEW MARTINSVILLE W&SS BOARD
STEEL TON AREA STUDY
PROPOSED AAA MOBILE HOME PARK
WEST SEWER REPLACEMENT

BURGESS & NIPLÉ



NEW MARTINSVILLE W&SS BOARD
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