

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Drinking Water and Sewer Improvements
City of Berthold (Ward County), North Dakota

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 5100072-01
CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 380976-02

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed Watermain, Sanitary Sewer, and Street Improvement District 2022-01, DWSRF Project No. 5100072-01 and CWSRF Project No. 380976-02, for the City of Berthold in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR Part 6). The NDDEQ has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion and is exempt from further substantive environmental review.

Because the proposed project meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion, a full Finding of No Significant Impact and Environmental Assessment will not be required. Following is a description of the proposed project and a brief statement of how the project meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion.

The proposed project consists of improvements to the City of Berthold's aging watermains and sewer systems along Main Street. The improvements will increase drinking water reliability and maintain the health and safety of the public by ensuring the safe transport of wastewater. Current watermain and sewer systems are beyond the useful expected life.

This project is being granted an exclusion because the improvements will occur entirely within the road right-of-way. No previously undisturbed areas will be affected by the construction activities. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer has concluded that no historic properties will be affected by this project (ND SHPO Ref.: 22-6159). It has been determined that exempting the proposed project from further review under the National Environmental Policy Act will not result in adverse impacts to the population or area of the City of Berthold.

The documentation to support this decision will be on file and available for public review at the NDDEQ, Division of Municipal Facilities.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to James Uhlman, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND, 58503-1324.

Dated the 22nd day of May, 2023.

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