

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Sewer, Water, and Street Improvement District No. 2023-1 & Flood Control Storm Sewer Improvements District No. 2023-2

Mapleton (Cass County), North Dakota

CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 380790-04

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 0900613-04

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed Sewer, Water, Street, and Storm Sewer Improvements for the City of Mapleton 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 water, wastewater, and storm sewer infrastructure through the City of Mapleton. The existing water, wastewater, and storm sewer infrastructure in the Original Townsite and Maplewood Addition are past their useful life and need repair or replacement. Issues include presence of asbestos cement pipe, frozen gate valves, sanitary sewer slope deficiencies and infiltration, storm sewer not capable of handling 2-year design rain event, and a storm sewer lift station that requires physical monitoring.

The proposed project will be performing improvements to the sanitary, watermain, and stormwater systems. Improvements will include sanitary line spot repairs and grade corrections, replacement of ACP watermain and corroded metal components, storm sewer connections, and a storm sewer/flood protection lift station replacement within the Original Townsite and Maplewood Addition neighborhoods. These changes will allow more efficient and safer transmission of drinking water and wastewater throughout the city.

The City of Mapleton plans to apply for both Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loans.

This project is being granted an exclusion because the improvements will occur within areas that have previously been disturbed. 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.: 23-5167). 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 Mapleton and Cass County.

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 Danielle Peltier, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND, 58503-1324.

Dated the 8th day of June, 2023.

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