

## **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION**

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Westwood Addition Reconstruction  
City of West Fargo (Cass County), North  
Dakota

CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 380705-02

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 0900999-01

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed Westwood Addition Reconstruction project for the City of West Fargo 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 utility and street improvements for the Westwood Addition. The water main and sanitary sewer main were installed around 1959 and are approaching the end of their useful life. The existing storm sewer system can't function properly due to settlement of the curb and gutter. Visual signs of street pavement deterioration and cracking are present. The sidewalks and driveways exhibit wear consistent with their age and the streetlights are inconsistent with current city standards.

This project will provide a full replacement of the existing streets in the Westwood Addition including sidewalks, streetlights, curb and gutter, roadway, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water main. These improvements will improve the storm water drainage for this area and ensure that the City of West Fargo can continue to provide utility service for residents.

The City of West Fargo has applied for a Clean Water and a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan to finance a portion of the project. The city has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

This project is being granted an exclusion because the improvements will occur entirely within existing city right-of-way, temporary construction easements of residential lots, or city parks. No previously undisturbed areas will be affected by the construction activities. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer concurs with a

determination of “No Historic Properties Affected” provided the project takes place in the manner and location described in the documentation and all borrow comes from an approved source (ND SHPO Ref.: 25-0131). 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 West Fargo 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 Bryan Schmitt, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND, 58503-1324.

Dated the 15th day of April, 2025.

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