

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

TO ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

As required by guidelines for the preparation of environmental impact statements, an environmental review has been performed on the proposed action below:

Project: Wastewater Treatment Expansion

Customer: City of Mapleton

Location: Mapleton (Cass County), North Dakota

CWSRF Project No.: 380790-05

Total Cost: \$10,600,000

The project involves the construction of a new main wastewater lift station and installation of a 14-inch wastewater force main from Mapleton to West Fargo along the north side of the BNSF and West Fargo Diversion right-of-way. With the current lagoon system near capacity, the proposed improvements will allow Mapleton to pump their wastewater to West Fargo to ensure it is adequately treated.

The City of Mapleton has applied for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$10,600,000 to finance the project. The city has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

The project area is approximately 5.5 miles long with an 80-foot-wide corridor, totaling approximately 53.5 acres in area and will take place within grass covered and agricultural land. For further discussion of this, see Item V, Environmental Impacts of Proposed Project in the Environmental Assessment document. Wetlands, area flood plains, threatened or endangered species habitat, or archeological sites will not be adversely impacted. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office concurs with the determination of "No Historic Properties Affected" for this project provided it takes place in the location and in the manner described in the documentation and provided all borrow comes from an approved source (ND SHPO Ref.: 24-0341). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has reviewed this project and determined that a Section 404 permit is not required (NWO-2024-01542-BIS).

The review process did not indicate significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed action. 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 engineering report, environmental information document, and other supporting data that are on file in the Municipal Facilities Division of the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality.

Questions or comments regarding this Finding of No Significant Impact may be submitted to Ryan Allery, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy St., Bismarck, ND, 58503-1324.

After evaluating the comments received, the agency will make a final decision; however, no administrative action will be taken on the project for at least 30 calendar days after release of the Finding of No Significant Impact.

Dated Jan. 30, 2026.

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