

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Watermain Extension and Sanitary Sewer
Lift Station
Colfax (Richland County), North Dakota

CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 380765-03

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed Watermain Extension and Sanitary Sewer Lift Station project for the City of Colfax 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 installation of new watermain, sanitary sewer, and a lift station on the east side of the city. The additional infrastructure will provide utility service to the new Performing Arts Center and enable the city to service any future growth in that area.

The City of Colfax has applied for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$1,251,000 to finance 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 on previously disturbed property and in the alignment of existing rights-of-way. No previously undisturbed areas will be affected by the construction activities. Following review of the project, the North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer concurs with the determination of "No Historic Properties Affected" provided the project takes place in the location and manner as described in the documentation and all borrow comes from an approved source (ND SHPO Ref.: 25-0257). 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 Colfax and Richland 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 Ryan Allery, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND, 58503-1324.

Dated the 8th day of July, 2025

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