

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Sanitary Sewer and Lagoon Improvements
Dazey (Barnes County), North Dakota

CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 381064-01

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed Sanitary Sewer and Lagoon Improvements project for the City of Dazey 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 existing sanitary sewer system including grouting of service line connections and improvements to the roadways along the lagoon dikes. Currently, poorly grouted service connections produce infiltration points that have likely increased the amount of water coming into the system during recent flooding events and high-water table years. Additionally, there are accessibility and safety concerns with the current condition of the lagoon roadways.

The proposed improvements are expected to bring the sanitary sewer system up to current standards and decrease infiltration. This will lower power consumption costs, extend life expectancy of pumps, and reduce emergency releases from the lagoons. The lagoon roadway improvements will alleviate the current accessibility and safety concerns.

The City of Dazey 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 in the alignment of the existing sanitary sewer system. 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 provided it takes place in the location and in the manner described in the

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documentation and provided all borrow comes from an approved source (ND SHPO Ref.: 23-5292). 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 Dazey and Barnes 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 11th day of May, 2023.

Sincerely,

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