

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Infrastructure Improvements
Galesburg (Traill County), North Dakota

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 4900382-01

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed Water and Wastewater Improvements project for the City of Galesburg 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 within the city of Galesburg. In the last 5 years the water system has experienced 3-4 significant leaks or breaks a year. The water system leaks are due to age, this also causes problems in fixing leaks as the existing pipes are brittle. The sewer system is beyond its useful life and has begun to show signs of deterioration. Infiltration and inflow are major concerns with the existing system, as well as the age of the current lift station. Large rain flow events cause the sewer system to back up into residents' basements as the lift station cannot handle the additional flow.

The proposed project will provide a new water distribution and wastewater collection system to the people and businesses of Galesburg. These improvements will help to provide safe and reliable drinking water and wastewater service.

The City of Galesburg plans to apply for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan.

This project is being granted an exclusion because the improvements will occur within the city's existing pipe network locations. 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.: 22-5442). 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 Galesburg and Cass County.

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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 18th day of May, 2023.

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