

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Master Lift Station and Monson Lift Station
Pump Replacements
Grafton (Walsh County), North Dakota

CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 380997-02

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed Master Lift Station and Monson Lift Station Pump Replacement project for the City of Grafton 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 replacing the pumps inside both the Master Lift Station and the Monson Lift Station. The pumps are past their useful life and in need of replacement. If these pumps do not get replaced, there is a greater risk of pump failure resulting in sanitary sewer backup impacting people's houses and local businesses.

The proposed project will replace the aging pumps to improve the future operations of both lift stations. The new pumps will help ensure the safe conveyance of the city's wastewater. This also allows the sanitary sewer system to continue to serve the city.

The City of Grafton plans to apply for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$365,000 to finance the project.

This project is being granted an exclusion because the improvements will occur entirely within the footprint of the existing wastewater lift stations. 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 documentation and all borrow comes from an approved source (ND SHPO Ref.: 24-0072). 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 Grafton and Walsh 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 Shawn Martin, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND, 58503-1324.

Dated the 4^h day of June, 2024.

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