

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: Korynta-Lemm Sixth Resubdivision Improvements

Customer: City of Grand Forks

Location: Grand Forks (Grand Forks County), North Dakota

CWSRF Project No.: 380806-09

DWSRF Project No.: 1800410-06

Total Cost: \$17,218,000

The proposed project involves utility and street improvements in and around the Korynta-Lemm Sixth Resubdivision. New infrastructure is needed in this area to provide service for future industrial businesses and improve existing utility conditions. Extending and looping the watermain will provide better water quality for current and future users. Extending the sanitary sewer will provide safe conveyance of wastewater to the wastewater treatment facility. Installing the stormwater infrastructure, which includes piping, pump station, forcemain, pond, and paving, will allow the city to manage stormwater in this area.

The City of Grand Forks plans to apply for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$13,220,000 and a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$1,670,000 to finance a portion of the project. The city has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

The project is in the northwestern part of Grand Forks and is currently an undeveloped industrial zoned area. For a further discussion of this, see Item V, Environmental Impacts of Proposed Project in the Environmental Assessment document. Area flood plains, threatened or endangered species habitat, or archeological sites will not be adversely impacted. Wetlands will be affected and mitigated using wetland mitigation bank credits. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office concurs with the determination of "No Historic Properties Affected" for the project provided it takes place as described in the documentation and all borrow comes from an approved source (ND SHPO Ref.: 24-0177).

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.

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.

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 the 18th day of March, 2025.

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