

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Sewer Improvements
City of Galesburg (Traill County), North
Dakota

CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 381077-01

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed Sewer Improvements 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 to the wastewater infrastructure system for the City of Galesburg. Since 2023, residents have experienced consistent sewer backups. Multiple manholes around the city are in poor condition resulting in flow restriction. The city also has issues with lagoons filling up rapidly during wet weather events, resulting in multiple discharges during the year. Control valves for the lagoon system are original and have become inoperable, making it difficult to manage levels.

The planned improvements include manhole replacements, replacement of the existing lagoon system piping, valves, transfer structures, liners, and access road, as well as upgrades to an existing lift station. These improvements will ensure the wastewater system can handle the demands of the city and function under modern day standards for many years to come.

The City of Galesburg has applied for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$3,000,000 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 previously disturbed areas. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer concurs with "No Historic Properties Affected" provided the project takes place in the manner and location described in the documentation and all borrow comes from an approved source (ND SHPO Ref.: 25-0347). 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 Traill County. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has reviewed this project (ID No. NWO-2022-00489-BIS) and determined that a Section 404 permit is not required.

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 13th day of October, 2025.

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