



CLEAN WATER
STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND (CWSRF) PROGRAM
NOTICE OF INTENT TO FINANCE

TO: All Interested Citizens, Government Agencies, and Public Groups

In accordance with the Nebraska Clean Water State Revolving Fund environmental review process, which is based on the National Environmental Policy Act, eligibility has been determined for the proposed Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) project below:

PROJECT NAME: SADDLE CREEK RETENSION BASIN (RTB)
APPLICANT: OMAHA, NE
COUNTY: DOUGLAS
POPULATION: 408,958
CWSRF PROJECT NUMBER: C318007
TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT: \$92,000,000
CWSRF LOAN AMOUNT: \$31,000,000

The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) proposes to provide Clean Water State Revolving Loan funds for the construction of the Saddle Creek (CSO 205) Retention Treatment Basin (RTB).

This project is an important element of the City's Long-Term Control Plan (LTCP) and addresses water quality concerns in Papillion Creek and the Missouri River. The City is obligated to implement its approved LTCP through both a Consent Order and their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Without construction of the RTB, 558 million gallons of combined sewage will continue to be discharged into the Little Papillion Creek, that is classified by the NDEE for primary contact recreation. Currently, the discharges from the combined sewer impacts receiving streams from the point of discharge into the Little Papillion Creek to the Missouri River. After the construction of the RTB, the amount of undisinfected discharges to the Creek will be reduced by over 85 percent. The project will also remove floatables and other solids from CSO discharges.

The Saddle Creek RTB Project will serve CSO 205, the only CSO in the Saddle Creek Basin, which has a drainage area of approximately 3,550 acres. This facility will provide treatment of combined sewer overflows prior to being released into the Little Papillion Creek, which ultimately discharges to the Missouri River. This project began with planning and design activities in

April 2011 and is being constructed at 64th and Dupont Streets in Omaha, Nebraska. The RTB will be an underground structure where combined sewage is held during wet weather events and treated (i.e., settling tank for removal of solids, chlorination, and dechlorination) before being discharged to Little Papillion Creek.

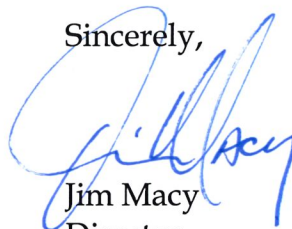
Following the event, the contents of the RTB that are not discharged to Little Papillion Creek will be pumped into the existing sanitary sewer system for conveyance to the Papillion Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, where it will receive further treatment. Above ground improvements include a building to house controls, equipment, and chemicals, along with a pump station building housing dewatering pumps and associated controls.

The project has had significant public input during planning and design. On April 24, 2018, EPA determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion. NDEE acknowledges and accepts this determination. The project is included in the 2021 Intended Use Plan. The project is eligible to receive a CWSRF loan funding for a 20-year term. The interest rate on the proposed loan is 0.00% with an administration fee of 0.00%. The CWSRF repayments will be made by sewer user charges that are already in place. The current sewer use rate is \$39.08 plus \$3.429/100 cubic feet of water usage in the winter quarter. A typical customer who uses 500 cubic feet of water will be assessed a sewer rate of \$56.23/month.

This decision is based on a careful review of the EPA's Categorical Exclusion dated April 24, 2018 which is available for public review upon request. The NDEE will not take any administrative action on the project for at least 30 calendar days from the date shown below. Persons disagreeing with the above environmental decision may submit comments to Gautam Bhadbhade, PE, Review Engineer, of NDEE, phone (402) 471-4207 or e-mail Gautam.bhadbhade@nebraska.gov.

Signed this 22nd day of March, 2021.

Sincerely,



Jim Macy
Director

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