

Why You Should Read This: The document below reviews the environmental impact likely from a State Revolving Fund project. As part of the environmental review, you are entitled to provide comments. If you have concerns about the environmental impact of this project, raise them now. We encourage public input in this decision making process.



IOWA STATE REVOLVING FUND
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

July 23, 2025

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

An environmental review has been performed based on the procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for the proposed agency action below:

Applicant: City of Laurens

County: Pocahontas

State: Iowa

SRF Number: FS-76-26-DWSRF-026

Iowa DNR Project Number: W2025-0464

The City of Laurens, Iowa is planning an upgrade to their drinking water infrastructure. The city has applied for financial assistance through the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan program to build the project. SRF is a program authorized by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and administered by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in partnership with the Iowa Finance Authority.

The proposed lead service line replacement project will replace all lead service lines and galvanized service lines requiring replacement. The project will also identify materials of all the unknown service lines; if replacement is necessary, the unknown service line(s) will be replaced.

The proposed project was reviewed for eligibility for a categorical exclusion from NEPA review specified in the 40 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 6.204. The project meets all criteria described in the above reference and was determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Consequently, a preliminary decision has been made that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) will not be prepared.

Justification for granting categorical exclusion:

- The project as proposed is solely directed toward minor upgrading or minor expansion of system capacity, rehabilitation of the existing system and system components, or construction of new minor ancillary facilities adjacent to or on the same property as existing facilities.
- This project will not involve new or relocated discharges to surface or ground water.
- This project will not result in substantial increase in the volume or the loading of pollutant to the receiving water.
- The project will not serve a population 30% greater than the existing population.

- The project is not directly or indirectly involved or related to upgrading or extending infrastructure systems primarily for the purposes of future development.
- The project is not counter to the state, or other regional growth plan or strategy.
- The proposed action is not known or expected to have potentially significant environmental impacts on the quality of the human environment either individually or cumulatively over time.
- The proposed action is not known or expected to have disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on any community, including minority communities, low-income communities, or federally-recognized Indian tribal communities.
- The proposed action is not known or expected to significantly affect federally listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat.
- The proposed action is not known or expected to significantly affect national natural landmarks or any property with nationally significant historic, architectural, prehistoric, archeological, or cultural value, including but not limited to, property listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.
- The proposed action is not known or expected to significantly affect environmentally important natural resource areas such as wetlands, floodplains, significant agricultural lands, aquifer recharge zones, coastal zones, barrier islands, wild and scenic rivers, and significant fish or wildlife habitat.
- The proposed action is not known or expected to cause significant adverse air quality effects.
- The proposed action is not known or expected to have a significant effect on the pattern and type of land use (industrial, commercial, agricultural, recreational, residential) or growth and distribution of population including altering the character of existing residential areas, or may not be consistent with state or local government, or federally-recognized Indian tribe approved land use plans or federal land management plans.
- The proposed action is not known or expected to cause significant public controversy about a potential environmental impact of the proposed action.
- The proposed action is not known or expected to be associated with providing financial assistance to a federal agency through an interagency agreement for a project that is known or expected to have potentially significant environmental impacts.
- The proposed action is not known or expected to conflict with federal, state or local government, or federally-recognized Indian tribe environmental, resource-protection, or land-use laws or regulations.

The Department of Natural Resources shall revoke the categorical exclusion and shall require a full environmental review if, subsequent to the granting of an exclusion, the state determines that:

- The proposed project no longer meets the requirements for a categorical exclusion due to changes in the proposed project; or
- New evidence reveals that serious local or environmental issues exist; or
- Federal, State, local or tribal laws are being violated.

This action is taken on the basis of a careful review of supporting information that is on file at the Department of Natural Resources' Des Moines, Iowa office. This information is available upon request. This Department will not take any administrative action on the project for at least thirty (30) calendar days from the above date. Persons disagreeing with the above environmental decision may submit comments to the Department during this period. Your comments can be sent to SRF-PC@dnr.iowa.gov or directly to me at Rebecca.FlynnKettman@dnr.iowa.gov or (515) 204-5672.

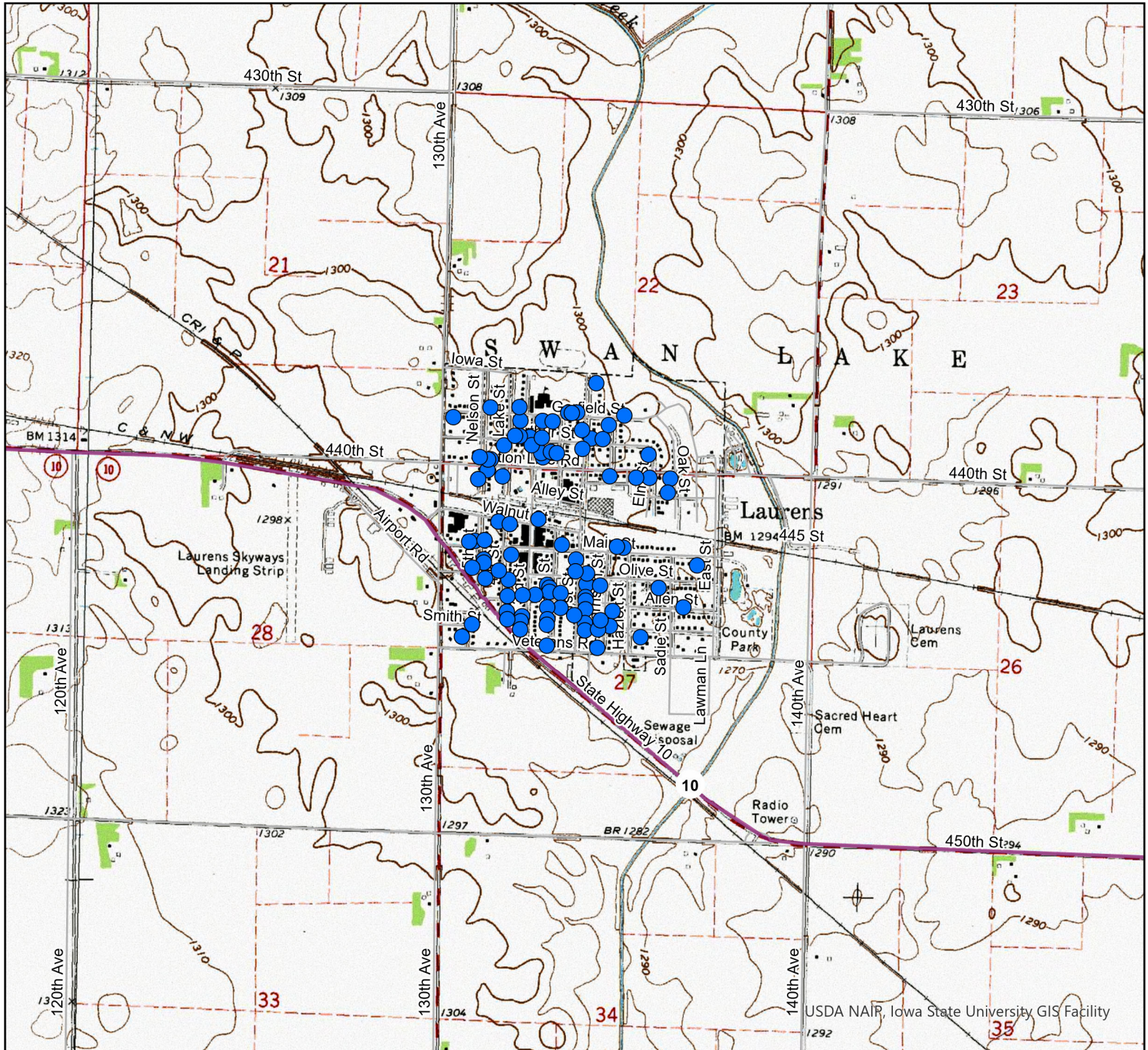
Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Project Map

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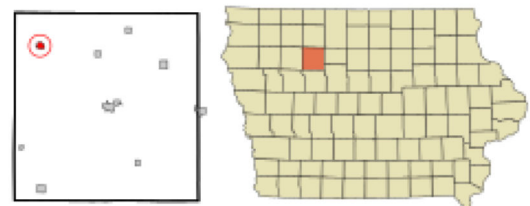
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City of Laurens Lead Service Line Replacement
Laurens, IA (Pocahontas County)

Legend

- Lead Service Line Replacement Locations


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City of Laurens Lead Service Line Replacement Project Address List						
ID	Address	City	State	Zip	Type	Census Tract
1	326 BISSELL ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
2	415 CHARLES ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
3	337 CULBERTSON ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
4	105 E ARTHUR ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
5	125 E ARTHUR ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
6	217 E MAIN ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
7	522 E MAIN ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
8	208 E MYRTLE ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
9	104 E OLIVE ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
10	120 E OLIVE ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
11	320 E SECTION LINE ROAD	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
12	420 E SECTION LINE ROAD	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
13	267 LAKE ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
14	323 LAKE ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
15	325 N 1ST ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
16	417 N 1ST ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
17	536 N 1ST ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
18	312 N 3RD ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
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22	129 N 4TH ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
23	130 N 4TH ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
24	119 S 1ST ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
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28	317 S 1ST ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
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30	204 S 2ND ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
31	208 S 2ND ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
32	212 S 2ND ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
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38	342 S 2ND ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
39	217 S 3RD ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
40	312 S 3RD ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
41	318 S 3RD ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
42	326 S 3RD ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
43	223 S 4TH ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
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48	118 S 5TH ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
49	319 S HARRISON ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
50	324 S HARRISON ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
51	346 S HARRISON ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
52	317 W ARTHUR ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
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54	324 W ARTHUR ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
55	108 W GARFIELD ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
56	120 W GARFIELD ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
57	211 W GARFIELD ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
58	317 W GARFIELD ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
59	318 W GARFIELD ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
60	424 W GARFIELD ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
61	224 W ARTHUR ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
62	103 W MAIN ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
63	122 W MAIN ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
64	323 W MAIN ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
65	504 W MAIN ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
66	508 W MAIN ST 1	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
67	508 W MAIN ST 2	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
68	104 W OLIVE ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
69	319 W OLIVE ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
70	418 W OLIVE ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
71	419 W OLIVE ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
72	210 W SECTION LINE ROAD	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
73	418 W SECTION LINE ROAD	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
74	419 W SECTION LINE ROAD	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
75	420 W SECTION LINE ROAD	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
76	200 WALNUT ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
77	320 CULBERTSON ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Lead	780100
78	509 ALLEN ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Unknown	780100
79	209 E GARFIELD ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Unknown	780100
80	207 E MAIN ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Unknown	780100
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84	106 N 5TH ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Unknown	780100
85	425 HARRISON ST	Laurens	Iowa	50554	Unknown	780100
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