

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
REAFFIRMATION OF A CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

October 17, 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 Tabor

County: Fremont

State: Iowa

SRF Number: FS-36-25-DWSRF-003

Iowa DNR Project Number: W2018-0044

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a State Revolving Fund (SRF) status update. This project has previously been reviewed by the DNR and a Categorical Exclusion (CX) was issued on November 22, 2024 and finalized on December 30, 2024. This project will not be receiving federal funds through SRF.

DNR received a request to add the following scope/location to the project area: The City identified an additional project area along Orange Street between Main Street and East Street to replace the existing water main. The water main replacement work will include all necessary connections and appurtenances. This will be completed as part of the project scope for the previously finalized CX. The project scope that has already been completed with the finalized CX includes the replacement of approximately 7,500 linear feet of existing 6-inch water main along East Street and Main Street, from Waubonsie Avenue to Vine Street. The water main will be installed via trench and directional boring methods within the city right-of-way and will include the replacement of water services, hydrants, valves, and appurtenances. Pavement for the project will be removed and replaced in-kind. The water main replacement on Main Street will be installed via directional boring to minimize adverse effects to the brick street. The project will also consist of adding an automatic control and monitoring system that will give the City the ability to operate the water system autonomously and minimize manual operations. The system will start and stop pumps automatically, inject chemicals automatically, and have the ability to monitor activities and record trend lines remotely or from a central location. Automatic control and monitoring systems will be installed at the two groundwater well buildings, the chemical feed booster station, and at the City's elevated water storage tank. DNR has determined that the additional scope/location will result in no significant environmental impact as outlined in 40 CFR Part 6.

The CX is hereby Reaffirmed including the additional project area along Orange Street between Main Street and East Street to replace the existing water main. This action is taken on the basis of a careful review of the engineering report, the environmental assessment, and other supporting data which are on file at the Department of Natural Resources' office in Des Moines, Iowa. These are available for public review 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.

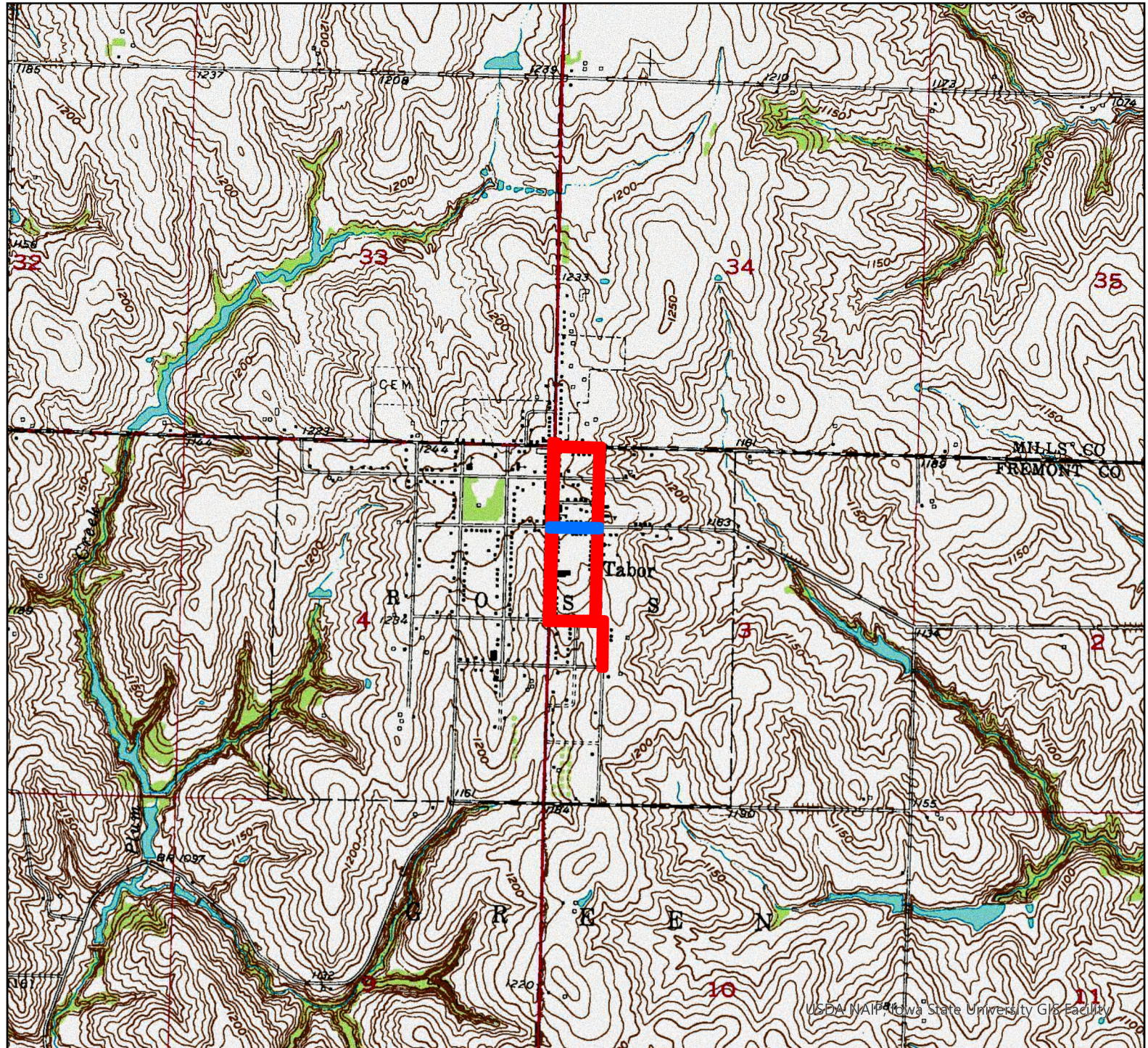
Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Project Map

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USGS Topographic Map

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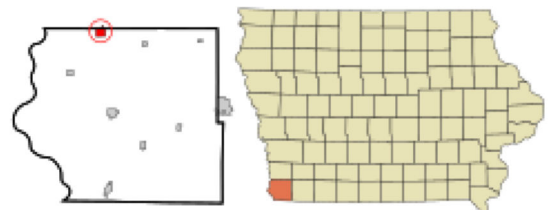
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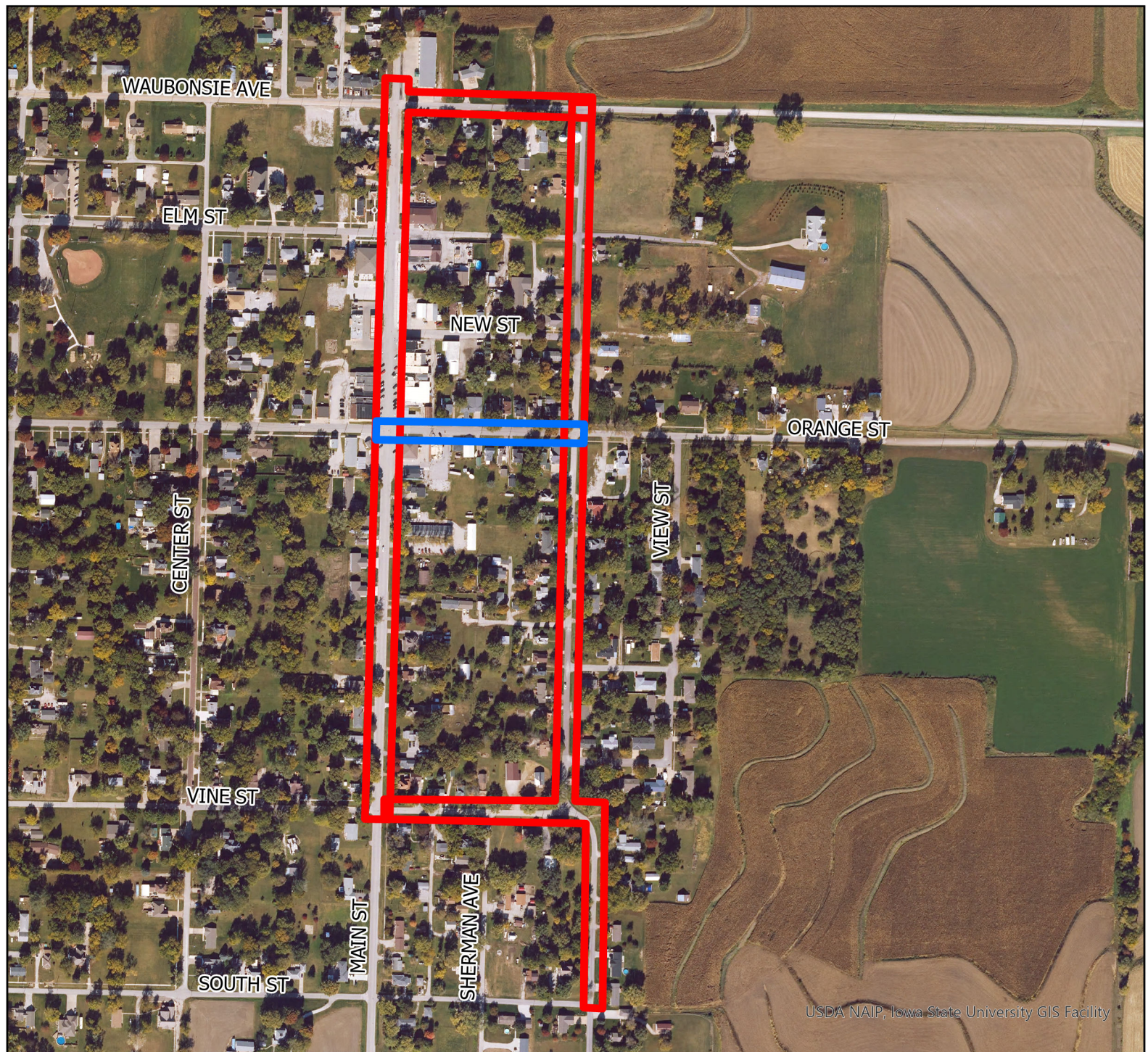
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 Original Water Main Project Area - CX
Finalized 12/30/24

 Proposed Orange Street Project Area

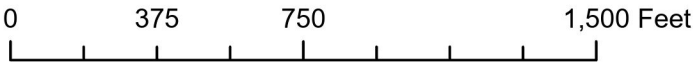


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