

**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**

March 30, 2026

**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 Sergeant Bluff

**County:** Woodbury

**State:** Iowa

**SRF Number:** FS-97-26-DWSRF-033 & CS1921194 01

**Iowa DNR Project Number:** W2025-0574 & 2026-0076B

The City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa is planning an upgrade to their drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater 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. This project will not be receiving federal funds through SRF.

The proposed C Street Water Main Improvements drinking water project will remove and replace the existing 4-inch and 6-inch cast iron water mains with an 8-inch PVC water main for approximately 7 blocks on C Street, 1 block on 2nd Street between C and D Streets, and 2 blocks on 8th Street between B and D Streets. Approximately 4,545 linear feet of water main will be trenched to a minimum depth of 66 inches. The project will also replace all service lines within the water main reconstruction area. Service line replacement will generally include installing new service line pipe from the water main to the water meter within each residence/structure, including new curb stops and required appurtenances. The proposed West Ridge Road Extension drinking water project will install 8-inch and 10-inch PVC water mains along West Ridge Road with new service lines in the right-of-way. The new water mains will tie into existing water mains in the area on both South Ridge Road and West Ridge Road to eliminate the two dead-ends, improve reliability, and provide water service. Approximately 1,650 linear feet of water main will be trenched to a minimum depth of 66 inches. The West Ridge Road Extension wastewater project will install a new 8-inch PVC gravity main and new sewer services in the right-of-way. The approximately 675 linear feet of new sanitary sewer will be installed via trench and will tie to the existing 8-inch sanitary sewer, providing new sewer services to existing and potential customers. A new retention pond will also be constructed to facilitate stormwater drainage. Additionally, a portion of the project to be financed by the city includes extending West Ridge Road with gravel surfacing to establish a new intersection at South Ridge Road. This work will include new roadway subdrains and grading. All proposed drinking water and wastewater improvements will include all necessary connections and appurtenances.

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](mailto:SRF-PC@dnr.iowa.gov) or directly to me at [Rebecca.FlynnKettman@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Rebecca.FlynnKettman@dnr.iowa.gov) or (515) 204-5672.

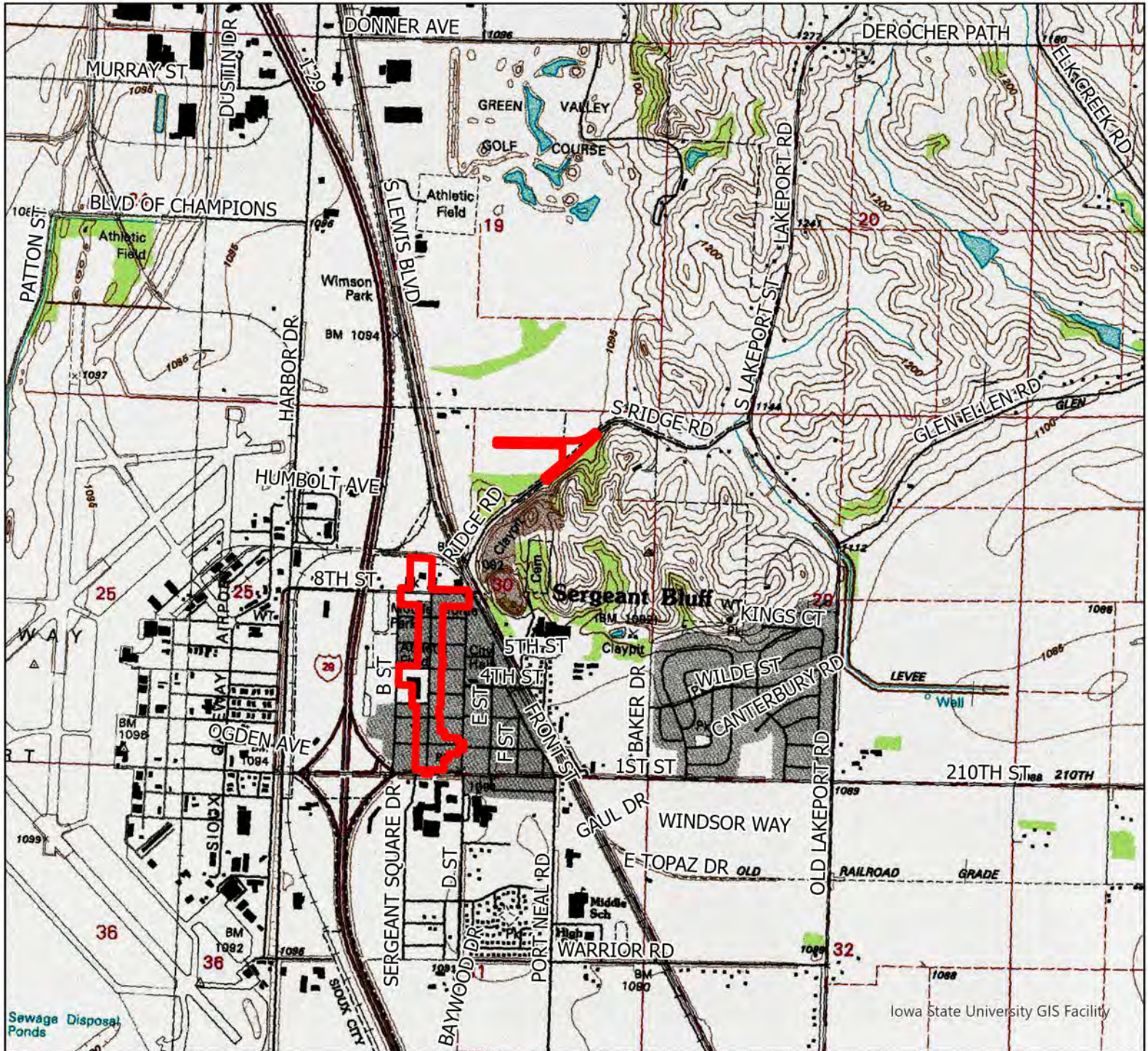
Sincerely,

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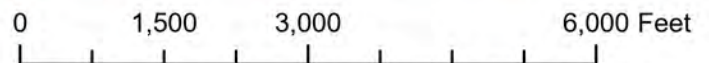
Enclosure: Project Map

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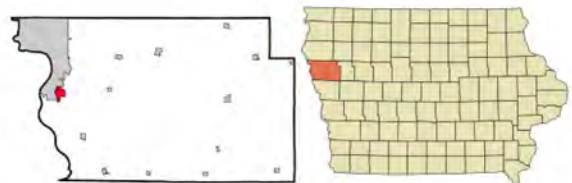
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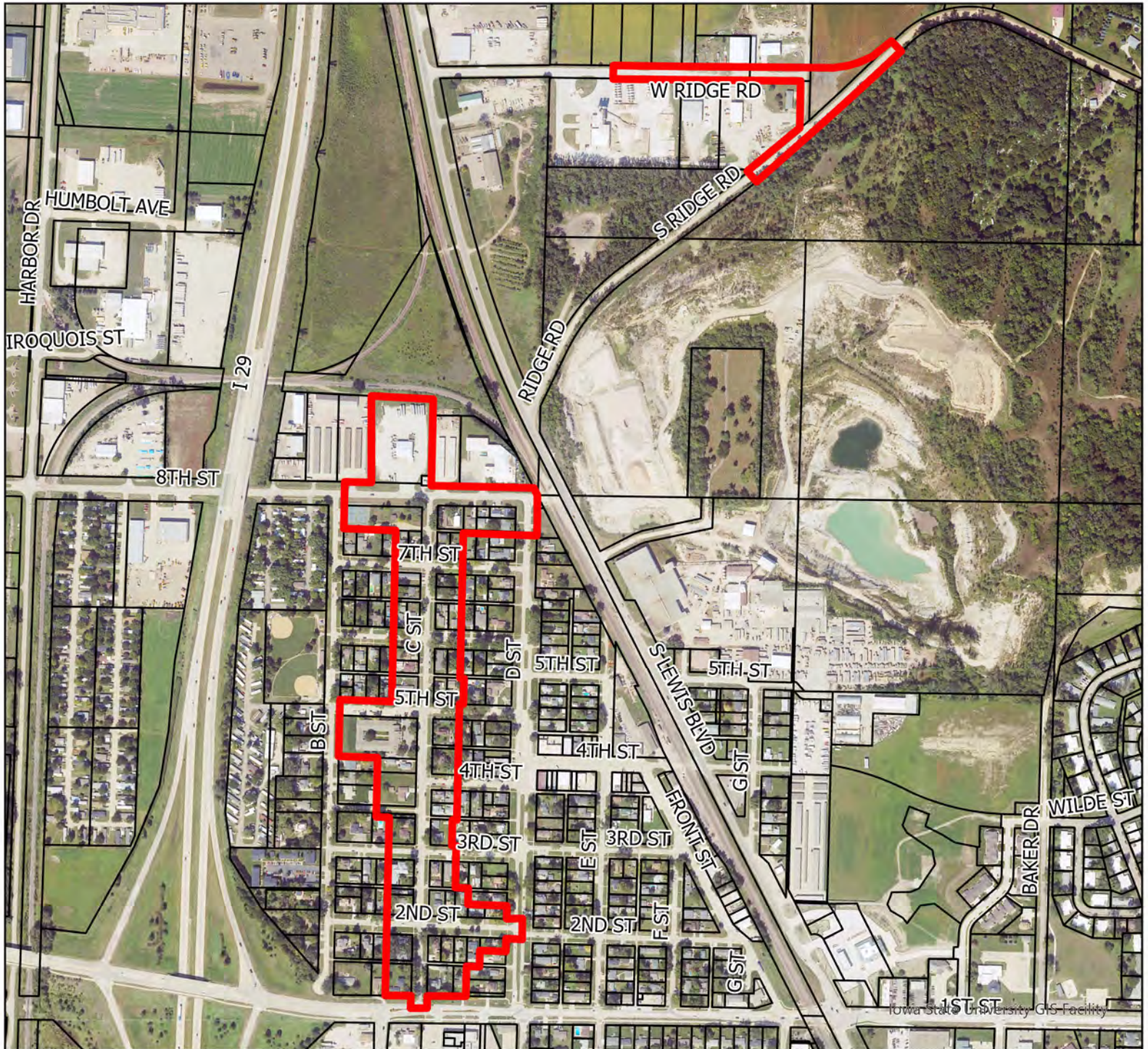


City of Sergeant Bluff C Street Water Main Improvements and West Ridge Road Extension  
Sergeant Bluff, IA (Woodbury County)

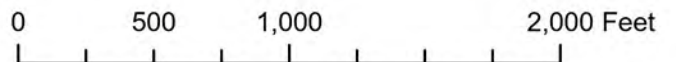
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 Proposed Project Area







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