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Early Coordination Proposed North Side Sewer Project City of Auburn, Indiana

Dear Mr. Spohn:

The City of Auburn, Indiana is conducting an environmental review for the proposed North Side Sewer Project. This project may be partially funded through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, Community Focus Fund (CFF) Program.

To facilitate this review, we are requesting comments from your agency within your area of expertise regarding any possible effects to the environment which may result from this project. The attached project description, location maps and preliminary engineering drawings are included for your reference. Comments from your agency will be included in the environmental report prepared for this project.

Please submit your response to my attention at the address below within 60 days. If no response has been received within 60 days, it will be assumed that your agency believes no significant environmental damage will result from this project. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (260) 490-9739.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Kristi Sturtz Principal Planner

Enclosures

North Side Sewer Improvements Project

City of Auburn, Indiana

Project Description

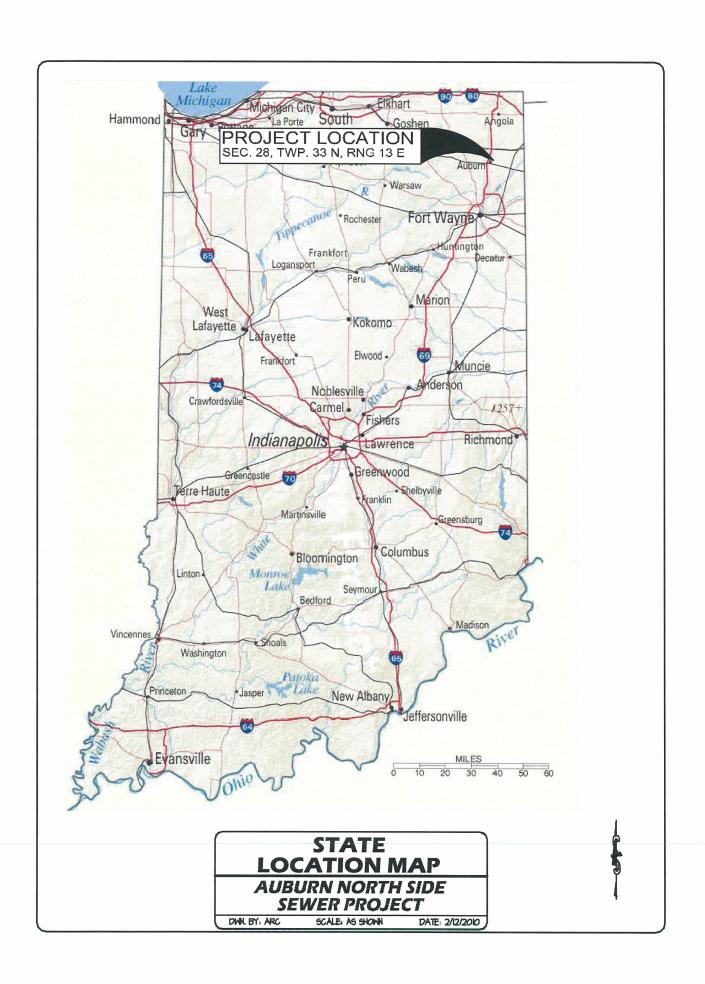
The proposed North Side Sewer Improvements Project is located in a residential neighborhood on the north side of the City of Auburn in DeKalb County, Indiana. The neighborhood lies north of First Street, west of Cedar Creek, south of Madison Street, and east of Van Buren Street. The neighborhood is comprised of older homes, some of them potentially historically significant, along with some 1970's and 1980's housing on upper Van Buren Street, and a few offices. Historic review consulting parties will be receiving a detailed historic property report to review and comment on any historic structures identified.

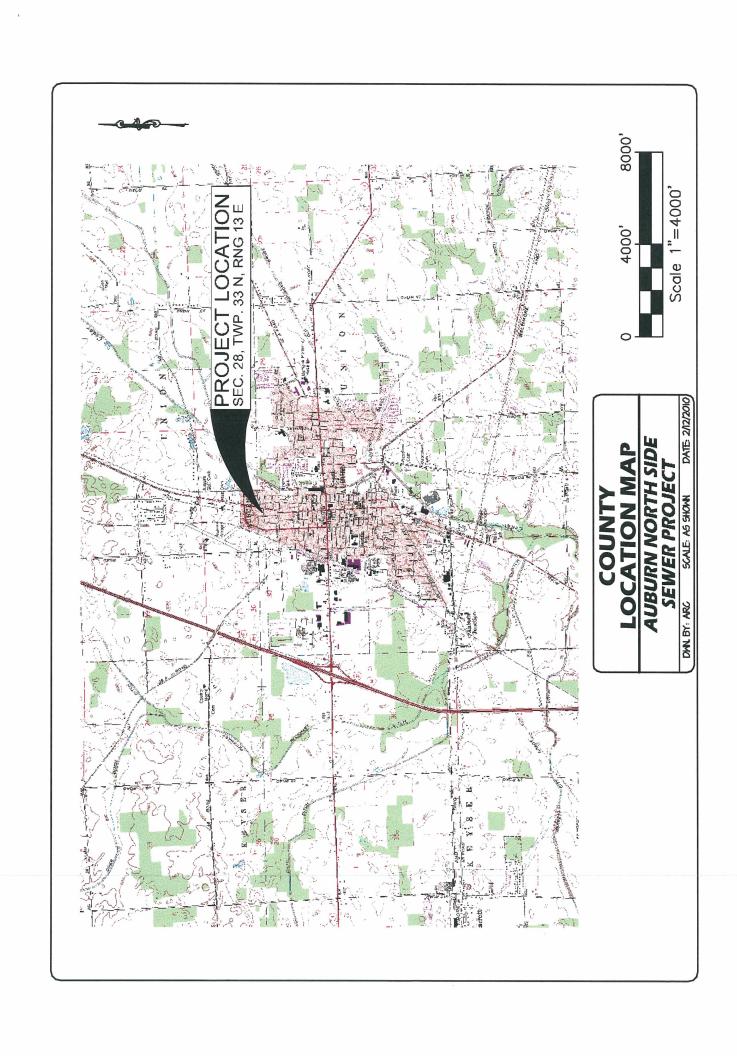
Many of the sewers in the project area are aging combination sewers that allow infiltration of clear water into the city's sewage collection system. During rain events, storm water discharges into downspouts and sump pumps that are connected to the sewer system, and infiltrates through leaking pipe joints and deteriorated tiles. This excess water entering the combined sewers causes an overload on the sewer system and treatment plant, and allows the discharge of pollutants though four CSO outfalls in the sewage collection system into the waters of Cedar Creek.

The North Side Sewer Improvements Project is part of Phase III of the Long Term Control Plan for the City of Auburn, designed to reduce the number of combined sewers and eliminate the CSO's from the collection system through the construction of relief sewers.

The intent of the North Side Sewer Improvements project is to separate the combined sewers in the area by the construction of new storm sewers and sanitary sewers. Diversion of clear water into the new storm sewers will help eliminate the excess water from the system and reduce the number of sewer system overflow events. The separating of these sewers will gradually allow other areas outside the North Side Sewer Improvement study area to be separated.

The North Side Sewer Improvements Project includes the installation of approximately 7,400 feet of open-cut storm and sanitary sewer, approximately 9,300 feet of pipe lining, sewer point repairs, the reconnection of approximately 30 sanitary sewer taps, installation of 50 new manholes and 43 new inlets. Completion of the project will include pavement repairs and site restoration.







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