STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



PATRICIA W. AHO COMMISSIONER

DETERMINATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO: All Interested Persons

DATE ISSUED: January 24, 2012

As required by Section C of "The State of Maine Revolving Loan Fund Rules" the Department of Environmental Protection staff prepared a "Justification For Categorical Exclusion" on behalf of the:

> Brunswick Sewer District Administrative Building Renovation Project

to exempt a proposed action from the substantive environmental review requirements.

The proposed project is to renovate the District's administrative building. The purpose of the project is to update the building to meet current codes and to increase energy efficiency while improving function and extending the building lifespan.

A review of the proposed action by DEP has indicated that it meets the criteria for a Categorical Exclusion. Specifically, the proposed action is directed solely toward the rehabilitation, minor upgrading and minor expansion of an existing facility and associated structures, and toward the functional replacement of equipment. Moreover, none of the criteria which would result in denial of a Categorical Exclusion are met.

Therefore, I am granting the Categorical Exclusion from substantive environmental review as provided in Section C of the State of Maine Revolving Loan Fund Rules Chapter 595.

Further records in regard to the project are on file and are available for public review at this office and local address indicated on the attached justification. Comments relative to this decision may be submitted to DEP.

John N. True, P.E., SRF Program Manager

Division of Water Quality Management

Bureau of Land and Water Quality

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JUSTIFICATION FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

A. Project Identification

Project Name:

Brunswick Sewer District

Administrative Building Renovation Project

Address:

10 Pine Tree Road

Brunswick, Maine 04011

Project Location:

Town of Brunswick (see attached Figure 1)

Cumberland County

Project Number:

C230145-07

B. Summary of Environmental Review

With regard to the above referenced project, information submitted to the Department in December 2011 and January 2012, from Robert Pontau Jr. of the Brunswick Sewer District, has been reviewed. In accordance with State of Maine Revolving Loan Fund Rules Chapter 595, the findings of our environmental review are summarized below.

1. Project Description

The Brunswick Sewer District owns and operates a wastewater collection system, pump stations, and a treatment facility to collect, treat, and dispose of wastewater flows from the towns of Brunswick and Topsham. The wastewater collection system comprises of approximately sixty miles of underground sanitary sewer gravity pipe and force mains. The treatment plant is located in Brunswick, next to the Androscoggin River, where the treated wastewater is discharged. See attached Figure 2.

The proposed project is to renovate to the existing administration building which is a separate building from the wastewater treatment plant. The building houses the sewer district administrative staff. The staff performs the administrative duties related to the treatment and collection system operations.

The purpose of the project is to update the building to meet current codes and to increase energy efficiency while improving function and extending the building lifespan. The building is approximately 40 years old.

The project received approval by the District Board of Trustees in public meetings on December 1, 2011 and December 13, 2011.

The majority of the proposed work will be within the footprint of the existing building. A small portion of work will occur just outside the building footprint including, but not limited to: landscaping, and construction of sidewalks and entry way roof structures. All proposed work will occur on property owned by the Brunswick Sewer District. No easements or land purchases are necessary for the project.

The project is adjacent to, but not located in the floodplain. See Figure 3. The project is not near or located in any other sensitive areas. There are no state or federal permits necessary for the project.

The project is to be constructed in 2012.

The total cost for the project is estimated at \$500,000.

Justification for Categorical Exclusion 2.

Under section C(5)(b)(i)(AA)(I) of the State of Maine Revolving Loan Fund Rules Chapter 595, the proposed wastewater related construction project meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion from the requirement for a substantive environmental review.

The project is directed solely toward the rehabilitation, minor upgrading and minor expansion of an existing facility and associated structures, and toward the functional replacement of equipment.

The project upgrade will not provide treatment plant capacity to serve a population 30% greater than the existing population. The project is not expected to have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment nor is it expected to affect cultural resource areas, endangered or threaten species and their critical habitats, or to affect natural resource areas such as floodplains, wetlands, important farm lands, aquifer recharge zones or their identified resource areas.

Karen L. Hefler, P.E

Project Engineer

Maine Department of Environmental Protection

1/24/2012

The Following Notice Is To Be Placed In A Local Newspaper Of Community-Wide Circulation.

NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

The State of Maine, Department of Environmental Protection, has issued a Categorical Exclusion in compliance with Section C of "The State of Maine Revolving Loan Fund Rules Chapter 595", on behalf of the Brunswick Sewer District to exempt a proposed action from the substantive environmental review requirements.

The proposed project is to renovate the District's administrative building. The purpose of the project is to update the building to meet current codes and to increase energy efficiency while

improving function and extending the building lifespan.

A review of the proposed action by the DEP has indicated that it meets the criteria for a Categorical Exclusion. Specifically, the proposed action is directed solely toward the rehabilitation, minor upgrading and minor expansion of an existing facility and associated structures, and toward the functional replacement of equipment. Moreover, none of the criteria which would result in denial of a Categorical Exclusion are met.

Further records in regard to the project are on file and are available for public review at the Brunswick Sewer District office on 10 Pine Tree Road in Brunswick, Maine and the offices of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Land and Water Quality, Division of Water Quality Management, 17 State House Station, Tyson Building, Augusta, Maine. Comments relative to this decision may be submitted to the town or DEP within thirty days.

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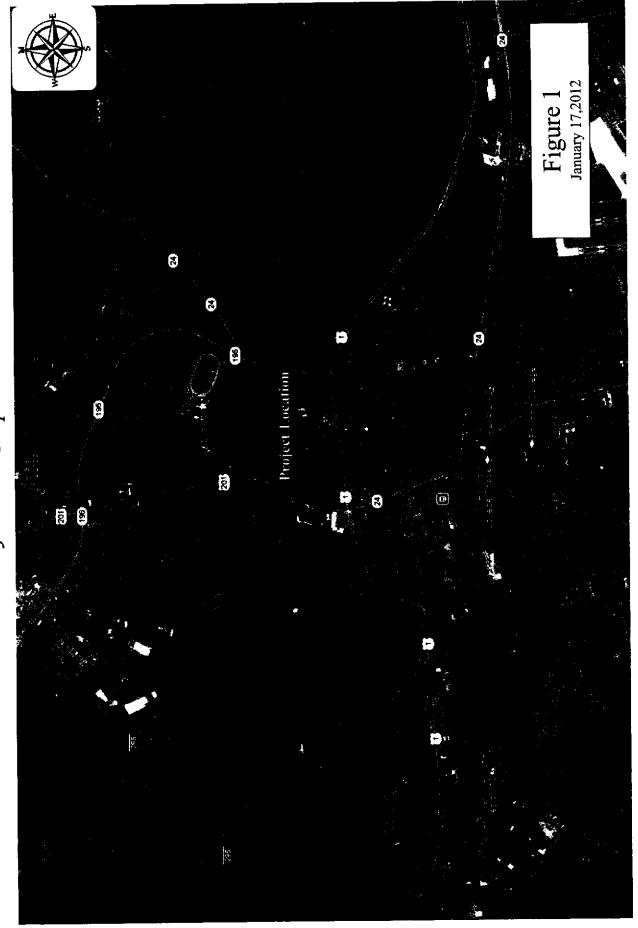
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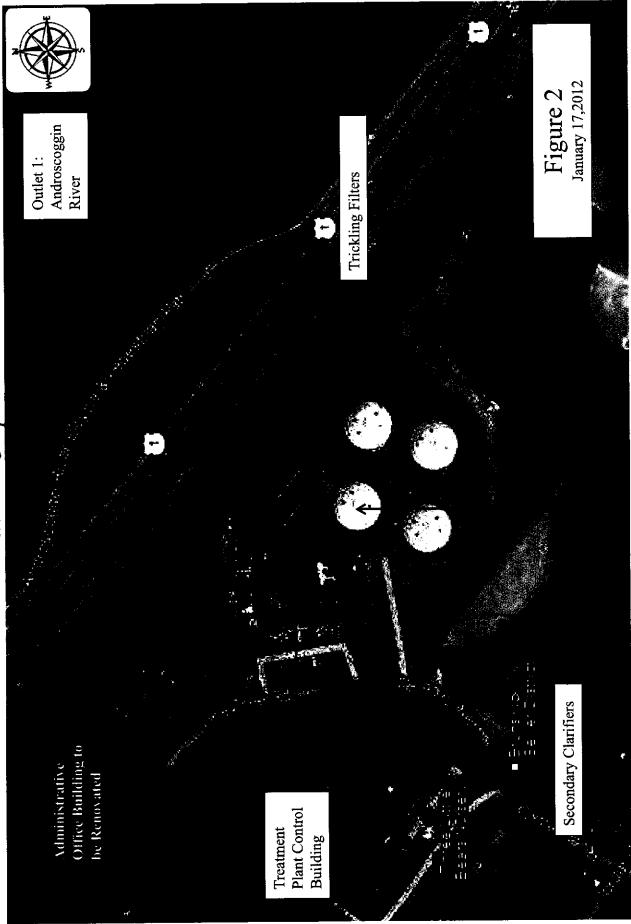
BRUNSWICK SEWER DISTRICT

General Area Site plan



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Local Area Site plan



BRUNSWICK SEWER DISTRICT Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)

