

**CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM**

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

**TO:** All Interested Citizens, Government Agencies and Public Groups

In accordance with the Nebraska Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) environmental review process, which is based on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), an environmental review has been performed on the proposed agency action below:

This information reviews the environmental impact likely from a project. This project is planned to be federally funded wholly or in part through your tax dollars; therefore, you are entitled to take part in its review. If you have concerns about the environmental impact of this project, please provide them at this time. The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) encourages public input in this decision-making process.

**CLEAN WATER SRF LOAN**

<b>PROJECT NAME:</b>	Emergency Sewer Main Replacement
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Village of Dunning
<b>COUNTY:</b>	Blaine County
<b>POPULATION:</b>	80 (2020 Census)
<b>CWSRF PROJECT NUMBER:</b>	C318081
<b>TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT:</b>	\$125,000
<b>PROPOSED CWSRF LOAN AMOUNT:</b>	\$125,000

The Village of Dunning has applied for funding, through the CWSRF program administered by the NDEE, for an emergency project to replace a section of failing sewer main. The community was listed on the Planning List in the State Fiscal Year 2025 Intended Use Plan (IUP) and ranked at 70 priority points.

On November 29, 2024, Myers Construction was requested by the Village of Dunning to clean a sewer main between Manhole #2 and Manhole #3. It was determined at that time the 8" Vitrified Clay Pipe (VCP) has collapsed. It was easily determined that the main needed to be replaced. The 8" VCP was replaced from Manhole #2 to Manhole #3 with 8" SDR 35 PVC Sewer Pipe. Based on supporting documentation on file with the NDEE, this project was determined to be eligible for a 20-year loan with an annual interest rate of 0.7 percent and an annual administrative fee of 0.7 percent for the requested \$125,000.

The Village of Dunning's sewer fees would be pledged to repay the CWSRF loan. For a typical residential connection, the current monthly rate is \$42.95 per month. The long-term average annual CWSRF Debt Service (including 10% coverage, and interest and admin payments) would be \$8,330.75. Based on 52 active service connections, sewer rates may need to be raised by an additional \$13.35 to address the new debt service.

#### **Categorical Exclusion Justification for Clean Water and Drinking Water Projects**

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

- The completed 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 completed action is not known or expected to significantly affect federally listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat;
- The completed 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, properties listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places;
- The completed action is not known or expected to significantly affect environmentally important natural resource areas as wetlands, prime farmland, wild and scenic rivers, and significant fish or wildlife habitat;
- Based on a review of the available mapping, no portion of the project lies within the 100-year floodplain;
- The completed 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;
- Based on review there are no new/relocated surface or groundwater discharges; the project is not being developed to provide capacity to service a population greater than 30% of that existing for the community; and it is supported by a State growth strategy. In addition, there will not be a substantial increase in volume/loading of pollutants to receiving streams; and
- The completed action is not known or expected to cause significant public controversy.

The NDEE shall revoke the categorical exclusion and shall require a full environmental review if, subsequent to the granting of exclusion, the state determines that the completed project no longer meets the requirements for a categorical exclusion due to changes in the completed 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 careful review of the application and other supporting data, which are on file in the office of the NDEE. These are available for public review upon request. Persons having a comment on this categorical exclusion determination are encouraged to submit such comments directly to the NDEE State Revolving Fund Program at [ndee.srf@nebraska.gov](mailto:ndee.srf@nebraska.gov).

Signed this 27 day of May, 2025.

Sincerely,



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## Maps



Figure 1 – Approximate Location of Village of Dunning’s Completed 8 Inch (green) Emergency Sewer Replacement