

Why You Should Read This: The document below reviews the environmental impact likely from a project. This project is planned to be federally funded 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, raise them now. We encourage public input in this decision making process.



IOWA STATE REVOLVING FUND
REAFFIRMATION OF A CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

7/2/2024

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 Birmingham

SRF Number: CS1921100 01

County: Van Buren

Iowa DNR Project Number: W2023-0175A

State: Iowa

Other Federal Funding: CDBG (\$318,000)

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 June 6, 2023. This CX is hereby Reaffirmed including the following scope: Additional areas outside of the original environmental review have been identified as requiring work. This additional work includes a new sewer main which will replace a 4" lateral that serves several properties and replacement of 170 LF of vitrified clay pipe that could not be televised due to a collapsed section of pipe and no known manhole at the end. Approximately four blocks of water main relocation on Cedar St will be added to the project due to proximity to an old 4" water main, which does not meet current separation distance requirements. The water main relocation is on a street that was cleared by the original environmental review. All work will take place in areas that have been previously disturbed.

A petition had been made by the City of Birmingham as of June 10, 2024 to revise this project scope to include the above listed work as a continuation of the ongoing construction project. The scope addition had not been previously evaluated by the DNR. It has now been determined by the DNR, and the State Historical Preservation Office has concurred (R&C #240689240 - 00052240), that the additional work will result in "No Historic Properties Affected." Given the scope and location of the proposed additional work, no other impacts of the environmental criteria listed in 40 CFR Part 6 are anticipated.

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 James.Boatright@dnr.iowa.gov or (515) 782-2473.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Project Map

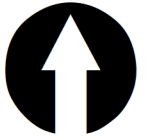
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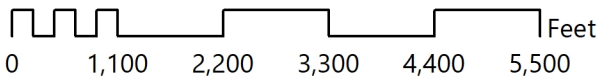
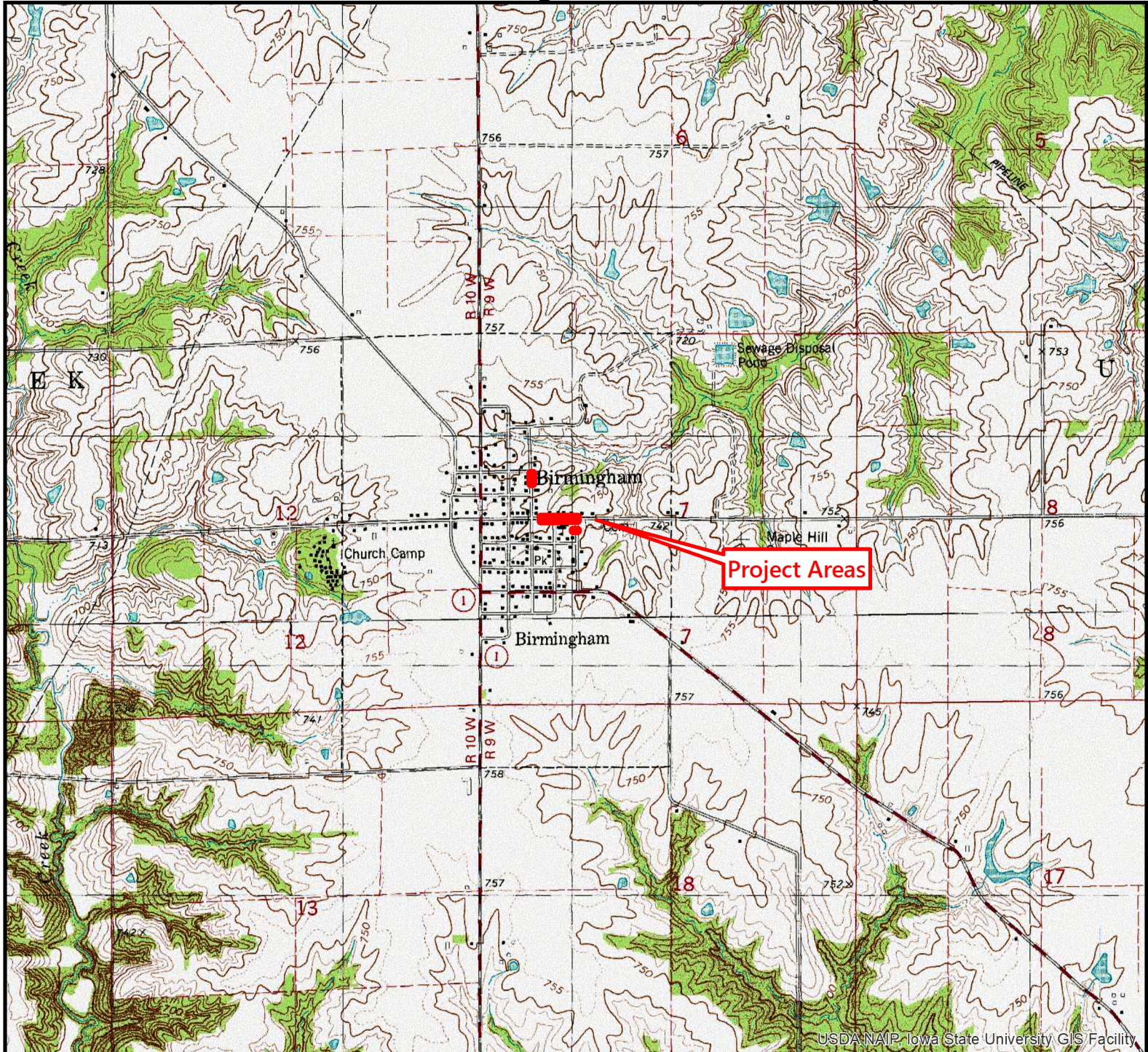


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USGS Topographic Map



Birmingham Phase 1 - Reaffirmation
Birmingham, IA (Van Buren County, Iowa)



Scale: 1 inch = 2,000 feet

USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle: Fairfield South
Section: 07, 10; Township: 70 N, Range: 09 W, 10 W

Date: 1980

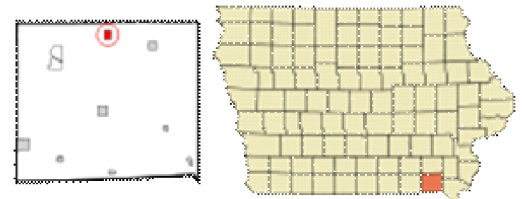
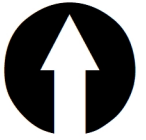


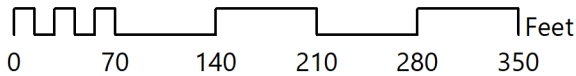
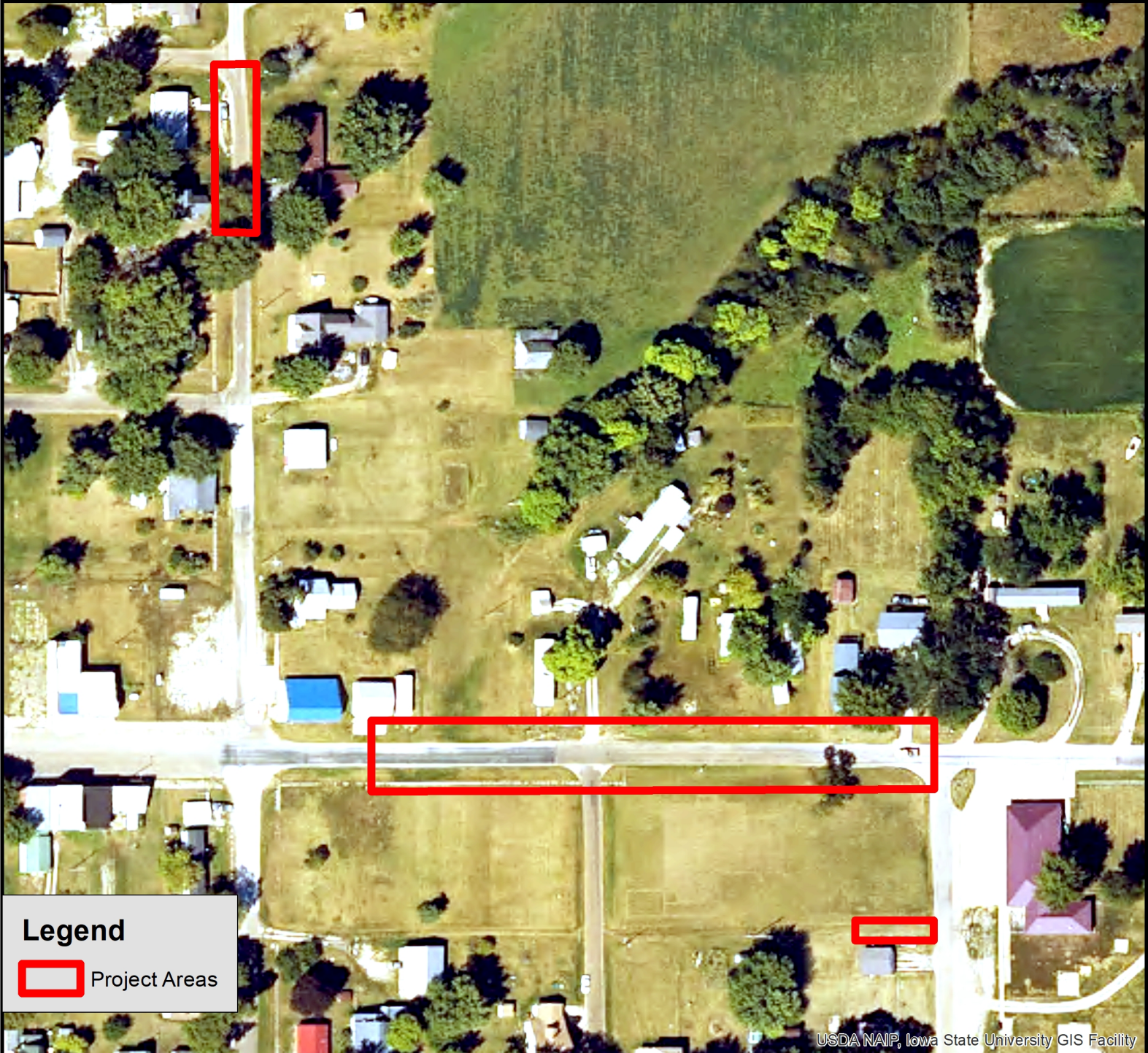
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Aerial Map



Birmingham Phase 1 - Reaffirmation
Birmingham, IA (Van Buren County, Iowa)



Scale: 1 inch = 133 feet

USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle: Fairfield South
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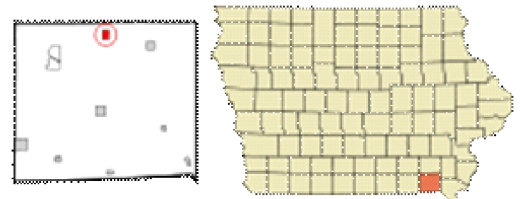


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