

**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**

September 30, 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 Ely

**County:** Linn

**State:** Iowa

**SRF Number:** FS-57-23-DWSRF-019

**Iowa DNR Project Number:** W2022-0705

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 April 4, 2023. This CX is hereby Reaffirmed including the addition area outside of original environmental review identified as requiring work. The additional work includes approximately 80LF of replacement & installation of water main, new valve, and all necessary connections & apertures to the proposed work to the drinking water infrastructure. Additional work also included the removal and replacement of an asphalt sidewalk/bike trail.

A petition had been made by the City of Ely as of July 2024 to revise this project scope to include the above listed work as a continuation of the ongoing construction project. The scope and additional area had not been previously evaluated by the DNR. It has now been determined by the DNR, and the State Historical Preservation Office has agreed (R&C # 230357412) that the additional work does not require further consultation under Section 106. 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 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 [Nicole.Osborn@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Nicole.Osborn@dnr.iowa.gov) or (515) 321-7601.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Project Map

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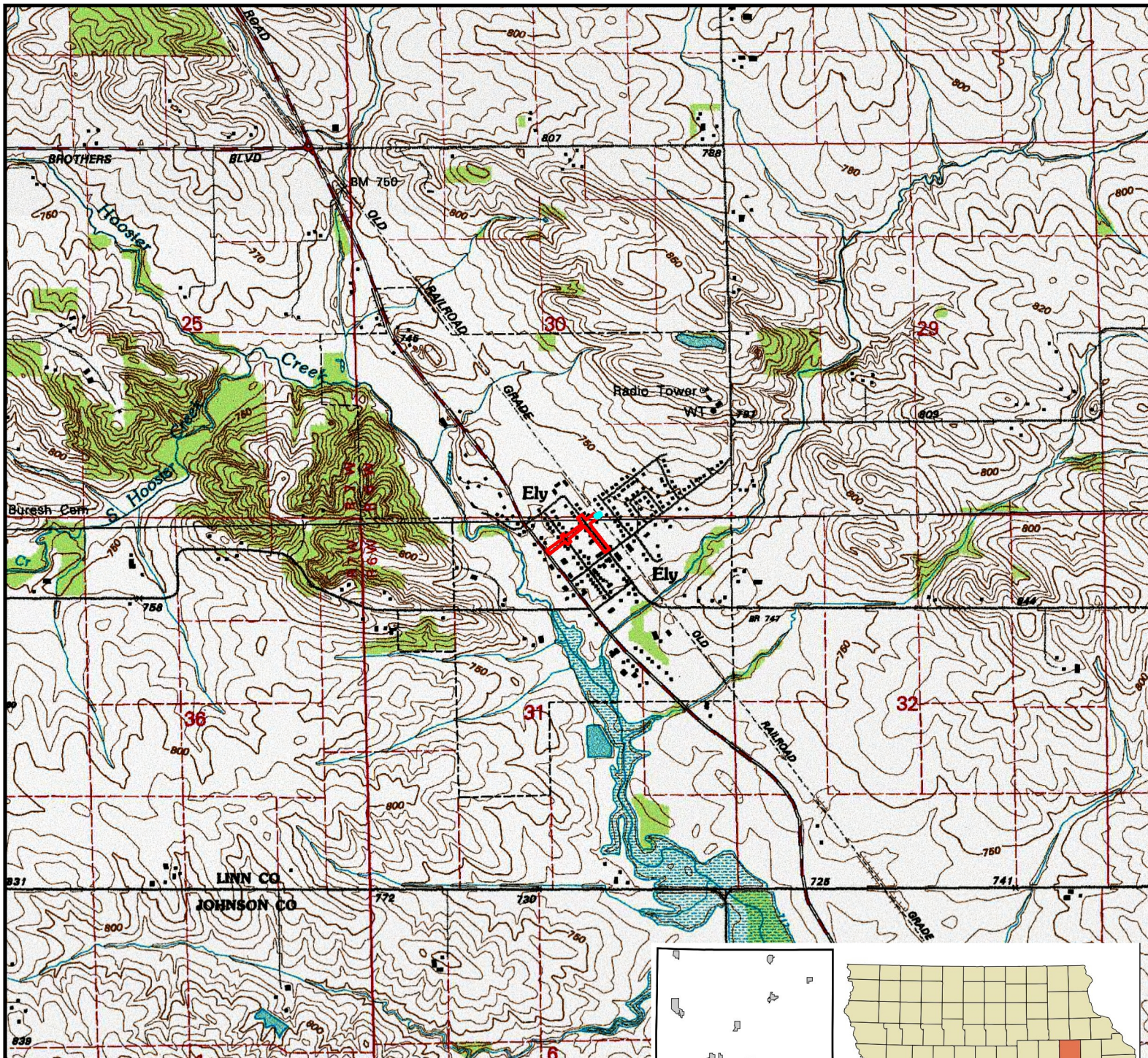
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**STATE**  
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USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle: Bertram, Ely  
Section: 30, 31, Township: 82 N, Range: 06 W  
Date: 1993, 1994



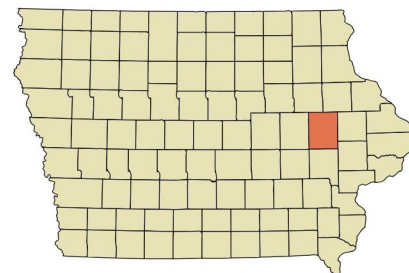
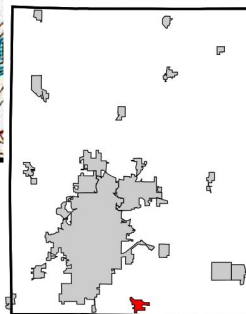
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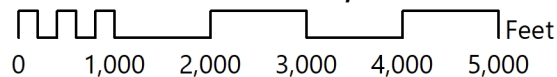
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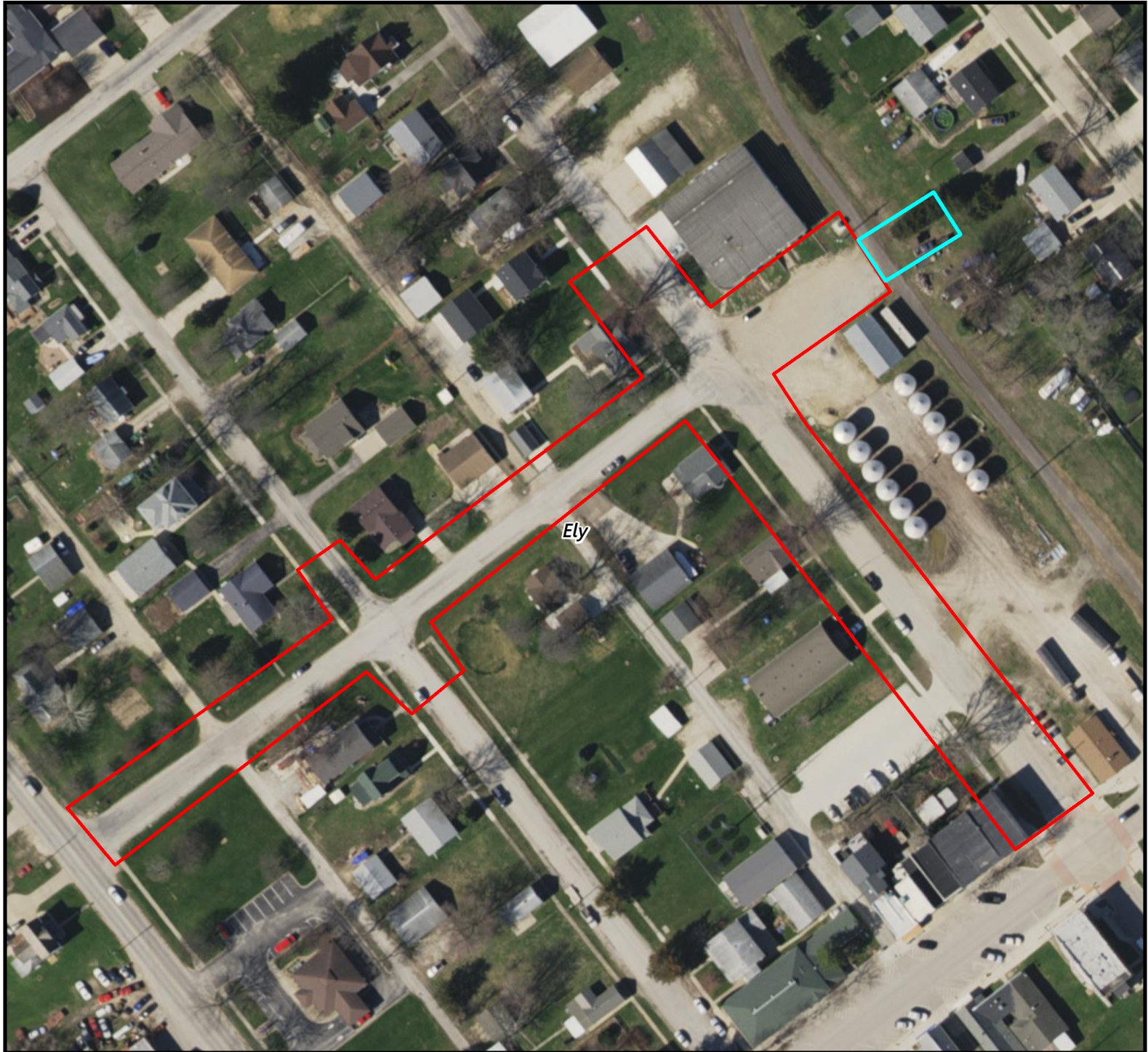
Linn County. Image source: Wikipedia, 2024.

**Ely Water Main Replacement: Phase 1 - Reaffirmation**  
Ely, IA (Linn County, Iowa)

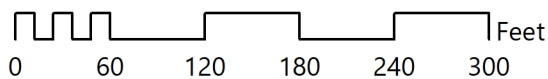
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