<u>Why You Should Read This</u>: 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 FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

August 26, 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 Meservey **SRF Number:** FS-17-24-DWSRF-017 **County:** Cerro Gordo **Iowa DNR Project Number:** W2023-0283

State: Iowa

Other Federal Funding: CDBG

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 Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) was issued on December 20, 2023 and finalized on January 22, 2024. This FNSI is hereby Reaffirmed including the additional areas outside of the original environmental review that have been identified as requiring work. The additional work includes adding a cellular control unit (RTU) inside the existing Well #1 wellhouse to match that of the new Well #2, which is also being constructed as part of the proposed water system improvements project. No ground disturbance is required. As part of the proposed work, the Contractor will place the cellular unit (RTU) inside the well house, plug it into the wall, and add wiring from the existing control panel to the new unit. They will also drill a small hole through the roof or wall for an antenna, seal the hole, and install the antenna. The portion of the proposed project that has already completed environmental review includes the construction of a new well (Well #2), a 14' x 16' well house, 6" water main, reconnection of existing water services to the new main, and installation of new water meters inside residential and commercial buildings.

A petition had been made by the City of Meservey as of July 31, 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 #231017391), 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 <a href="mailto:SRF-PC@dnr.iowa.gov">SRF-PC@dnr.iowa.gov</a> or directly to me at <a href="mailto:rebecca.flynnkettman@dnr.iowa.gov">rebecca.flynnkettman@dnr.iowa.gov</a> or (515) 204-5672.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Project Map

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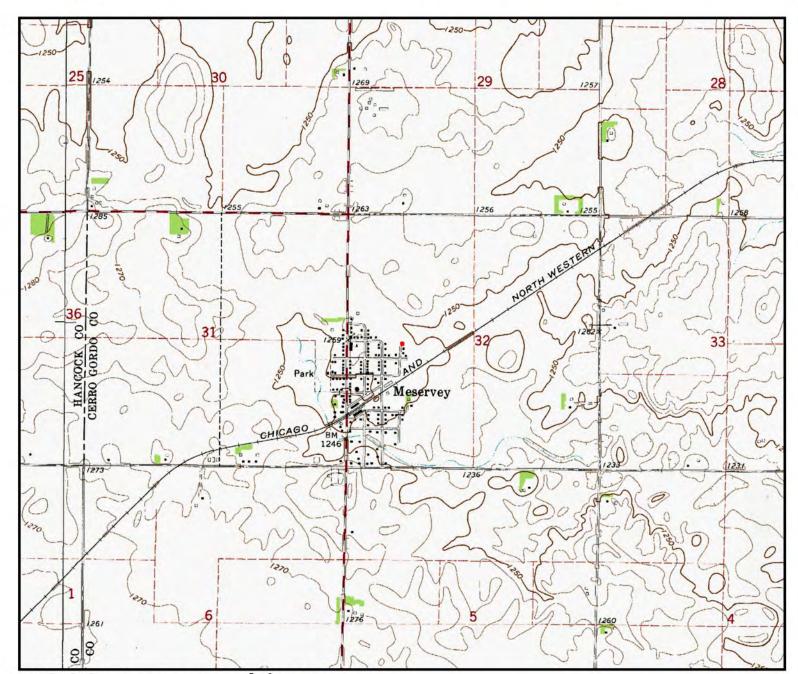
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USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle: Thornton Sections: 31, 32 Township: 94 N, Range: 22 W

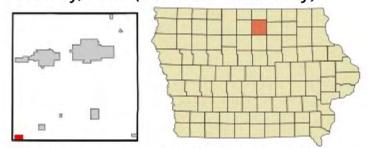


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## **USGS** Topographic Map

Meservey Phase 1 Water Supply System Improvements Project - Reaffirmation Meservey, Iowa (Cerro Gordo County)



Scale: 1 inch = 2,000 feet

1,000 2,000 3,000 4,000

Legend

Cerro Gordo County. Image source: Wikipedia, 2024.



## 2023 Aerial Photograph





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