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Dear Recipient:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District (USACE) has released for public comment the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on the effects associated with a proposed environmental infrastructure project located in the Town of Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana pursuant to Section 219 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992, as amended. The purpose of the proposed project is to rehabilitate deteriorating sanitary sewer infrastructure (Enclosure 1).

The Draft EA considers two alternatives to rehabilitate sanitary sewer infrastructure in the area. The recommended plan includes the segmented sliplining of 3,300 linear feet (LF) of a 48-inch sanitary sewer line from 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Morgan Avenue and the Chesterton Wastewater Treatment Plant. Two temporary excavation pits would be excavated within the road right-of-way of 8<sup>th</sup> Street (just south of Broadway Avenue and just south of Woodlawn Avenue).

The 30-day public review period will be held from May 16, 2025 through June 15, 2025. As part of the public review period, USACE would appreciate any comments or concerns associated with any potential effects to environmental and cultural resources of the proposed action. The Draft EA/FONSI is available at: <https://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/News/Project-Documents-Notices-Public-Review/Category/24681/chicago/>

Comments regarding the proposed action may be submitted via email or mail. Emailed comments should be sent to [andrew.j.miller2@usace.army.mil](mailto:andrew.j.miller2@usace.army.mil). Mailed comments should be sent to the attention of Mr. Andrew J. Miller (CELRC-PDL-E) at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 231 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1500, Chicago, IL 60604. All comments should be postmarked or emailed by June 15, 2025.

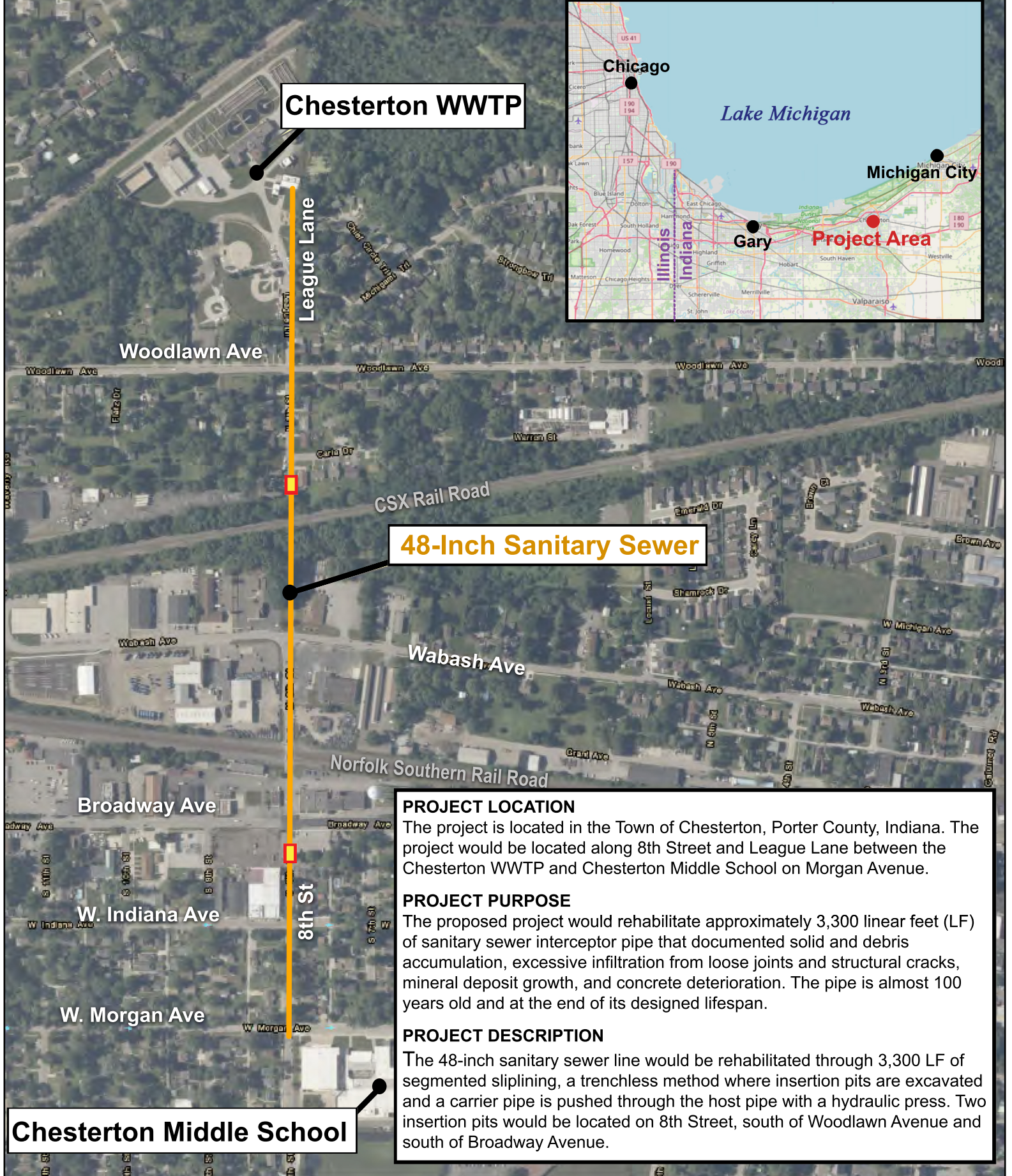
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Enclosures  
1 – Project Map  
2 – Distribution List



**Chesterton WWTP**



**48-Inch Sanitary Sewer**

**PROJECT LOCATION**

The project is located in the Town of Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana. The project would be located along 8th Street and League Lane between the Chesterton WWTP and Chesterton Middle School on Morgan Avenue.

**PROJECT PURPOSE**

The proposed project would rehabilitate approximately 3,300 linear feet (LF) of sanitary sewer interceptor pipe that documented solid and debris accumulation, excessive infiltration from loose joints and structural cracks, mineral deposit growth, and concrete deterioration. The pipe is almost 100 years old and at the end of its designed lifespan.


**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The 48-inch sanitary sewer line would be rehabilitated through 3,300 LF of segmented sliplining, a trenchless method where insertion pits are excavated and a carrier pipe is pushed through the host pipe with a hydraulic press. Two insertion pits would be located on 8th Street, south of Woodlawn Avenue and south of Broadway Avenue.

**Chesterton Middle School**


**48-Inch Sanitary Sewer**

**25-FT x 12-FT Insertion Pit**

  
1 inch = 500 feet

**48" Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project**  
Chesterton, Indiana  
ENCLOSURE 1 - PROJECT MAP  
Chicago District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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