

Public Notice
Announcing the Availability of an Environmental Assessment

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Development

Whiteford Township: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Development, USDA

ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Rural Development (RD), as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, is issuing an environmental assessment (EA) in connection with possible impacts related to a project proposed by Whiteford Township, Michigan. The proposal is for construction of a water storage tank, pump station and approximately 4.2 miles of water main extension as identified on the attached map. Whiteford Township has submitted an application to USDA for funding of the proposal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew H. Granskog, PE, State Environmental Coordinator, USDA Rural Development, Community Programs, 3001 Coolidge Road, Suite 200, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823, (517) 324-5209, andy.granskog@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed project includes the construction of approximately 4.2 miles of water line extensions along Sylvania-Petersburg Road, West Sterns Road, Whiteford Center Road, and Schnipke Drive. Water will be supplied by the existing Whiteford Water Filtration Facility. A 200,000 gallon storage tank and associated pump station will be constructed, as well, on existing Township property.

RCAP prepared an environmental assessment for RUS that describes the project, assesses the proposed project's environmental impacts, and summarizes as applicable any mitigation measures used to minimize environmental effects. RUS has conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental assessment and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

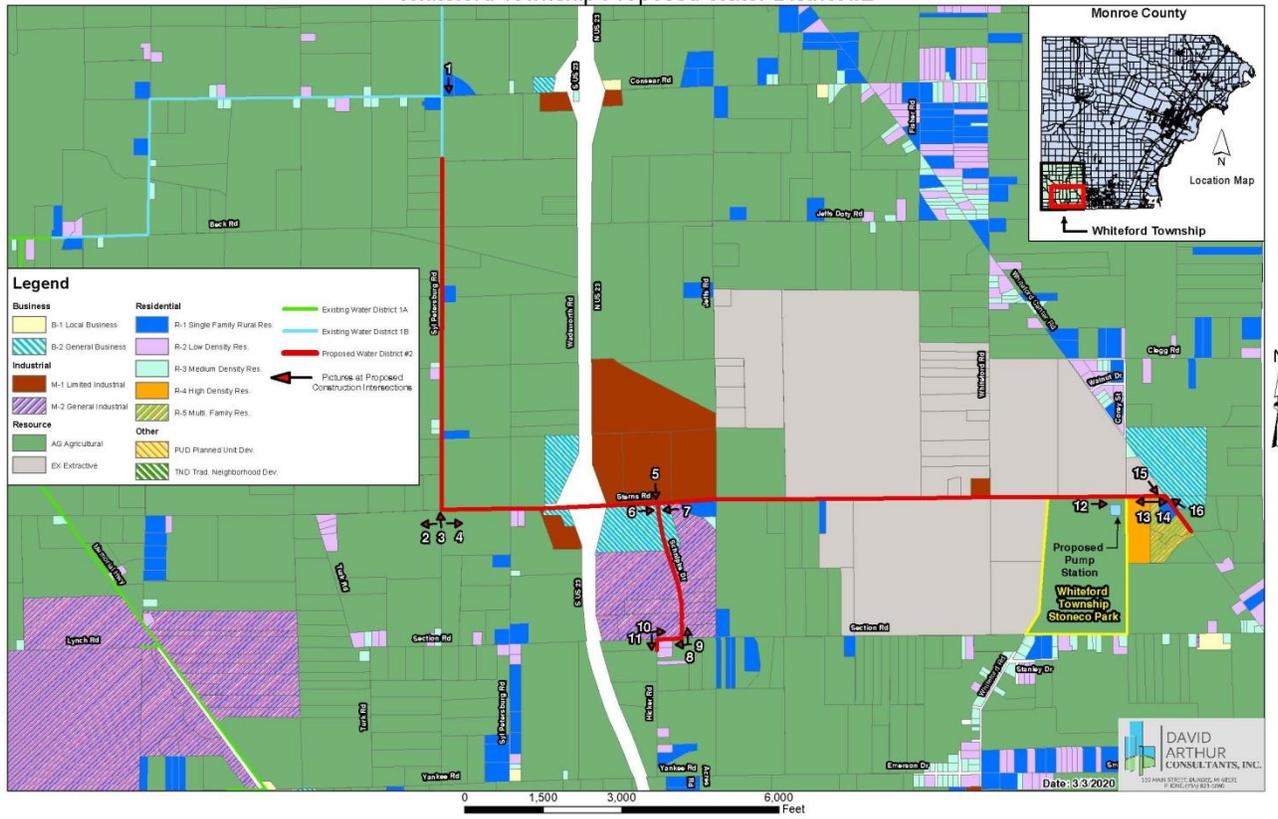
Questions and comments should be sent to RD at the address provided. RD will accept questions and comments on the environmental assessment for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Any final action by RD related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 CFR Part 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

A general location map of the proposal is shown below.

Dated: **10.30.20**

Whiteford Township Proposed Water District #2



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