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**DETERMINATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

TO: All Interested Persons

DATE ISSUED: February 15, 2023

The State of Maine’s Clean Water State Revolving Fund rules require a “Justification for Categorical Exclusion” prepared by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on behalf of the Town of Hartland. The proposed Commercial Street Sewer Improvements Project is exempt from substantive environmental review requirements.

The proposed action is to replace or reline, aging underground clay pipe sanitary sewers, manholes, and service laterals along Commercial Street, between Main Street and the Town line, and Burton Street.

A review of the proposed action by DEP has indicated that it meets the criteria for a Categorical Exclusion. Specifically, the proposed action is directed solely toward the functional replacement and rehabilitation of the existing sewer system along Commercial Street.

Therefore, I am granting the Categorical Exclusion from substantive environmental review as provided in Section C of the State of Maine’s Clean Water State Revolving Fund rules, Chapter 595. This exclusion may be revoked at any time if any of the criteria used for its issuance are violated.

Further records regarding the project are on file and are available for public review at this office and local address indicated on the attached justification. Comments relative to this decision may be submitted to DEP.

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**JUSTIFICATION FOR**  
**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

A. Project Identification

Project Name: Commercial Street Sewer Improvements Project

Address: TOWN OF HARTLAND  
PO Box 280  
Hartland, ME 04943

Project Location: Town of Hartland,  
Somerset County

Project Number: CWSRF# SRFA092-1

B. Summary of Environmental Review

The environmental information document dated December 15, 2022 as prepared by Olver Associates Inc. for the Town of Hartland have been reviewed, and in accordance with State of Maine's Clean Water State Revolving Fund<sup>1</sup> rules, the findings of our environmental review are summarized below.

1. Project Description

The Town of Hartland owns and operates the existing collection system which serves approximately 321 users. The system is made up of approximately five miles of pipe and two pump stations. Flows from the collection system are treated at the Hartland Pollution Control Facility and discharged into the West Branch of the Sebasticook River.

This project is part of the ongoing efforts to reduce the amount of excess water that enters into the sanitary sewer system during wet weather events. Commercial Street has been identified as a major contributor to these excess flows. The remediation of the sanitary sewer in this area would reduce adverse impacts to the wastewater treatment plant, reduce treatment costs, and increase treatment efficiency. The proposed action is to replace or reline, aging underground clay pipe sanitary sewers, manholes, and service laterals along Commercial Street, between Main Street and the Town line, and Burton Street. Most of the land and easements associated with this project are already under the control of the Town, as the majority of this project is a replacement of

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<sup>1</sup> Clean Water State Revolving Fund rules, <http://www.maine.gov/dep/water/grants/srfparag.html>

existing sanitary sewer in the road right of way. The Town is in the process of obtaining a permanent easement in the Water Street area.

The project location is shown in Figure 1, attached.

There is no environmental permitting necessary for the proposed work. The project is not located within the 100-year floodplain. The project is not located in or near to any critical or significant fish or wildlife habitats and will not impact State or Federal threatened or endangered species. There are no known rare botanical features within the project area. The project will have no impact on historic properties. The project is not located within any waterbodies or wetlands area.

The project will have no adverse effects to low income or minority populations. There are no known indirect or cumulative impacts caused by the project.

The proposed project has been discussed at the Selectmen's meetings. Funding for this project was approved at the meeting on August 16, 2021. There is no known significant controversy over the project.

The project is estimated to be completed as part of one construction contract in 2023.

The total cost of the project change is estimated at approximately \$1,000,000. It will be funded by an American Rescue Plan Act grant administered by the Clean Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF) program.

## 2. Justification for Categorical Exclusion

Under section C(5)(b)(i) of the State of Maine's Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund rules, Chapter 595, the proposed project meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion from the requirement for a substantive environmental review. The project is directed solely toward the rehabilitation and upgrading of an existing facility and associated structures, and will not entail any of the following:

- i. The provision of capacity for a population 30 percent or greater than the existing population within a 10-year period;
- ii. The construction of new collection lines;
- iii. A new discharge or relocation of an existing discharge;
- iv. A substantial increase in the volume or loading of pollutants which measurably degrade receiving waters;
- v. Known or expected impacts to cultural resources, to threatened or endangered species, or to other environmentally sensitive areas, as defined by local, State or federal law; or
- vi. The construction of facilities that are known or expected not to be cost-effective or are likely to cause significant public controversy.

The project is not expected to have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment nor is it expected to affect historical properties, cultural resource areas, endangered or threaten species and their critical habitats, or to affect natural resource areas such as floodplains, wetlands, important farmlands, coastal barriers, aquifer recharge zones or their identified resource areas, or any other known environmentally sensitive areas.

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Maine Department of Environmental Protection

2/15/2023

Date

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FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
Town of Hartland  
(2/2023)**

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- Gary Brooks of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection
- Sue Baker of the Maine Flood Program

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Maine Historic Preservation Commission

Maine Natural Areas Program (Department of Agriculture, Conservation, & Forestry)

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Maine Department of Marine Resources

United States Department of the Interior Fish & Wildlife Service