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TO: All Interested Citizens, Organizations, and Government Agencies

SUBJECT: FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
City of Pinconning, Bay County
Lead Service Line Replacement
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project Number 7674-02

The purpose of this notice is to seek public input and comment on a preliminary decision by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required to implement recommendations discussed in the attached Environmental Assessment of a water supply project planning document submitted by the applicant mentioned above.

HOW WERE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES CONSIDERED?

Part 54, Safe Drinking Water Assistance, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, being Sections 324.5401 to 324.5418 of the Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated, requires EGLE to evaluate all environmental implications of a proposed water supply project. EGLE has done this by incorporating a detailed analysis of the environmental impact of the proposed alternatives in its review and approval process. A project planning document was prepared by the applicant and reviewed by the State. EGLE has prepared the attached Environmental Assessment and found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of an EIS.

WHY IS AN EIS NOT REQUIRED?

Our environmental review concluded that no significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed action. Any adverse impacts have either been eliminated by changes in the project planning document or will be reduced by the implementation of the mitigative measures discussed in the attached Environmental Assessment.

HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A map depicting the location of the proposed project is attached. This information is also available on our website at Michigan.gov/SRF under "Environmental Project Reviews." The Environmental Assessment presents additional information on the project, alternatives that were considered, impacts of the proposed action, and the basis for our decision. Further information can be obtained by calling or writing one of the contact people listed below.

HOW DO I SUBMIT COMMENTS?

Any comments supporting or disagreeing with this preliminary decision should be submitted to EGLE-WIFFS@Michigan.gov or to me at EGLE, FD, Constitution Hall, P.O. Box 30457, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7957. We will not take any action on this project

planning document for 30 calendar days from the date of this notice in order to receive and consider all comments.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

In the absence of substantive comments during this period, our preliminary decision will become final. The applicant will then be eligible to receive loan assistance from this Agency to construct the proposed project.

Any information you feel should be considered by EGLE should be brought to our attention. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Ferris, the project manager, at 517-331-3744; FerrisJ6@Michigan.gov; or you may contact me. Your interest in this process and the environment is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Water Infrastructure Funding and Financing Section
Finance Division
517-388-3380

Attachment

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
City of Pinconning, Bay County
Environmental Assessment
March 2026

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Applicant: City of Pinconning

Address: 208 North Manitou Street
Pinconning, Michigan 48650

Authorized Representative: Rebecca Lakin, City Manager

Project Number: 7674-02

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The City of Pinconning (Pinconning) is located in central lower Michigan. Pinconning owns its water distribution system which is supplied from the Bay Area Water Treatment Plant (BAWTP). According to the United States Census Bureau, the 2020 population of Pinconning was estimated at 1,204 persons and is expected to decrease to 1,081 by 2042. Figure 1 shows the Pinconning city limits.

Pinconning is seeking a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) low interest loan administered by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to complete lead service line replacements throughout Pinconning. Construction is expected to begin in March 2027 and be completed in November 2027.

The estimated cost of the project is \$390,000. Pinconning is eligible to receive up to \$195,000 in loan principal forgiveness as Pinconning qualifies as an overburdened system based on EGLE criteria. Pinconning user rates are expected to increase by \$0.64 per month to service the loan debt.

EXISTING SYSTEM AND PROJECT NEED

The Pinconning distribution system consists of approximately 63,400 feet of water main and a total of 642 service lines. Based on Pinconning's Complete Distribution System Materials Inventory, 428 of the service lines do not contain lead, 187 were found to be copper or plastic, and the remaining 27 were confirmed to be lead or galvanized.

Lead water services are a known public health hazard. Lead services and galvanized services previously connected to lead still exist within older portions of the distribution system. Michigan's Lead and Copper Rule requires replacement of all lead service lines, and galvanized lines that either currently or historically have been connected to lead, on both public and private property, since they pose a health threat.

PROPOSED PROJECT

Alternatives Considered

No-action Alternative

The no action alternative would leave lead and galvanized water service in place. Given that this would not meet the requirements of the LCR of the Safe Drinking Water Act, this alternative was not evaluated further.

Regionalization

Pinconning receives water from the BAWTP, which is the only source of water within the region. Regionalization would not address lead service lines in the distribution system.

Optimization

Operational or maintenance improvements could not achieve the project objectives. Where lead and galvanized water service lines have been identified they must be replaced; they cannot be addressed through operational solutions.

Construction

In this alternative, lead and galvanized service lines in various locations throughout Pinconning would be replaced to eliminate all lead-impacted water services that have been identified.

Selected Alternative

The construction alternative is the selected alternative and would consist of the replacement of 25 lead service lines. Figures 2 and 3 show the locations of the proposed lead service line replacements. The remaining two lead service lines in the systems are planned to be replaced as part Pinconning's DWSRF 7674-01 project which is covered in a separate Environmental Assessment.

PROJECT IMPACTS

Water Quality Impacts

The proposed project would meet compliance requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act. There are no expected impacts to surface water or groundwater quality or quantity as a result of the proposed project. Negative impacts are also not expected in relation to wetlands or floodplains.

Construction Impacts

Service line replacement work will take place in residential yards and road rights-of-way, and areas disturbed as part of the project will be restored to existing conditions. Impacts associated with project construction include dust, soil erosion/sedimentation, noise, and traffic impacts. Mitigation of these impacts would include best construction practices such as soil erosion prevention techniques, maintenance of construction equipment, and limiting construction to regular working hours during the week.

All residences that have been identified as having a service line containing lead will be contacted by Pinconning and their contractors regarding the schedule for replacement.

A Michigan Natural Features Inventory rare species review was completed for the proposed project area. The review indicated that although several at-risk species and/or natural communities were identified within 1.5 miles of the project location, it is highly unlikely that adverse impacts will occur. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service Section 7 consultation listed six threatened, endangered, or candidate species in the project area; however, no critical habitats were found to be in the project area. It is not expected that construction activities associated with the project will impact any of these species since work will be taking place in previously disturbed areas. No tree removal is anticipated during the proposed project.

Federally identified tribes in Bay County were contacted requesting comments as to any potential impact to historic, religious, or cultural resources. To date, no comments have been received.

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) determined that the project will have no adverse effect on historic properties within the project area. If the scope of work changes in any way or in the event that archaeological material is encountered during construction activities related to the project, work will be halted and SHPO will be contacted immediately.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A public hearing to discuss the proposed project was advertised in the *Pinconning Journal* on May 20, 2022. The public hearing was held at the Pinconning City Hall on June 27, 2022. The main topics of discussion at the hearing included a description of the drinking water needs and problems within the system, the principal alternatives and selected alternative, project financing and costs, as well as any social and environmental impacts. No specific concerns were raised during the meeting and no changes to the proposed project plan. Following the presentation, public comment, and discussion, the selected alternative was chosen for implementation. At the conclusion of the meeting, Pinconning passed a resolution to adopt the project planning document and apply for DWSRF financing to implement the selected alternative.

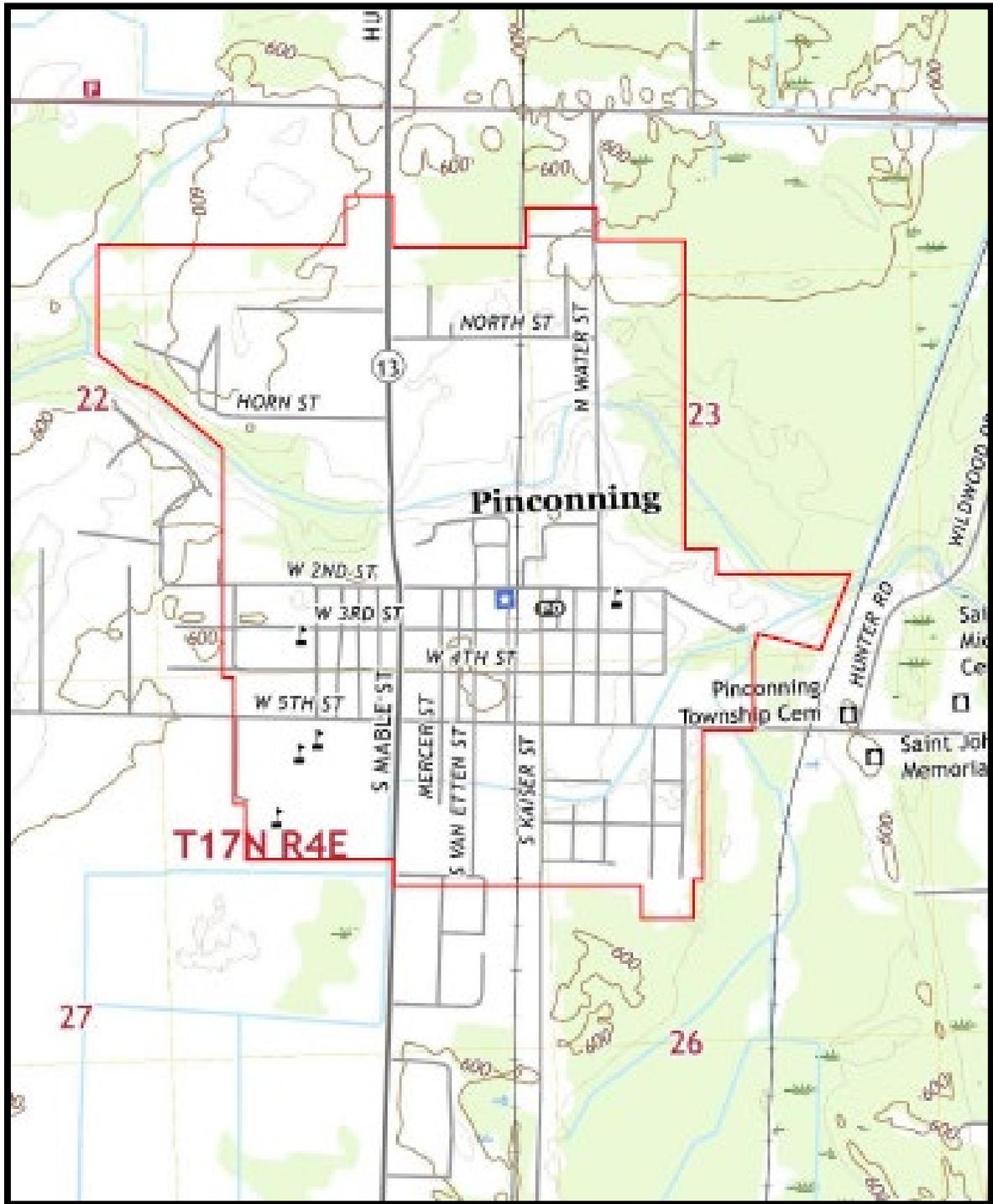
REASONS FOR CONCLUDING NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS

The project will present no long-term significant impacts associated with its construction or operation. Construction activities will be limited to existing structures or previously disturbed areas in Pinconning. Long term positive impacts include improved system reliability and adherence with the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Questions regarding this Environmental Assessment should be directed to:

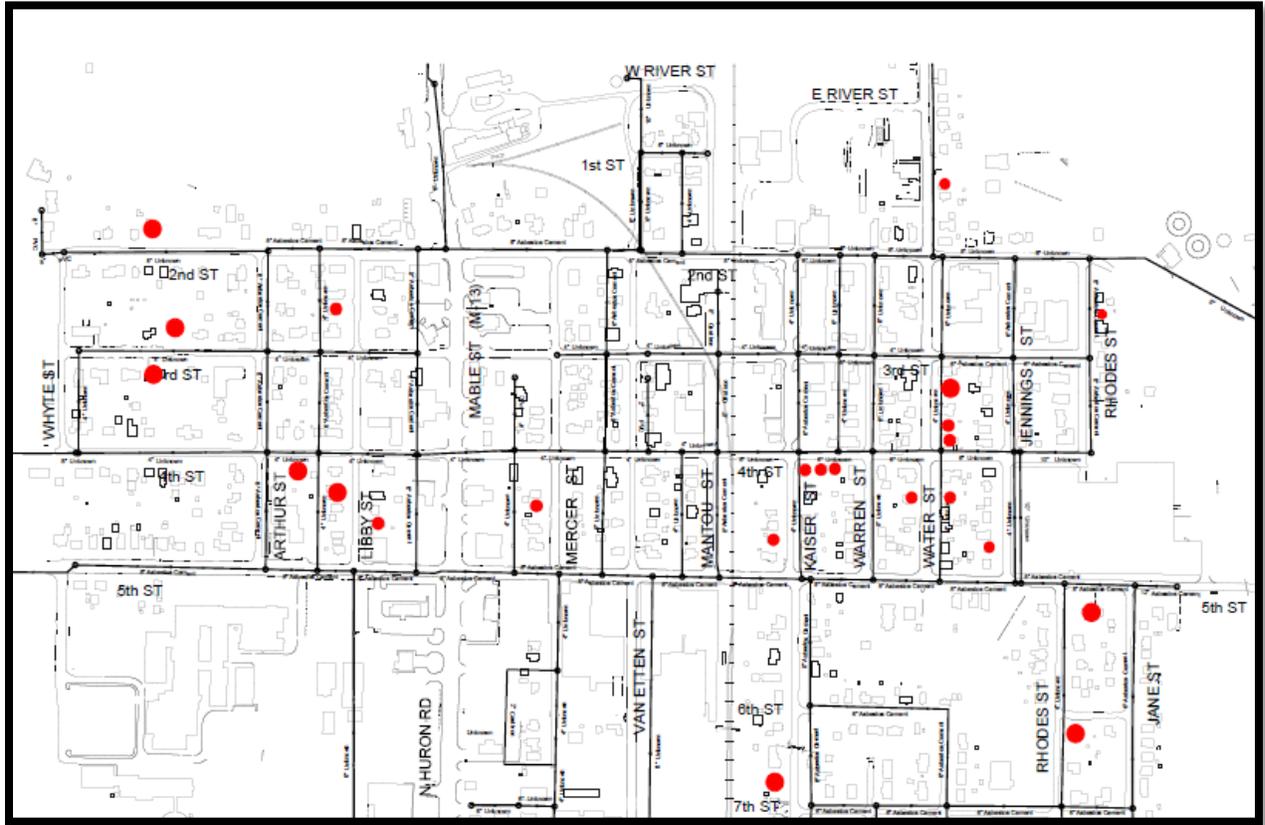
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Figure 1: Pinconning City Limits



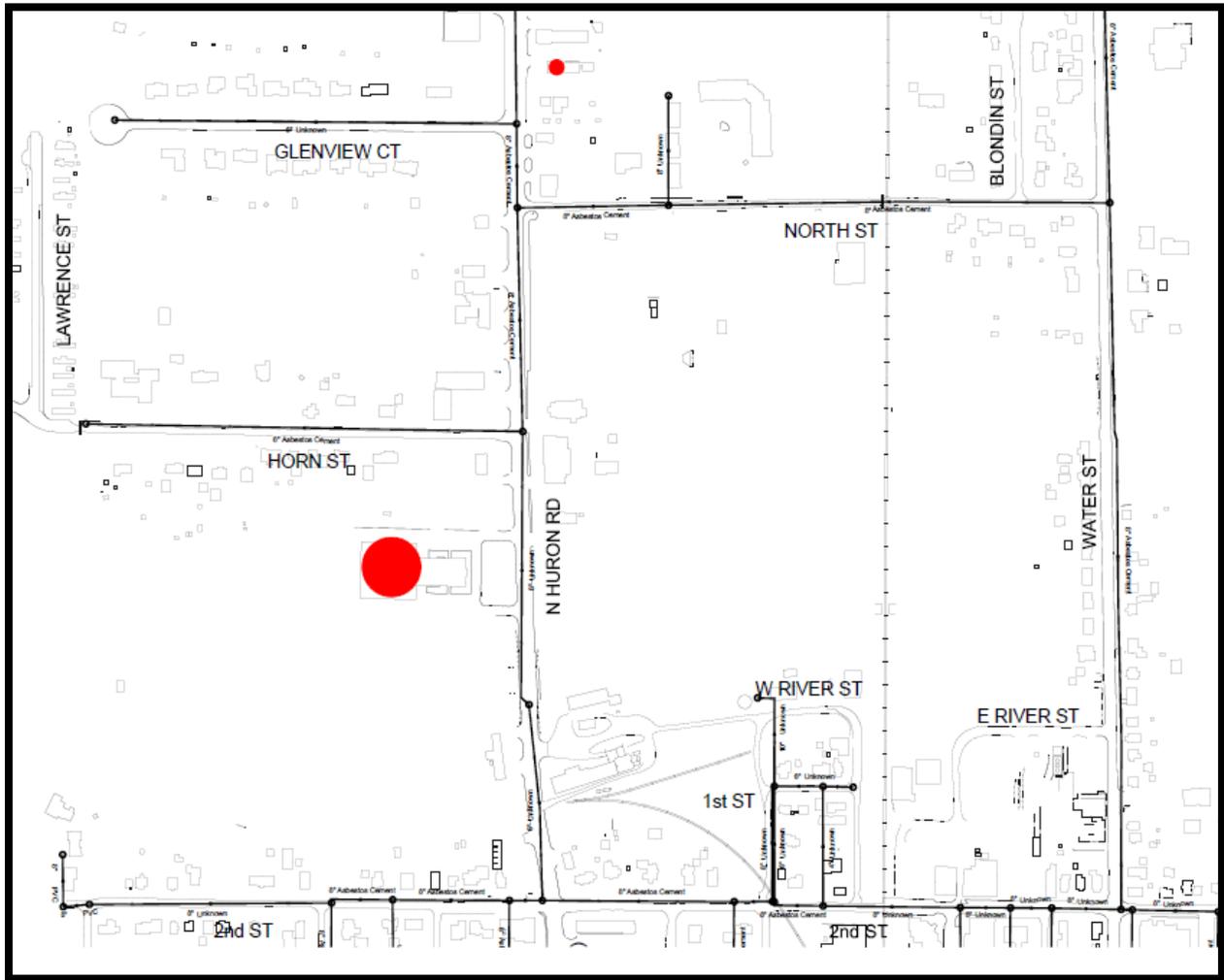
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Figure 2: Proposed Lead Service Line Replacement Locations



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Figure 3: Proposed Lead Service Line Replacement Locations Continued



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