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Categorical Exclusion

North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant:	Town of Old Fort
Date:	October 13, 2026
Project Name:	Old Fort SRF Helene Sewer Projects
Project Number:	SRF-W-HEL-0016
Estimated Project Cost:	$5,100,000
Estimated Funding Amount:	$5,000,000

Project Description:
Collection System
Priority No.1 Area: Close-circuit television (CCTV) and cleaning of approximately 47,809 linear feet (LF) of gravity sewer pipe; rehabilitation of 3,600 LF of 4-inch to 8-inch gravity sewer pipe, and associated manholes; replacement of 400 LF of 4-inch to 8-inch gravity sewer pipe, and associated manholes; and associated sewer services

Priority No.2 Area: Find and Fix rehabilitation and replacement of existing gravity sewer pipe [in compliance with 15A NCAC 02T .0305 (i)(1)] as presented in the Engineering Report (dated 10/01/2026) with a capital cost estimate of $1,184,500.00.

Old Fort WWTF
Installation of Cybersecurity and SCADA.

Emergency Response Plan and Hazard Mitigation Plan - HMP
Hazard Response Plan update.

The above-named applicant will receive funding assistance from the State Revolving Fund. The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Infrastructure (**Division**) has conducted a review of the project in accordance with the NCGS §159G-38. The Division has determined that this project is below the minor construction activities threshold outlined in the 15A NCAC 01C .0408; therefore, the project is exempt from inter-agency review, and the preparation of additional environmental documents is not required.

This determination shall become effective upon its distribution by the Division and will be available on the Division's website (https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-infrastructure/division-water-infrastructure/environmental-documents). This determination can be revoked at any time adverse information is made available. The documentation to support this decision will be on file with the Division, and is available for public scrutiny upon request.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed in writing to Ms. Stephanie Suter, Deputy Director, Division of Water Infrastructure, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, 1633 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699. Alternatively, she can be reached via telephone at 919.707.9044 or via e-mail at stephanie.suter@deq.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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