

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Town of St. Joe, Indiana

An oral translation or written translation of the public notice will be available in Spanish upon request. (Una traducción oral o la traducción escrita de la notificación pública estará disponible en español bajo petición).

On or about June 20, 2025, the Town of St. Joe intends to apply to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a grant from the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Wastewater and Drinking Water (WDW) Program. This program is funded by Title I of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used for water utility improvements within the St. Joe Water Service Area that will include the replacement of obsolete and undersized asbestos cement (AC) water mains throughout portions of the Town and up to five (5) fire hydrant assemblies; upgraded valves and system components designed to meet current standards; and the installation of a new water main loop from Curie St. to Spencer St. to alleviate water pressure issues. The total amount of CDBG funds to be requested is \$750,000. The maximum amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low- and moderate-income persons within the project area is \$388,500 (51.8% LMI). The Town also proposes to expend an estimated \$1,090,300 in non-CDBG funds on the project. These non-CDBG funds will be derived from the following sources: SRF, ARPA, Hydrant Fund, General/Water Fund, and EDIT.

The Town of St. Joe will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. located at the St. Joe Town Hall, 204 Washington Street, St. Joe, IN 46785, to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federally funded CDBG/WDW and SRF project. A representative from A&Z Engineering will be present to provide information on water utility improvements and receive public comments. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact Angela Snyder, Clerk-Treasurer, by phone at 260-337-5449, not later than March 28, 2025. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons. An oral or written translation of the public notice will be available upon request. (Una traducción oral o escrita del aviso público estará disponible en español a solicitud).

Preliminary Engineering documents and Information related to this project will be available for review upon request prior to the public hearing as of March 20, 2025, by calling Angela Snyder, for a scheduled appointment at 260-337-5449. Interested citizens are invited to provide comments at the public hearing or by written statement. Written comments should be submitted to the Town of St. Joe c/o NIRCC, Attn: Kristine Christlieb, Grant Administrator, 200 E. Berry St., Suite 230, Fort Wayne, IN 46802, or email comments to Kristine.Christlieb@co.allen.in.us no later than March 31, 2025 in order to ensure placement of such comments in the official record of the public hearing proceedings. A plan to minimize displacement and provide assistance to those displaced has been prepared by the Town of St. Joe and is also available to the public. This project will result in no displacement of any persons or businesses. For additional information concerning the proposed project, please contact Kristine Christlieb at: 260-449-4704 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Mon-Fri) or write to Kristine Christlieb at the contact information provided above.