

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
TOWN OF RICHEY, MONTANA  
Phase 2 Water Improvements Project

February 26, 2024

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above-named project. The project consists of 3 Schedules. The first Schedule includes approximately 2070 feet of 8" PVC water main that replaces 4" AC water main. Schedule 2 includes approximately 1020 feet of 8" PVC water main that replaces 4" AC water main. Schedule 3 includes approximately 1010 feet of 8" PVC that replaces 4" AC water main. All three schedules include new gate valves, fittings, services, and fire hydrants. The proposed water main replacement work is required due to aging, leaking and undersized water mains. The water distribution replacement work will take place on approximately 3 blocks of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street West, 3 blocks of 1<sup>st</sup> Street West, 3 block of 1<sup>st</sup> Street East, and 3 blocks of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street East. All replacements on each street are located between Royal Avenue West and Railroad Avenue West.

Pursuant to ARM 17.40.318, the Department has concluded that the proposed project meets the Categorical Exclusion criteria of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). The Categorical Exclusion may be revoked if the project is not initiated within the time period specified in the planning documents, a new or modified application is submitted, or new evidence demonstrates serious local or environmental issues exist, or state, local, tribal, or federal laws are violated.

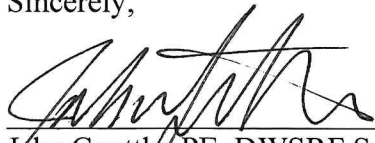
DEQ is aware of the district court opinion in Held v. State, ruling the statutory prohibition on including greenhouse gas analyses in MEPA reviews unconstitutional. DEQ continues to actively review options for a thoughtful, defensible disclosure of greenhouse gas data and analysis for the wide variety of projects the Agency reviews.

The documentation for the Categorical Exclusion is available for public review at <http://deq.mt.gov/public/publicnotice> and at the following locations:

Department of Environmental Quality  
State Revolving Fund Loan Program  
1520 East Sixth Avenue  
Helena, MT 59601

Town of Richey  
112 Antelope Avenue E  
Richey, MT 59259

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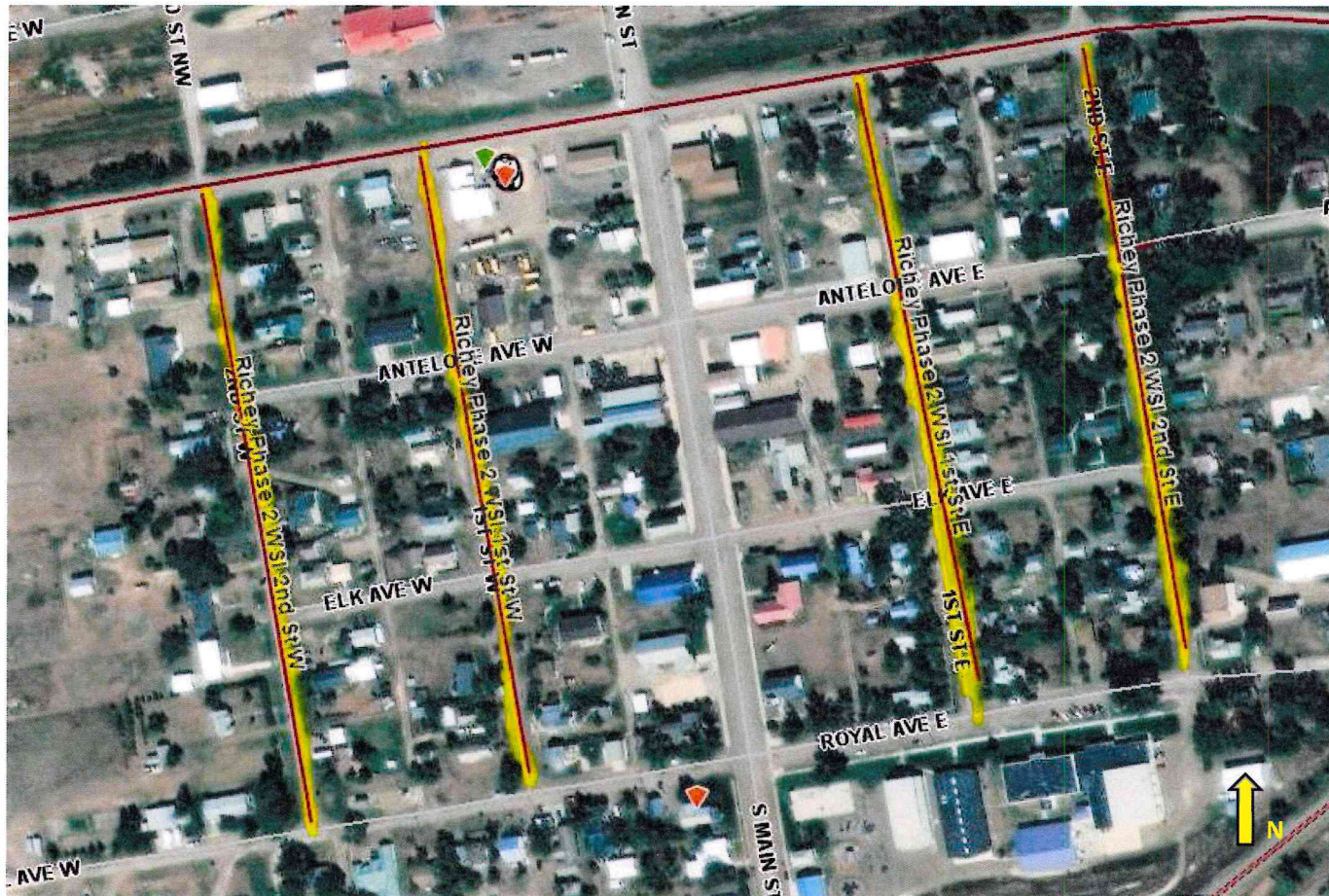


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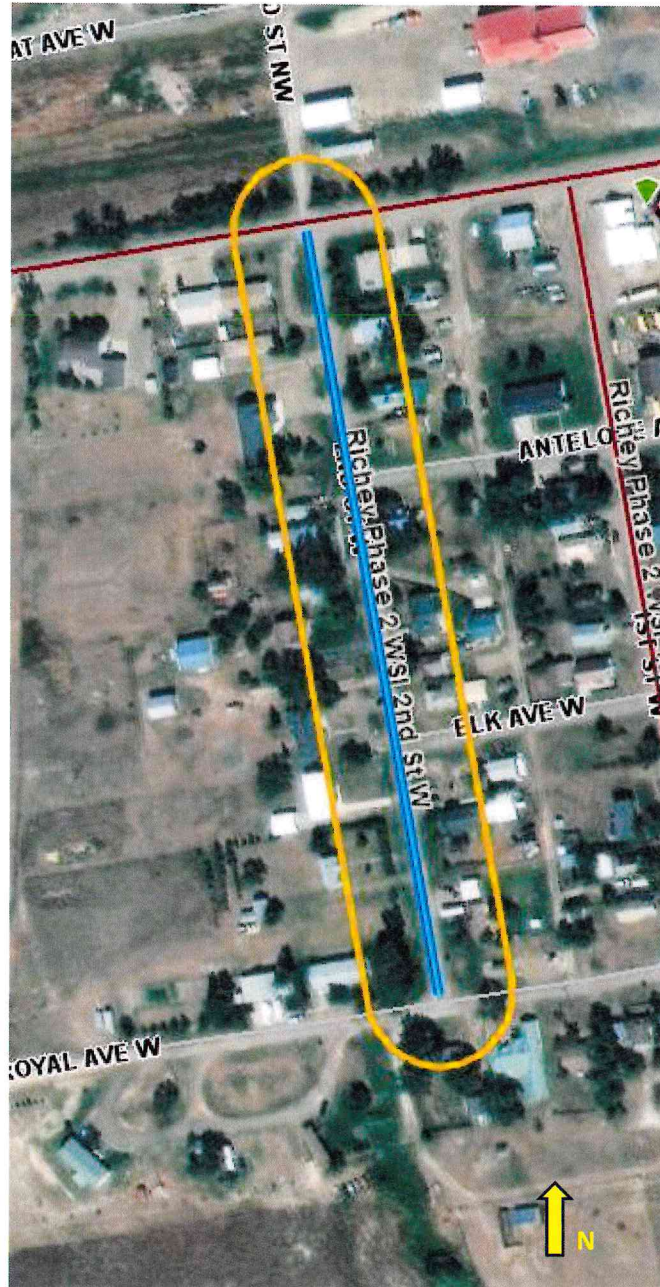
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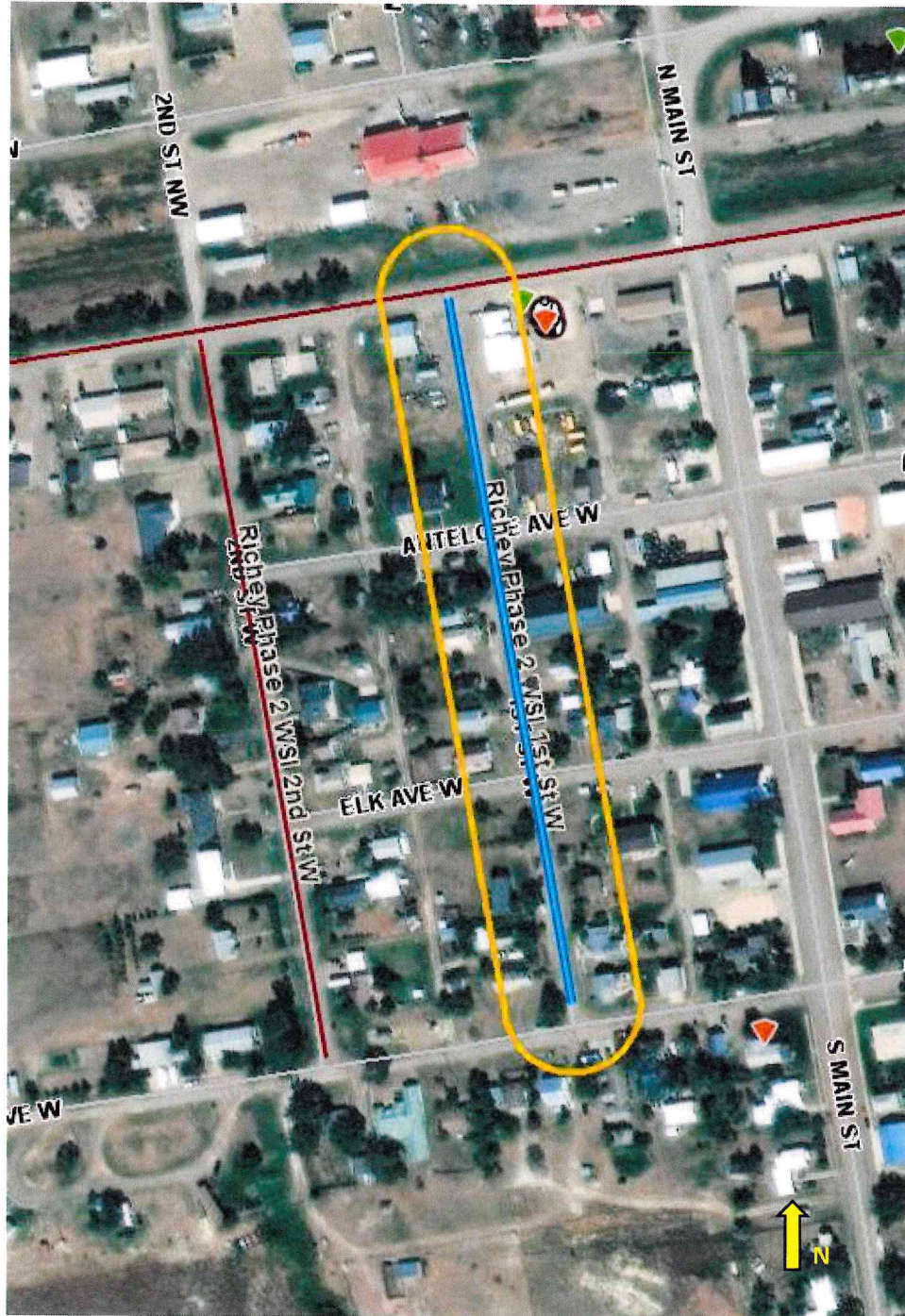
## Overall Project Area



Richey Phase 2 WSI 2<sup>nd</sup> St W



Richey Phase 2 WSI 1<sup>st</sup> St W



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Richey Phase 2 WSI 2<sup>nd</sup> St E

