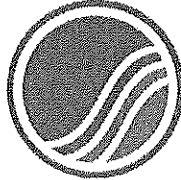


**Why You Should Read This:** The document below reviews the environmental impact likely from a project. This project is planned to be federally funded through your tax dollars; therefore, you are entitled to take part in its review. If you have concerns about the environmental impact of this project, raise them now. We encourage public input in this decision making process.



**IOWA STATE REVOLVING FUND**  
**REAFFIRMATION OF A CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

February 13, 2019

**To: All Interested Citizens, Government Agencies, and Public Groups**

An environmental review has been performed based on the procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for the proposed agency action below:

**Applicant:** City of Mount Ayr  
**County:** Ringgold  
**State:** Iowa

**SRF Number:** FS-80-15-DWSRF-013  
**Iowa DNR Project Number:** W2014-0523

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a State Revolving Fund (SRF) status update. This project has previously been reviewed by the DNR and a Categorical Exclusion (CX) from additional environmental review was issued on April 6, 2015. This CX is hereby Reaffirmed (RE) including multiple additional locations of water main replacement outside the original project area and the replacement of lead-service lines as they are found within the new project area.

A petition had been made by Garden & Associates on behalf of the City of Mount Ayr as of July 12, 2018 to revise this project scope to include the above listed work as a continuation of the ongoing construction project. The scope addition had not been previously evaluated by the DNR. It has now been determined by the DNR, and the State Historical Preservation Office has concurred (R&C #0150380023, that the additional work will result in "No Historic Properties Affected." Given the scope and location of the proposed additional work, no other impacts of the environmental criteria listed in 40 CFR Part 6 are anticipated.

This action is taken on the basis of a careful review of the engineering report, the environmental assessment and other supporting data which are on file at the Department of Natural Resources' office in Des Moines, Iowa. These are available for public review upon request. This Department will not take any administrative action on the project for at least thirty (30) calendar days from the

above date. Persons disagreeing with the above environmental decision may submit comments to the department during this period. Please direct your comments to me at [Jean.Mayne@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Jean.Mayne@dnr.iowa.gov) or 515-725-0487.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Project Map

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Mount Ayr Record News



**USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle: Mount Ayr**  
**Section: 31, Township: 69 N, Range: 29 W**  
**Section: 05-08, Township: 68 N, Range: 29 W**  
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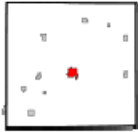
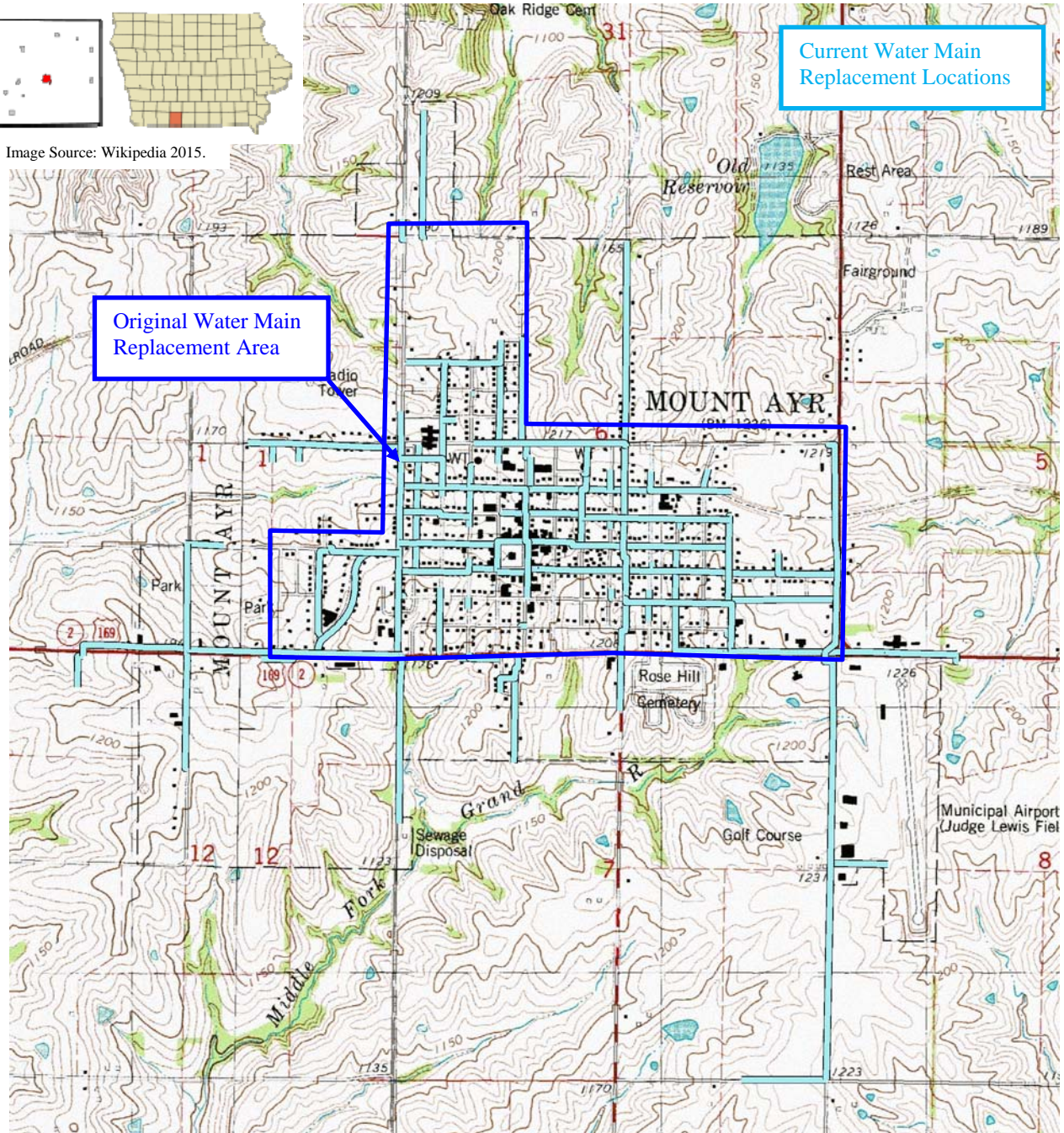


Image Source: Wikipedia 2015.



## USGS Topographic Map

Mount Ayr Water Supply Improvements  
Mount Ayr, IA



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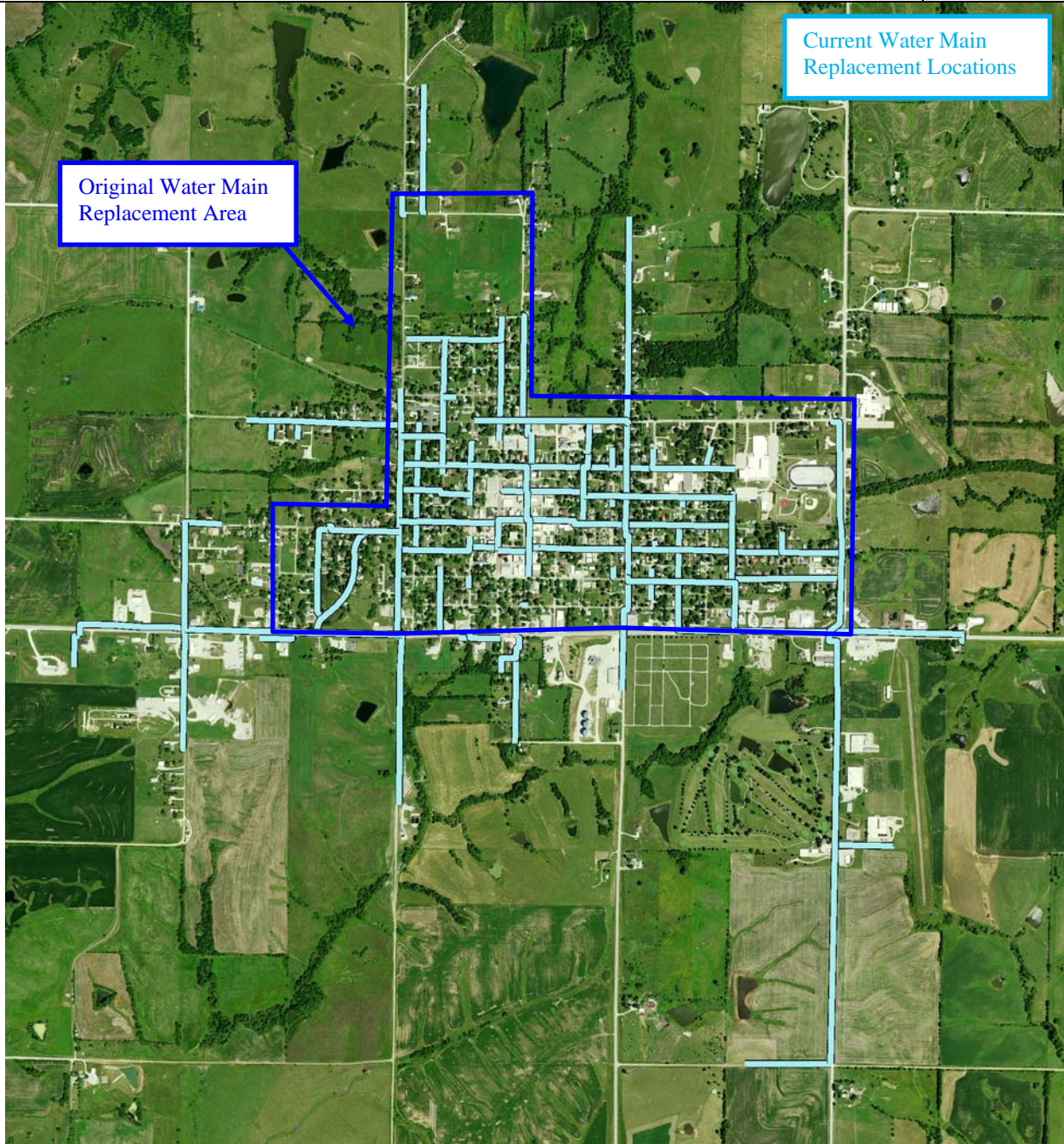


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Location information provided by Snyder & Associates



North



Original Water Main Replacement Area

Current Water Main Replacement Locations

## Aerial Photograph

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