

Public Notice

PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF POTENTIAL ADVERSE EFFECT ON A HISTORIC PROPERTY

The USDA Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from the City of Big Falls. The proposal consists of refurbishing the existing pump house, adding a new water treatment plant, replacing the elevated water tower, replacing the water distribution system and adding water meters. The new treatment plant and water tower would be located just to the north and east of the existing water tower. If implemented, the proposal will adversely affect the City's historic water tower. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of this effect and request comments concerning the proposal, alternative sites or actions that would avoid these impacts, and methods that could be used to minimize these impacts.

The environmental documentation regarding this proposal is available for review at USDA Rural Development, 7118 Clearwater Road, Baxter, MN 56425. For questions regarding this proposal contact Brian Boyda at 218-8295965 ext. 4. Any person interested in commenting on this proposal should submit comments to the address above by May 25, 2012. A general location map of the proposal is shown below.

