



Office of Water Resources • 2050 West Stearns Road • Bartlett, Illinois 60103

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED IN-STREAM WORK PLAN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE I-80 BRIDGES OVER THE DES PLAINES RIVER BY THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN WILL COUNTY

The Illinois Department of Transportation, 201 W. Center Court, Schaumburg, Illinois 60196 has applied for a permit from the Office of Water Resources to authorize temporary in-stream construction activities in and over the floodway and public waters of the Des Plaines River in Will County. The construction of the two new I-80 bridges and all related permanent structures referenced in this notice were permitted previously (IDNR/OWR Permit No. NE2025066). The project is located between McDonough Street and Brandon Road in the City of Joliet. This public notice is being issued pursuant to State rules for the "Regulation of Public Waters" (Title 17, Chapter I, Subchapter h, Part 3704).

The project involves temporary in-stream construction activities required to facilitate foundation installation, pier construction, and structural erection necessary to complete the construction of the proposed I-80 bridges. Temporary river access will be established from the west bank using modular crane ramps. The crane ramps will extend over the existing floodwall, providing direct access to the Des Plaines River. The in-stream work will require the use of barges as work platforms and to transport equipment and construction materials to the worksite. Construction of four permanent in-stream waterline foundation caps will require drilling six temporary 3.0 ft diameter pipe piles into the streambed to support templates that will be used to construct 32 permanent 6.0 ft diameter supporting shafts to support the permanent waterline foundation caps. Temporary coffercells will be used to construct the waterline foundation cap structures located at the top of the shafts. Upon completion of construction, all temporary access features, template piles, barges, work platforms, coffercell falsework, and associated construction materials will be removed and disturbed areas will be restored to pre-construction conditions. It is anticipated that the temporary in-stream work will occur over a period of up to 27 months beginning in September 2026.

The project is located in the Southwest and Southeast Quarters of Section 16, Township 35 North, Range 10 East of the Third Principal Meridian in Will County. A project location map is included in this public notice.

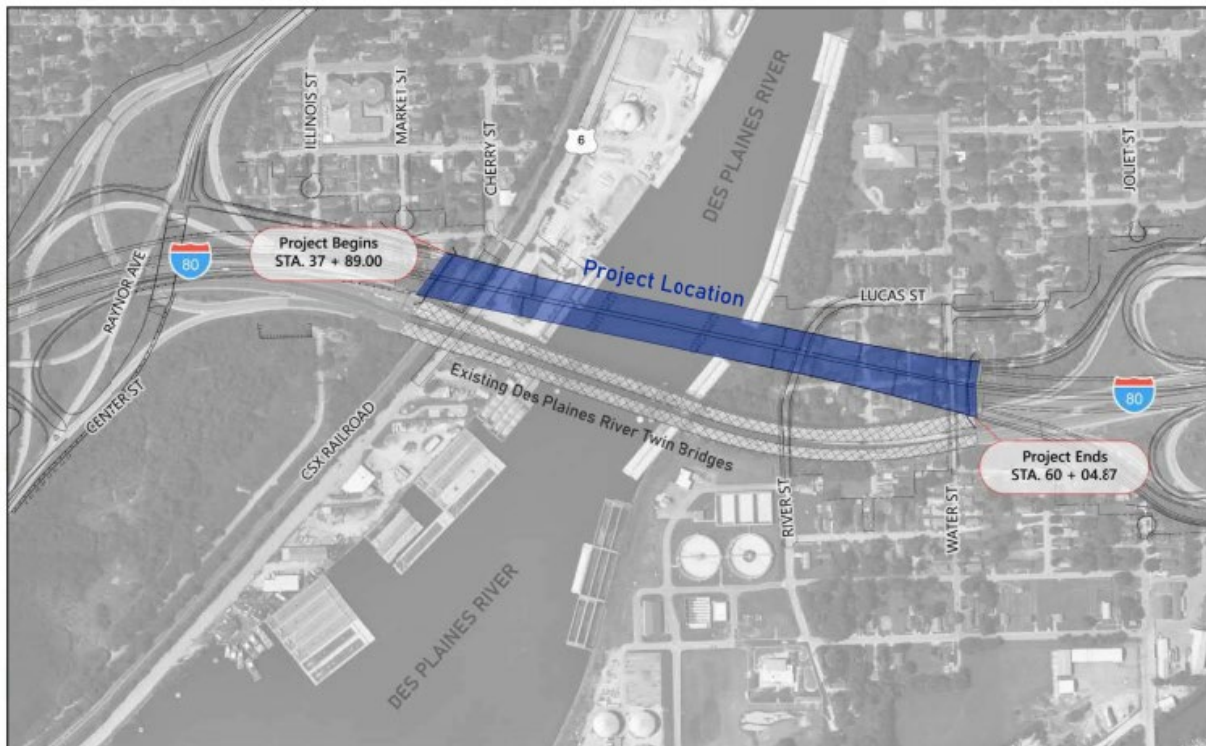


Plans for the work may be seen by appointment at the Northeastern Illinois Regulatory Programs Section office, 2050 West Stearns Road, Bartlett, Illinois 60103. Inquiries and requests to review the plans may be directed to James Kessen of the Bartlett Office at 847/608-3116 or james.kessen@illinois.gov.

Review of this project will be limited to the following issues: 1) Any obstruction to, or interference with the navigability of the Des Plaines River; 2) Any encroachment on the Des Plaines River; and 3) Any impairment of the rights, interests or uses of the public on the Des Plaines or in the natural resources thereof.

You are invited to send written comments regarding the proposed work to the Bartlett Office by September 2, 2026.

August 12, 2026



PROJECT LOCATION MAP
I-80 DES PLAINES RIVER BRIDGES RECONSTRUCTION
EAST OF CENTER STREET INTERCHANGE TO WEST OF CHICAGO STREET INTERCHANGE
WILL COUNTY
IDOT CONTRACT 62R23

