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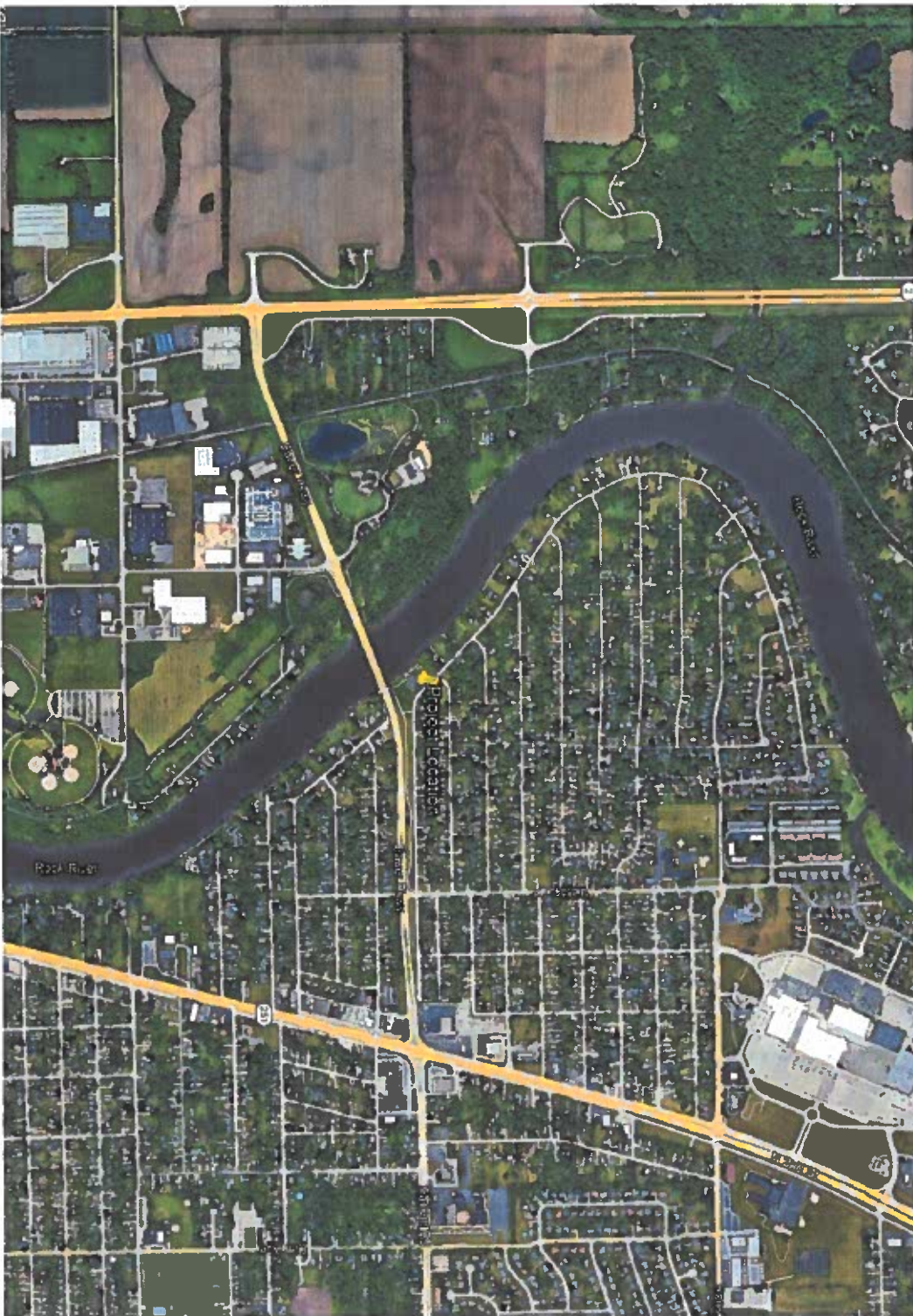
PUBLIC NOTICE

**PROPOSED RIVERFRONT IMPROVEMENTS FOR STONES LANDING PARK
ON THE ROCK RIVER IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY**

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources (IDNR/OWR) has received an application from the Village of Machesney Park, 300 Roosevelt Road, Machesney Park, Illinois 61115, to improve the riverfront property for Stones Landing Park on the Rock River in Winnebago County. A location map is provided on the second page of this notice.

The proposed project involves numerous improvements to the park in the mapped floodway of the Rock River including pathways, parking lots, bank stabilization, a river overlook, and accessible fishing platforms. The bank stabilization will be in the form of riprap placement along the riverfront of the park. The proposed river overlook will be on the west end of the property, while the fishing platform will be near the center of the property, both will extend over the public water. The observation platform will have outside measurements approximately 24ft 3in by 24ft 3in, will have a platform elevation of 706.89 NAVD88, and will be in the shape of an octagon. This platform will be supported by six (6) piles in the public waters and the platform will extend no further than 24ft 3in into the channel. The accessible fishing platform will have outside measurements approximately 67ft by 33ft, will have a platform elevation of 707.78 NAVD88, and will be made of 3 octagonal platforms. This platform will be supported by sixteen (16) piles in the public waters and the platform will extend no further than 33ft into the channel. All piles will measure 16in in diameter. The applicant originally proposed a four (4) month work schedule.

Inquiries may be directed to Kristian Peterson at 217/558-4532. All interested parties are invited to submit written statements regarding the proposed work to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Illinois 62702 by **October 28, 2025**.



Credit: Background map obtained from *Google Earth*.