



September 9, 2025

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE SUPERSTRUCTURE CARRYING  
MERIDIAN ROAD OVER THE PECATONICA 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 Winnebago County Highway Department, 424 North Springfield Avenue, Rockford, Illinois 61101 to replace the superstructure of the Meridian Road Bridge over the Pecatonica River in Winnebago County. A location map is provided on the second page of this notice.

The proposed project involves the replacement of the steel beams, concrete deck, and guardrails of the existing bridge carrying Meridian Road over the Pecatonica River. This work will be primarily restricted to the superstructure, and minor repairs will occur on the piers when needed. During demolition and erection of the superstructure, there will be temporary closure of the river in the work area marked by illuminated buoys and signage. To facilitate these actions, the contractor may use causeways and barges. The application indicates construction is intended to start in April of 2026.

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 7, 2025**.

