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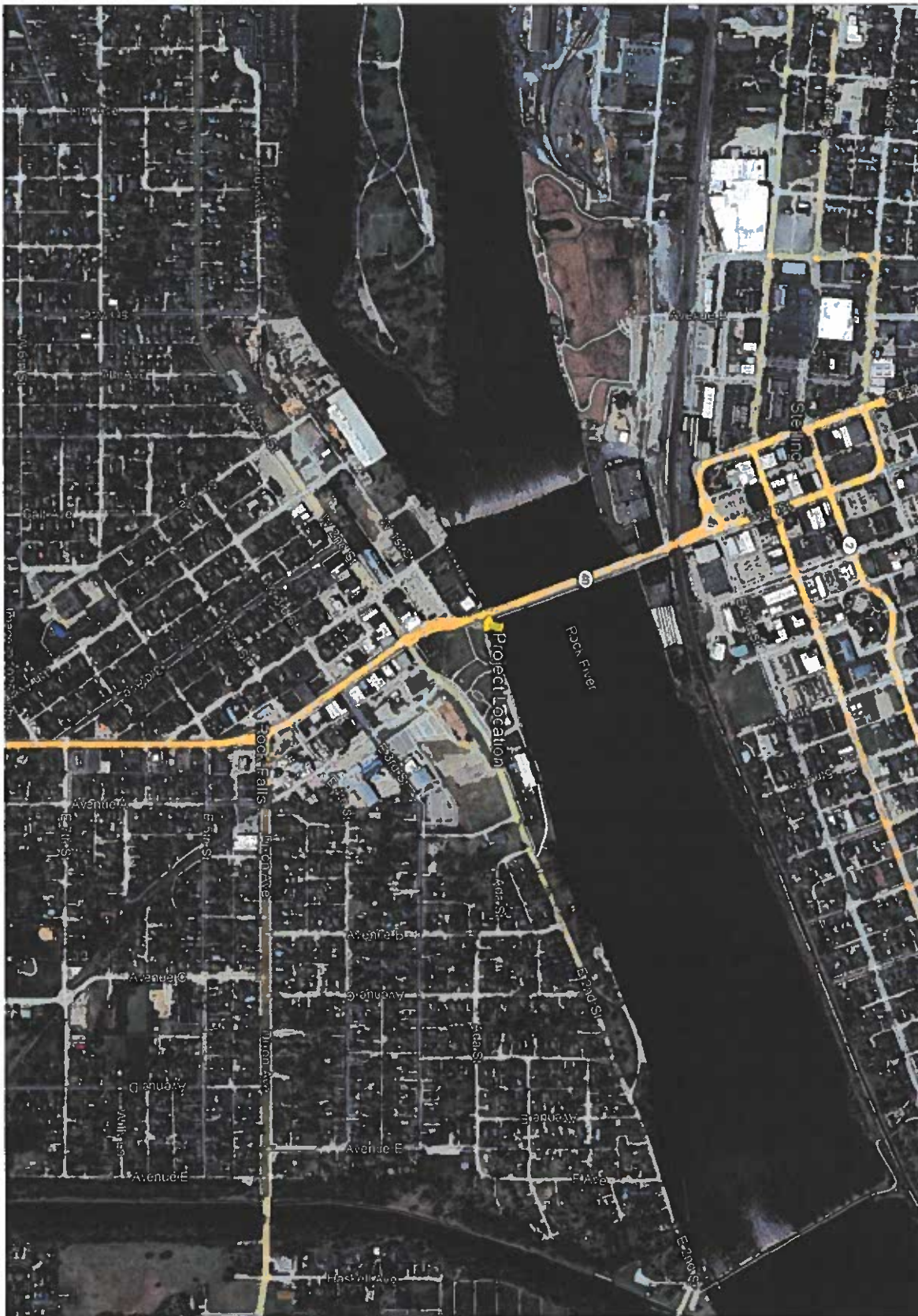
PUBLIC NOTICE

**PROPOSED SHARED USE PATH UNDER THE IL-40 BRIDGE ON THE SOUTH BANK OF
THE ROCK RIVER IN WHITESIDE 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 City of Rock Falls, 603 West 10th Street, Rock Falls, Illinois 61071 to construct a shared use path along the Rock River connecting the Micro Industries Parking Lot and RB&W District Park under the IL-40 bridge in the City of Rock Falls in Whiteside County. A location map is provided on the second page of this notice.

The proposed project involves the construction of an 8ft to 10ft wide shared use path from the Micro Industries Parking Lot north to the Rock River, then to the east, passing under the IL-40 bridge until it connects to the existing trail at RB&W District Park. The applicant indicates that portions of this proposed work, primarily under the IL-40 bridge extend into the public water of the Rock River by approximately 5ft-10ft in the form of expanded riprap applications to protect the new path.

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**.



Credit: Background map obtained from *Google Earth*.