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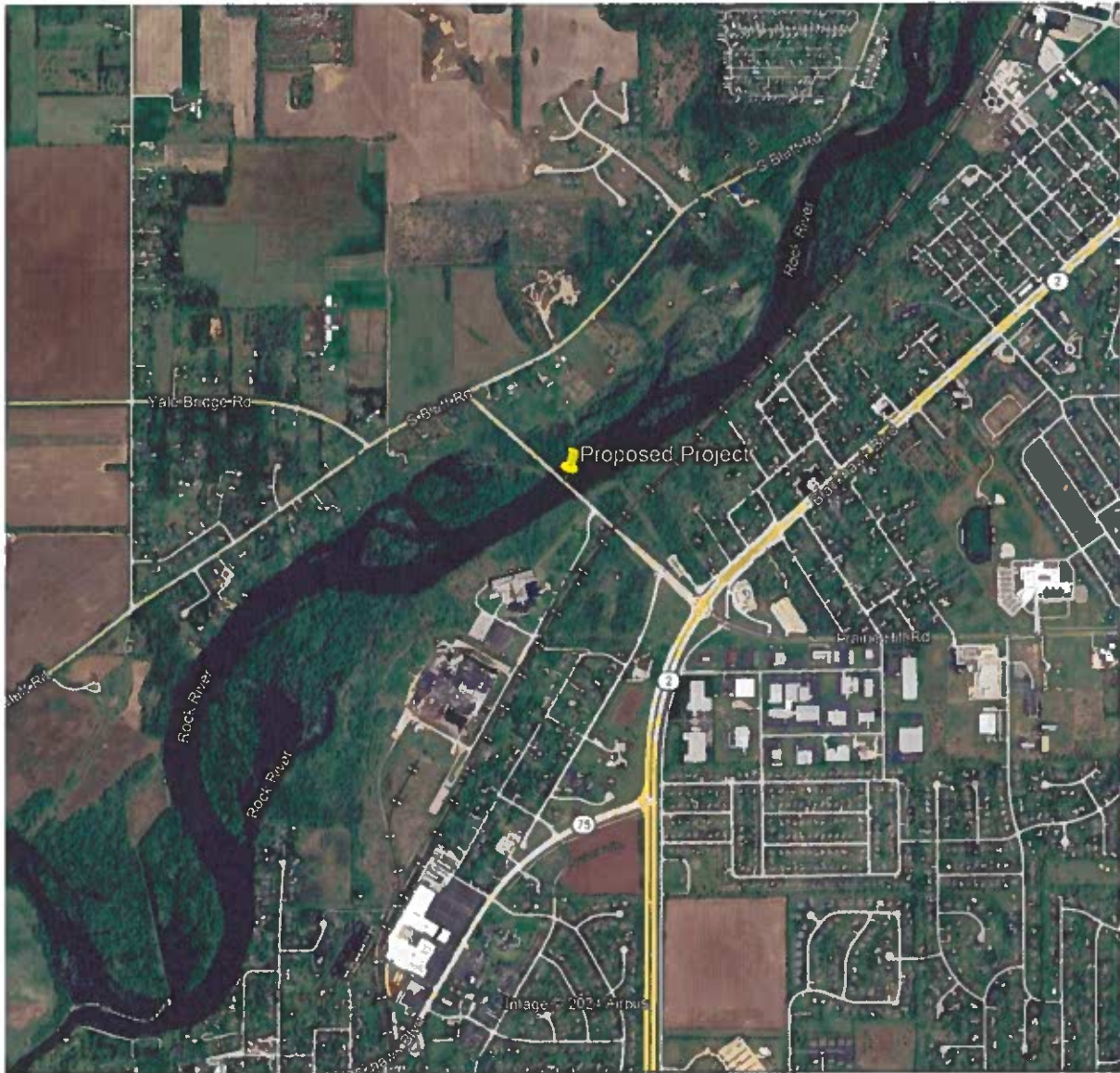
PUBLIC NOTICE

**PROPOSED TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF
BRIDGE CARRYING PRAIRIE HILL ROAD OVER 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 Helm to perform temporary construction activities to facilitate the replacement of the bridge carrying Prairie Hill Road over the Rock River in the Southeastern quarter of section 12, township 46 North, range 1 East of the 3rd Principal Meridian in Winnebago County. A location map is provided on the second page of this notice.

The work within the Rock River will consist of the construction of causeways extending from both the west and east bank. The west causeway will measure approximately 153 feet and will extend to the first proposed pier. The eastern causeway will measure approximately 56 feet. Both causeways will have a top elevation of 728.95 NAVD88 and a top width of 30 feet. The area between the causeways will be bridged with temporary barges with a 20-foot gap left open at the center of channel for recreational boating. The barges are anticipated to remain in place for 9 to 10 months or until the end of November 2026. If temporary closure of the 20-foot opening is required, the public will be notified by signage on buoys in the project area a week prior to closing. The signage will contain the contact information for the project manager to provide comment or answer any concerns.

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 **March 25, 2026**.



Credit: Background map obtained from *Google Earth*.

