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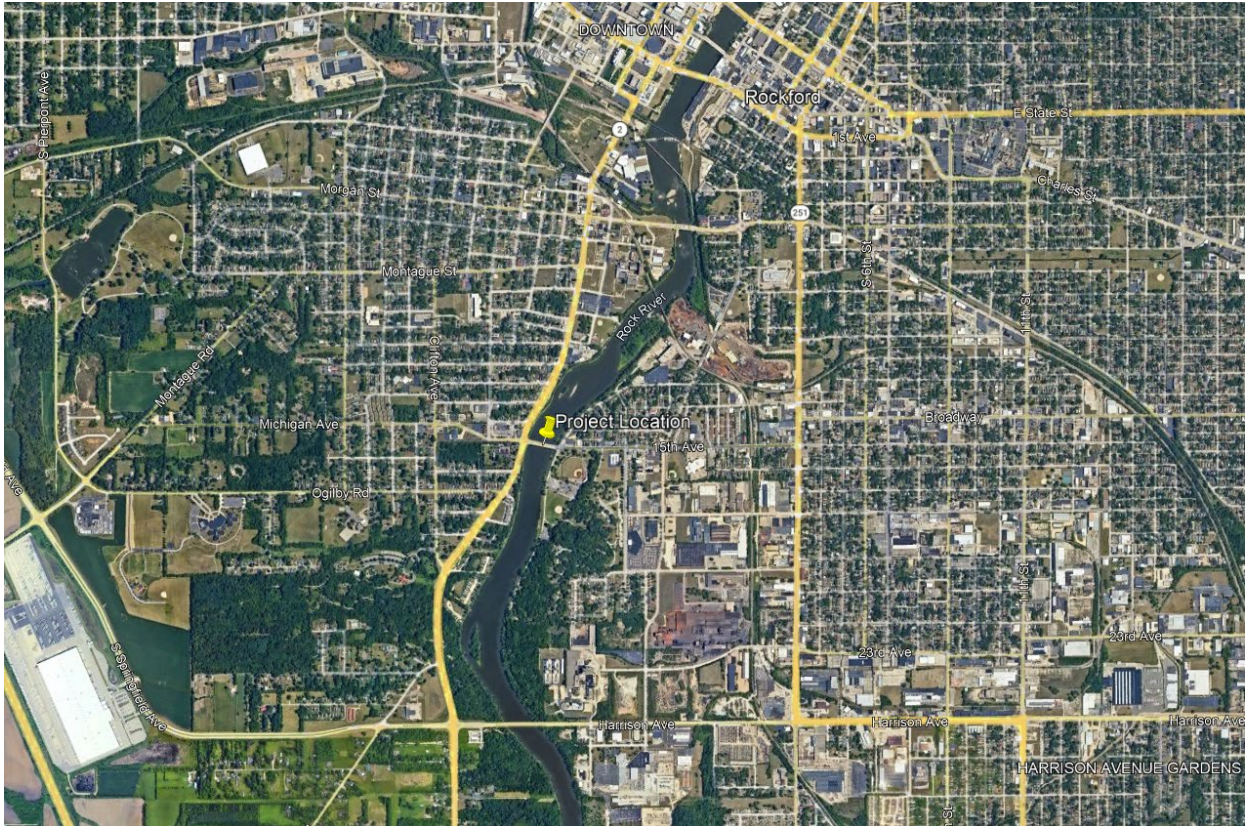
PUBLIC NOTICE

**PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF THE BRIDGE CARRYING 15TH AVENUE
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 the City of Rockford for the complete replacement of the bridge at RM 137.35 carrying 15th Avenue over the Rock River in the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 34, township 44 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 agent indicates that the proposed bridge will replace the existing 8-span structure with a 5-span structure at the same location. The bridge will be of a steel plate girder design and measure 524 feet from abutment to abutment. The low chord of the proposed bridge will be 701.8 NAVD88 and the superstructure will be supported by four (4) round end concrete piers and two vertical concrete abutments and the East and West ends of the bridge. The application indicates the project will begin in the Spring of 2027 and conclude in the Fall of 2028.

Inquiries may be directed to Kristian Peterson at 217/558-4532 or kristian.peterson@illinois.gov. All interested parties are invited to submit written statements regarding the proposed work to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Illinois 62702 by **August 25, 2026**.



Credit: Background map obtained from *Google Earth*.