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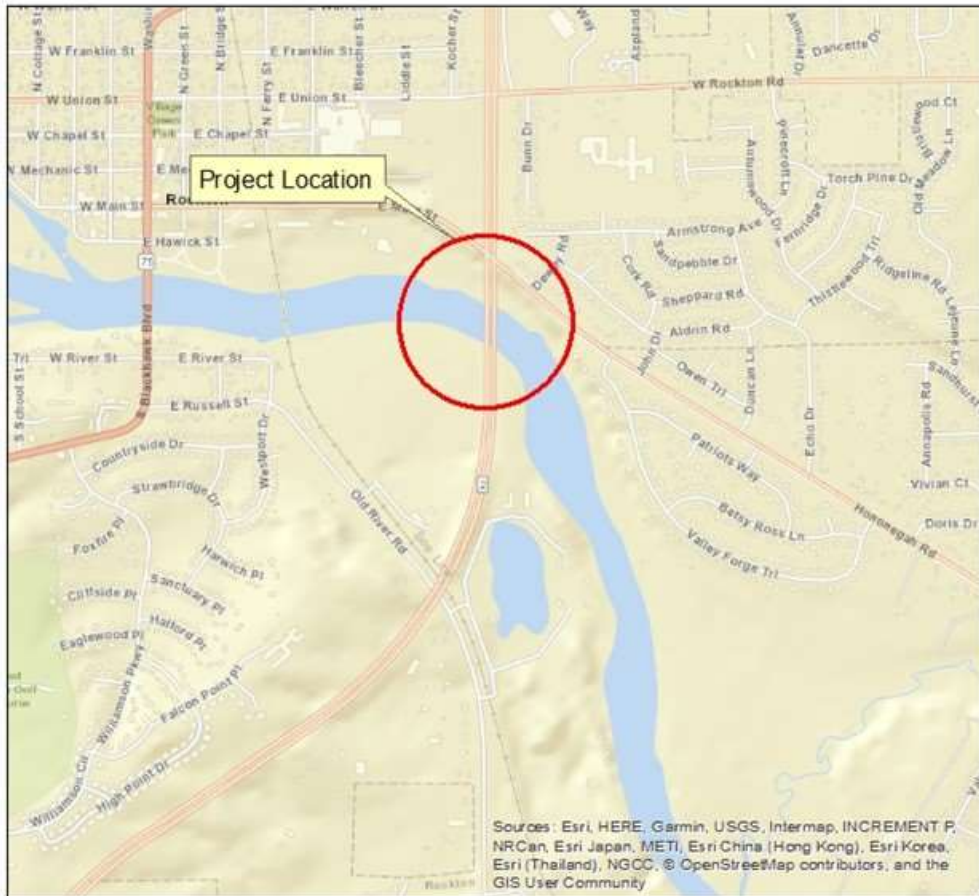
PUBLIC NOTICE

**PROPOSED TEMPORARY CAUSEWAYS AND TRAMWAY BRIDGE IN THE
ROCK RIVER IN THE CITY OF ROCKTON 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, 2283 Business 20 East, P.O. Box 750, Freeport Illinois 61032 to construct temporary causeways, a tramway bridge and cofferdams in the Rock River in the Southwestern quarter of section 16, 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 submitted plans and application indicate that the proposed temporary construction will be needed to facilitate the replacement of Illinois Route 2 over the Rock River in Rockton. The temporary construction will consist of 2 temporary causeways constructed over 2 stages of construction, a tramway bridge that will stay in place until the project is complete, and cofferdams around the location of the proposed piers for the new bridges. The causeways will be constructed on the southern bank of the river with the upstream causeway being constructed to the west of the existing bridges during stage 1 in 2024 and the second causeway being constructed to the east of the existing bridges during stage 2 in 2025. Each causeway will extend to the first southern pier of the bridge being replaced and will be in place for 3 to 5 months per construction season. The tramway bridge will be supported by 72 piles distributed in nine groups of eight over the width of the river and will be located between the piers of the existing upstream and downstream bridges. The tramway bridge will be in place for the duration of the construction activity which is indicated to extend to November of 2025.

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 3, 2024**.



Credit: Background map obtained from *Google Earth*.