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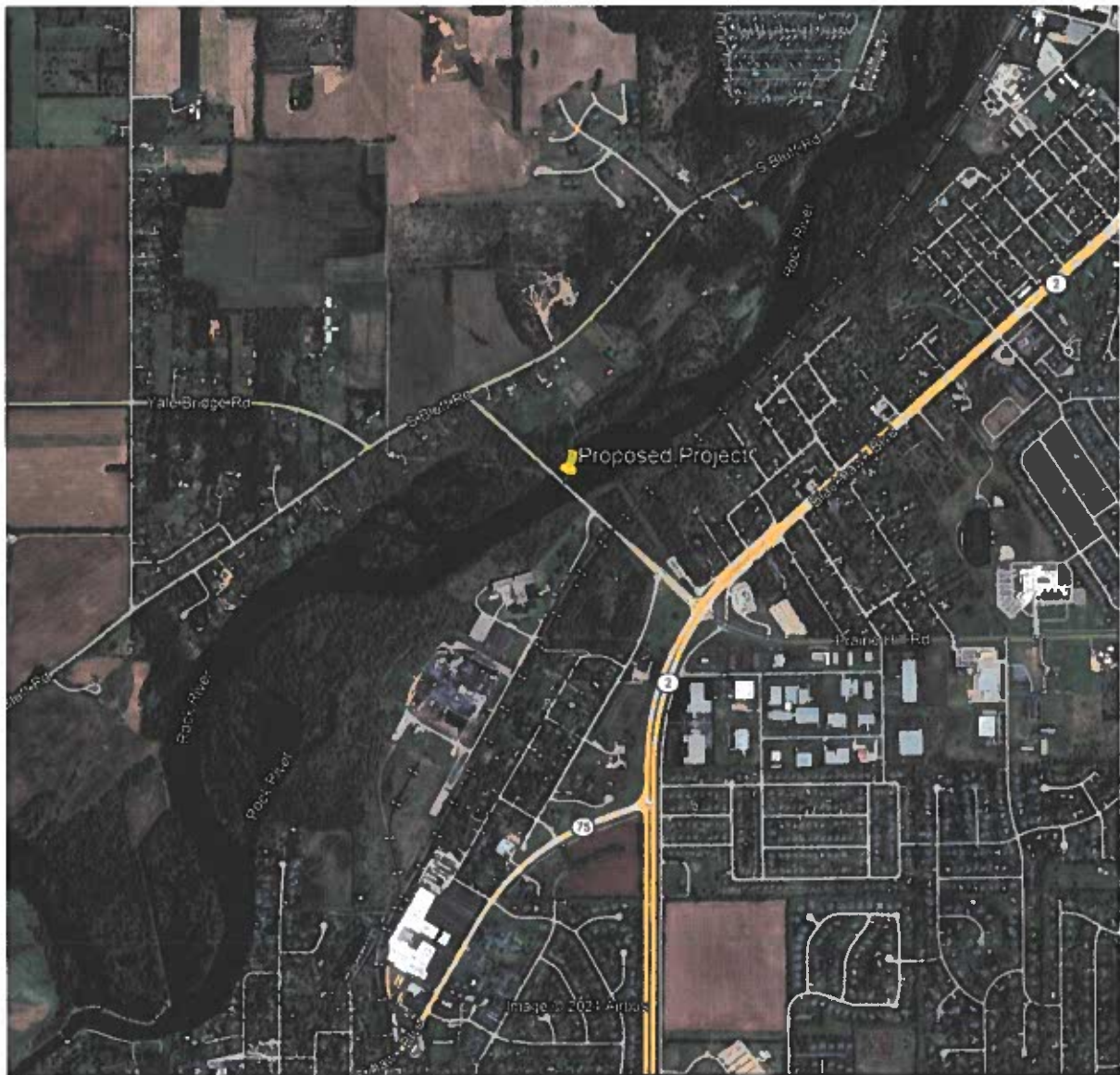
PUBLIC NOTICE

**PROPOSED 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 Winnebago County Highway Department, 424 North Springfield Avenue, Rockford, Illinois 61101 to replace 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 submitted plans indicate that the replacement structure will replace the existing 5-span bridge with a 3-span structure with spill through abutments. The proposed span measurements are 130 feet 10.5 inches for the outer spans and 167 feet 9 inches for the center span. The low chord of the structure is being reduced from 733.16 NAVD88 to 731.38 NAVD88. With this reduction in low chord elevation, the proposed bridge still provides a larger effective opening under the 100-year discharge. The in-stream work involves the removal of the existing piers, construction of the proposed piers, and placement of riprap along the new abutments.

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 12, 2024.



Credit: Background map obtained from *Google Earth*.