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December 3, 2024

Greater Rockford Airport Authority  
Chicago/Rockford International Airport  
C/O Airport Manager  
60 Airport Drive  
Rockford, IL 61109

RE: Remove and Replace Passenger Boarding Bridges

Dear Airport Sponsor:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the above project at the Chicago/Rockford International Airport (RFD) has been approved under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The proposed project would remove and replace two passenger boarding bridges that are approaching 20 years old and are often down for maintenance and parts to repair are hard to find. The two passenger boarding bridges to be replaced are at gates 3 and 4 and would also include upgrading the electrical service to accommodate aircraft support equipment. The work for electrical would take place inside the terminal with the connection points for the new bridges, just on the outside face of the building.

Under NEPA, the FAA is required to identify and consider environmental issues when authorizing or approving major actions. Based on the review of the action described above, the undersigned has determined that the proposed actions are specifically categorically excluded from further NEPA review. They fall within the specific items identified in FAA Order 1050.1F 5-6.4(h) and are normally categorically excluded from the requirement for formal environmental assessment. The proposed actions do not involve any extraordinary circumstances.

Note that this transmittal is a notification that these projects have been reviewed and cleared only for purposes of NEPA review. This is not a notice of final project approval or funding eligibility. Failure to comply with all requirements of NEPA may jeopardize your eligibility to receive Federal funds, including reimbursement.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 847-294-7354 or [craig.k.pullins@faa.gov](mailto:craig.k.pullins@faa.gov).

Sincerely,

**CRAIG KENNETH PULLINS** Digitally signed by CRAIG KENNETH PULLINS  
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Craig Pullins  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
Chicago Airports District Office

## APPENDIX A. DOCUMENTED CATEX

Airport sponsors may use this form for projects eligible for a categorical exclusion (CATEX) that have greater potential for extraordinary circumstances or that otherwise require additional documentation, as described in the Environmental Orders (FAA Order 1050.1F and FAA Order 5050.4B).

To request a CATEX determination from the FAA, the sponsor should review potentially affected environmental resources, review the requirements of the applicable special purpose laws, and **consult with the Airports District Office or Regional Airports Division Office staff** about the type of information needed. The form and supporting documentation should be completed in accordance with the provisions of FAA Order 5050.4B, paragraph 302b, and submitted to the appropriate FAA Airports District/Division Office. The CATEX cannot be approved until all information/documentation is received and all requirements have been fulfilled.

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Name of Airport, LOC ID, and location:

Chicago/Rockford International Airport, RFD, Rockford, IL

Project Title:

Remove and Replace Passenger Boarding Bridges

Give a brief, but complete description of the proposed project, including all project components, justification, estimated start date, and duration of the project. Include connected actions necessary to implement the proposed project (including but not limited to moving NAVAIDs, change in flight procedures, haul routes, new material or expanded material sources, staging or disposal areas). Attach a sketch or plan of the proposed project. Photos can also be helpful.

The proposed project would remove and replace two passenger boarding bridges (PBBs) at gates 3 and 4. The current equipment is approaching 20 years old, one was built in 2005 and the other in 2006. Both PBBs are often down for maintenance and parts to repair are hard to find. The project would also upgrade the electrical service to accommodate aircraft support equipment. The work for electrical would take place inside the terminal with the connection points for the new bridges just on the outside face of the building.

Anticipated Project Start Date: October 1, 2024 Anticipated Project End Date: May 26, 2025

Give a brief, but complete, description of the proposed project area. Include any unique or natural features within or surrounding airport property.

Identify the appropriate CATEX paragraph(s) from Order 1050.1F (paragraph 5-6.1 through 5-6.6) or 5050.4B (Tables 6-1 and 6-2) that apply to the project. Describe if the project differs in any way from the specific language of the CATEX or examples given as described in the Order.

**5-6.4. h.** Federal financial assistance, licensing, or Airport Layout Plan (ALP) approval for construction or expansion of facilities—such as terminal passenger handling and parking facilities or cargo buildings, or facilities for non-aeronautical uses at existing airports and commercial space launch sites—that do not substantially expand those facilities (see the FAA’s presumed to conform list (72 Federal Register 41565 (July 30, 2007))). (All)

The circumstances one must consider when documenting a CATEX are listed below along with each of the impact categories related to the circumstance. Use FAA Environmental Orders 1050.1F, 5050.4B, and the Desk Reference for Airports Actions, as well as other guidance documents to assist you in determining what information needs to be provided about these resource topics to address potential impacts. Keep in mind that both construction and operational impacts must be included. Indicate whether or not there would be any effects under the particular resource topic and, **if needed**, cite available references to support these conclusions. Additional analyses and inventories can be attached or cited as needed.

**5-2.b(1) National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) resources**

	YES	NO
Are there historic/cultural resources listed (or eligible for listing) on the National Register of Historic Places located in the Area of Potential Effect? If yes, provide a record of the historic and/or cultural resources located therein and check with your local Airports Division/District Office to determine if a Section 106 finding is required.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the project have the potential to cause effects? If yes, describe the nature and extent of the effects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the project area undisturbed? If not, provide information on the prior disturbance (including type and depth of disturbance, if available) <i>Not applicable.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will the project impact tribal land or land of interest to tribes? If yes, describe the nature and extent of the effects and provide information on the tribe affected. Consultation with their THPO or a tribal representative along with the SHPO may be required.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**5-2.b(2) Department of Transportation Act Section 4(f) and 6(f) resources**

	YES	NO
Are there any properties protected under Section 4(f) (as defined by FAA Order 1050.1F) in or near the project area? This includes publicly owned parks, recreation areas, and wildlife or waterfowl refuges of national, state or local significance or land from a historic site of national, state or local significance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	YES	NO
Will project construction or operation physically or constructively “use” any Section 4(f) resource? If yes, describe the nature and extent of the use and/or impacts, and why there are no prudent and feasible alternatives. See 5050.4B Desk Reference Chapter 7.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will the project affect any recreational or park land purchased with Section 6(f) Land and Water Conservation Funds? If so, please explain, if there will be impacts to those properties.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**5-2.b(3) Threatened or Endangered Species**

	YES	NO
<p>Are there any federal or state listed endangered, threatened, or candidate species or designated critical habitat in or near the project area? This includes species protected by individual statute, such as the Bald Eagle.</p> <p>The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), through the Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) website, indicates that the following federally protected species may be present in the proposed project area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indiana Bat (Endangered)</li> <li>• Northern Long-eared Bat (Endangered)</li> <li>• Whooping Crane (Experimental Population, Non-Essential (EXPN))</li> <li>• Hine's Emerald Dragonfly (Endangered)</li> <li>• Monarch Butterfly (Candidate)</li> <li>• Rusty Patched Bumble Bee (Endangered)</li> <li>• Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid (Threatened)</li> <li>• Prairie Bush-clover (Threatened)</li> </ul> <p>See attached USFWS IPaC letter.</p> <p>The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), through the Ecological Compliance Assessment Tool (EcoCAT), indicates that the following state protected species may be present in the vicinity of the proposed project area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black-Billed Cuckoo (Threatened)</li> <li>• Gravel Chub (Threatened)</li> <li>• Rusty Patched Bumble Bee (Endangered)</li> </ul> <p>See attached EcoCAT.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

YES NO

<p>Does the project affect or have the potential to affect, directly or indirectly, any federal or state-listed, threatened, endangered or candidate species, or designated habitat under the Endangered Species Act? If yes, Section 7 consultation between the FAA and the US Fish &amp; Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, and/or the appropriate state agency will be necessary. Provide a description of the impacts and how impacts will be avoided, minimized, or mitigated. Provide the Biological Assessment and Biological Opinion, if required.</p> <p>There are no suitable habitats present within the proposed project area for all federally listed species. The proposed project is also within the range of the candidate species Monarch Butterfly, which is not yet listed or proposed for listing. There are no Section 7 requirements for candidate species. The Whooping Crane is listed within the range of Winnebago County, Illinois as EXPN. An EXPN is a population that has been established within its historical range under section 10(j) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to aid recovery of the species. The Service has determined a non-essential population is not necessary for the continued existence of the species. The proposed project area does not contain any habitat for the Whooping Crane. According to the attached USFWS IPaC letter, there are no critical habitats present within the proposed project area for federally listed species.</p> <p>The proposed project area is within the high potential zone for the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee (RPBB). High Potential Zones (HPZ) are zones in which the presence of the RPBB is presumed present if suitable habitat exists. The proposed action would occur on existing airfield pavement. These areas do not provide any foraging, nesting, or overwintering habitat for the RPBB. Therefore, the proposed project would have no effect on the RPBB.</p> <p>Regarding state-listed species, the EcoCAT consultation letter indicates that adverse effects are unlikely.</p> <p>See attached RPBB Map and EcoCAT consultation letter.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Does the project have the potential to take birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act? Describe steps to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts (such as timing windows determined in consultation with the US Fish &amp; Wildlife Service).</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**5-2.b (4) Other Resources**

Items to consider include:

<b>a. Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<p>Does the project area contain resources protected by the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act? If yes, describe any impacts and steps taken to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b. Wetlands and Other Waters of the U.S.</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<p>Are there any wetlands or other waters of the U.S. in or near the project area? <a href="#">See attached Wetland Map.</a></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Has wetland delineation been completed within the proposed project area? If yes, please provide U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) correspondence and jurisdictional determination. If delineation was not completed, was a field check done to confirm the presence/absence of wetlands or other waters of the U.S.? If no to both, please explain what methods were used to determine the presence/absence of wetlands. <a href="#">Not applicable.</a></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>If wetlands are present, will the project result in impacts, directly or indirectly (including tree clearing)? Describe any steps taken to avoid, minimize or mitigate the impact. <a href="#">Not applicable.</a></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Is a USACE Clean Water Act Section 404 permit required? If yes, does the project fall within the parameters of a general permit? If so, which general permit?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>c. Floodplains</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<p>Will the project be located in, encroach upon or otherwise impact a floodplain? If yes, describe impacts and any agency coordination or public review completed including coordination with the local floodplain administrator. Attach the FEMA map if applicable and any documentation. <a href="#">See attached Flood Map.</a></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>d. Coastal Resources</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Will the project occur in or impact a coastal zone as defined by the State's Coastal Zone Management Plan? If yes, discuss the project's consistency with the State's CZMP. Attach the consistency determination if applicable.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will the project occur in or impact the Coastal Barrier Resource System as defined by the US Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>e. National Marine Sanctuaries</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Is a National Marine Sanctuary located in the project area? If yes, discuss the potential for the project to impact that resource.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>f. Wilderness Areas</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Is a Wilderness Area located in the project area? If yes, discuss the potential for the project to impact that resource.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>g. Farmland</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Is there prime, unique, state, or locally important farmland in/near the project area? Describe any significant impacts from the project.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the project include the acquisition and conversion of farmland? If farmland will be converted, describe coordination with the US Natural Resources Conservation and attach the completed Form AD-1006.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>h. Energy Supply and Natural Resources</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Will the project change energy requirements or use consumable natural resources either during construction or during operations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will the project change aircraft/vehicle traffic patterns that could alter fuel usage either during construction or operations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>i. Wild and Scenic Rivers</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Is there a river on the Nationwide Rivers Inventory, a designated river in the National System, or river under State jurisdiction (including study or eligible segments) near the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will the project directly or indirectly affect the river or an area within ¼ mile of its ordinary high water mark?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>j. Solid Waste Management</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Does the project (either the construction activity or the completed, operational facility) have the potential to generate significant levels of solid waste? If so, discuss how these will be managed.  <i>The removed PBBs would be recycled and/or disposed of by the contractor.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**5-2.b(5) Disruption of an Established Community**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Will the project disrupt a community, planned development or be inconsistent with plans or goals of the community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Are residents or businesses being relocated as part of the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**5-2.b(6) Environmental Justice**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Are there minority and/or low-income populations in/near the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will the project cause any disproportionately high and adverse impacts to minority and/or low-income populations? Attach census data if warranted.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**5-2.b(7) Surface Transportation**

	YES	NO
Will the project cause a significant increase in surface traffic congestion or cause a degradation of level of service provided?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will the project require a permanent road relocation or closure? If yes, describe the nature and extent of the relocation or closure and indicate if coordination with the agency responsible for the road and emergency services has occurred.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**5-2.b(8) Noise**

	YES	NO
Will the project result in an increase in aircraft operations, nighttime operations, or change aircraft fleet mix?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will the project cause a change in airfield configuration, runway use, or flight patterns either during construction or after the project is implemented?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the forecast exceed 90,000 annual propeller operations, 700 annual jet operations or 10 daily helicopter operations or a combination of the above? If yes, a noise analysis may be required if the project would result in a change in operations. <i>The proposed project would not change aircraft operations.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has a noise analysis been conducted, including but not limited to generated noise contours, a specific point analysis, area equivalent method analysis, or other screening method. If yes, provide that documentation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Could the project have a significant impact (DNL 1.5 dB or greater increase) on noise levels over noise sensitive areas within the 65+ DNL noise contour?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**5-2.b(9) Air Quality**

	YES	NO
Is the project located in a Clean Air Act non-attainment or maintenance area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, is it listed as exempt, presumed to conform or will emissions (including construction emissions) from the project be below <i>de minimis</i> levels (provide the paragraph citation for the exemption or presumed to conform list below, if applicable) Is the project accounted for in the State Implementation Plan or specifically exempted? Attach documentation.  <i>Pursuant to 72 Federal Register 41565, project category #4: Aircraft Gate Areas on Airside, the project is presumed to conformed.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the project have the potential to increase landside or airside capacity, including an increase of surface vehicles?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Could the project impact air quality or violate local, State, Tribal or Federal air quality standards under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 either during construction or operations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**5-2.b (10) Water Quality**

	YES	NO
Are there water resources within or near the project area? These include groundwater, surface water (lakes, rivers, etc.), sole source aquifers, and public water supply. If yes, provide a description of the resource, including the location (distance from project site, etc.).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will the project impact any of the identified water resources either during construction or operations? Describe any steps that will be taken to protect water resources during and after construction.  <i>Not applicable.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will the project increase the amount or rate of stormwater runoff either during construction or during operations? Describe any steps that will be taken to ensure it will not impact water quality.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the project have the potential to violate federal, state, tribal or local water quality standards established under the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water Acts?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

YES NO

Are any water quality related permits required? If yes, list the appropriate permits.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**5-2.b(11) Highly Controversial on Environmental Grounds**

YES NO

<p>Is the project highly controversial? The term “highly controversial” means a substantial dispute exists as to the size, nature, or effect of a proposed federal action. The effects of an action are considered highly controversial when reasonable disagreement exists over the project’s risks of causing environmental harm. Mere opposition to a project is not sufficient to be considered highly controversial on environmental grounds. Opposition on environmental grounds by a federal, state, or local government agency or by a tribe or a substantial number of the persons affected by the action should be considered in determining whether or not reasonable disagreement exists regarding the effects of a proposed action.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**5-2.b(12) Inconsistent with Federal, State, Tribal or Local Law**

YES NO

Will the project be inconsistent with plans, goals, policy, zoning, or local controls that have been adopted for the area in which the airport is located?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the project incompatible with surrounding land uses?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**5-2 .b (13) Light Emissions, Visual Effects, and Hazardous Materials**

<b>a. Light Emissions and Visual Effects</b>	YES	NO
Will the proposed project produce light emission impacts?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will there be visual or aesthetic impacts as a result of the proposed project and/or have there been concerns expressed about visual/aesthetic impacts?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>b. Hazardous Materials</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Does the project involve or affect hazardous materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will construction take place in an area that contains or previously contained hazardous materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If the project involves land acquisition, is there a potential for this land to contain hazardous materials or contaminants? <i>Not applicable.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will the proposed project produce hazardous and/or solid waste either during construction or after? If yes, how will the additional waste be handled? <i>The removed PBBs would be recycled and/or disposed of by the contractor.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**5-2 .b (14) Public Involvement**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Was there any public notification or involvement? If yes, provide documentation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**5-2 .b (15) Indirect/Secondary/Induced Impacts**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Will the project result in indirect/secondary/induced impacts?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
When considered with other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects, on or off airport property and regardless of funding source, would the proposed project result in a significant cumulative impact?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

NEPA requires this to determine if a proposed action would cause any significant cumulative effects. Actions that could cause such impacts include: airside/landside expansion (**new or expanded terminal and hangar facilities**, new or extended runways and taxiways, navigational aids [NAVAIDS], etc.); land acquisition for aviation-related use, new or relocate access roadways, remote parking facilities and rental car lots; significant changes in aircraft operations; and significant amounts of construction activity.

### **Permits**

List any permits required for the proposed project that have not been previously discussed. Provide details on the status of permits.

No permits required.

### **Environmental Commitments**

List all measures and commitments made to avoid, minimize, mitigate, and compensate for impacts on the environment, which are needed for this project to qualify for a CATEX.

Not applicable.

**Preparer Information**

<b>Point of Contact:</b> Patrick Riley/ Lana Sumner		
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Signature:  Date: 9/9/2022

**Airport Sponsor Information and Certification** (may not be delegated to consultant)

Provide contact information for the designated sponsor point of contact and any other individuals requiring notification of the FAA decision.

<b>Point of Contact:</b> Zachary D. Oakley, A.A.E., ACE, Executive Director		
<b>Address:</b> 60 Airport Drive		
<b>City:</b> Rockford	<b>State:</b> IL	<b>Zip Code:</b> 61109
<b>Phone Number:</b> 815.969.4450	<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Additional Name(s):</b>	<b>Additional Email Address(es):</b>	

I certify that the information I have provided above is, to the best of my knowledge, correct. I also recognize and agree that no construction activity, including but not limited to site preparation, demolition, or land disturbance, shall proceed for the above proposed project(s) until FAA issues a final environmental decision for the proposed project(s) and until compliance with all other applicable FAA approval actions (e.g., ALP approval, airspace approval, grant approval) has occurred.

Signature:  Date: 9/9/24

## FAA Decision

Having reviewed the above information, it is the FAA's decision that the proposed project (s) or development warrants environmental processing as indicated below.

Name of Airport, LOC ID, and location:

Chicago/Rockford International Airport, RFD, Rockford, IL


Project Title:

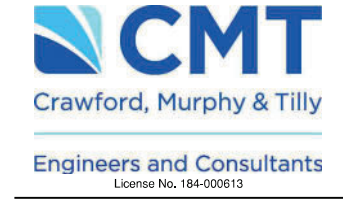
Remove and Replace Passenger Boarding Bridges

- No further NEPA review required. Project is categorically excluded per (cite applicable 1050.1.F CATEX that applies: 5-6.4(h)
- ..An Environmental Assessment (EA) is required.
- ..An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required.
- ..The following additional documentation is necessary for FAA to perform a complete environmental evaluation of the proposed project.

Name: Craig Pullins Title: Environmental Protection Specialist

Responsible FAA Official

Signature: CRAIG KENNETH PULLINS  Digitally signed by CRAIG KENNETH PULLINS  
Date: 2024.12.03 07:57:33 -06'00' Date: 12/03/2024



CHICAGO ROCKFORD  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

GREATER ROCKFORD  
AIRPORT AUTHORITY

BID.: ITB #24-17

APPROVED AS WORKING PLAN  
BY:

REV	DATE	DESCRIPTION

PROJECT NAME:

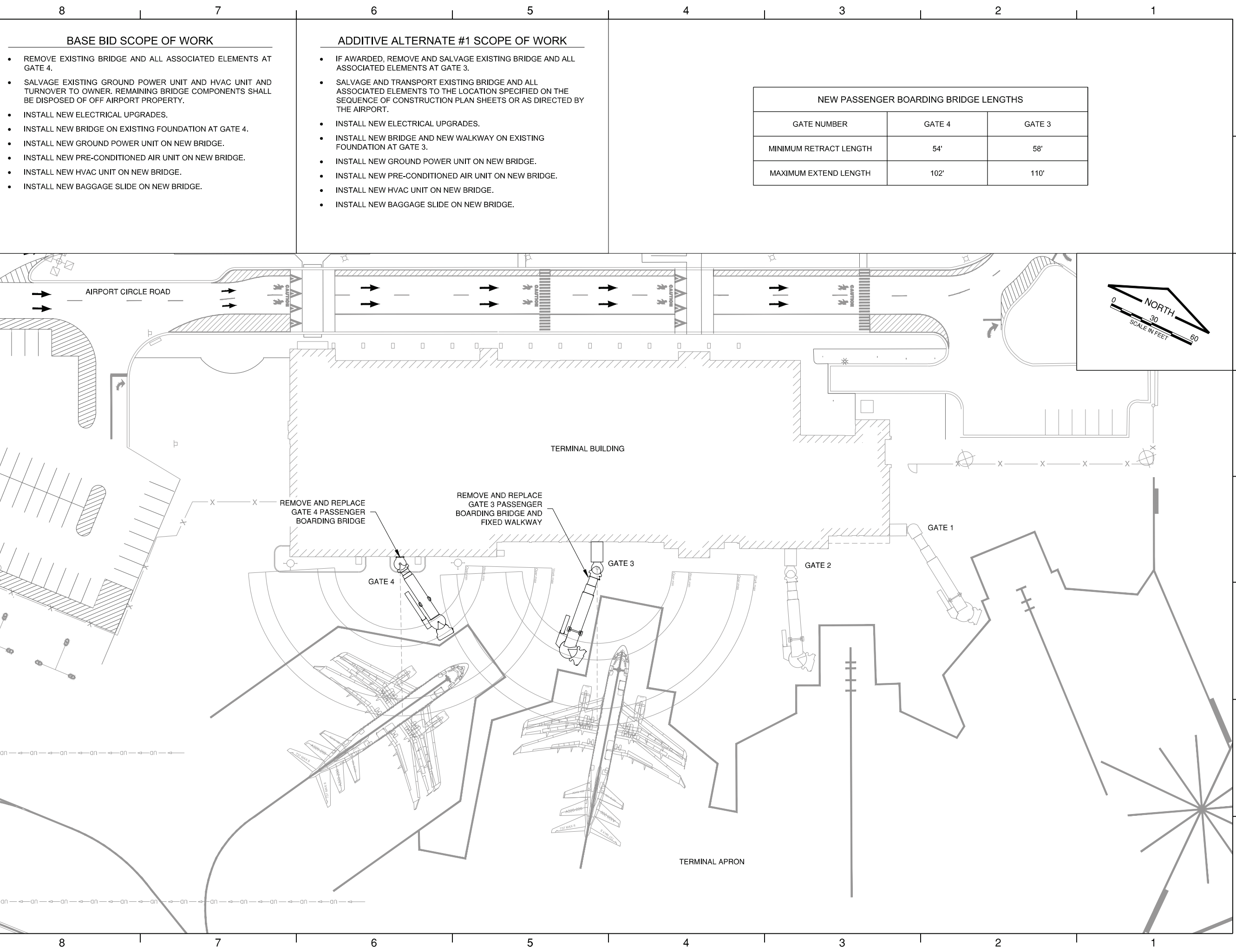
REMOVE AND REPLACE  
PASSENGER BOARDING  
BRIDGES

SHEET TITLE:  
PASSENGER BOARDING  
BRIDGE SITE PLAN

DESIGNED: CMT-MLI      DRAWN: CMT-MLI      CHECKED: CMT-ARR

CMT PROJECT NO.: 24007014.00  
SUBMITTAL DATE: 8/30/2024

SHEET NO.



NEW PASSENGER BOARDING BRIDGE LENGTHS		
GATE NUMBER	GATE 4	GATE 3
MINIMUM RETRACT LENGTH	54'	58'
MAXIMUM EXTEND LENGTH	102'	110'

- BASE BID SCOPE OF WORK**
- REMOVE EXISTING BRIDGE AND ALL ASSOCIATED ELEMENTS AT GATE 4.
  - SALVAGE EXISTING GROUND POWER UNIT AND HVAC UNIT AND TURNOVER TO OWNER. REMAINING BRIDGE COMPONENTS SHALL BE DISPOSED OF OFF AIRPORT PROPERTY.
  - INSTALL NEW ELECTRICAL UPGRADES.
  - INSTALL NEW BRIDGE ON EXISTING FOUNDATION AT GATE 4.
  - INSTALL NEW GROUND POWER UNIT ON NEW BRIDGE.
  - INSTALL NEW PRE-CONDITIONED AIR UNIT ON NEW BRIDGE.
  - INSTALL NEW HVAC UNIT ON NEW BRIDGE.
  - INSTALL NEW BAGGAGE SLIDE ON NEW BRIDGE.

- ADDITIVE ALTERNATE #1 SCOPE OF WORK**
- IF AWARDED, REMOVE AND SALVAGE EXISTING BRIDGE AND ALL ASSOCIATED ELEMENTS AT GATE 3.
  - SALVAGE AND TRANSPORT EXISTING BRIDGE AND ALL ASSOCIATED ELEMENTS TO THE LOCATION SPECIFIED ON THE SEQUENCE OF CONSTRUCTION PLAN SHEETS OR AS DIRECTED BY THE AIRPORT.
  - INSTALL NEW ELECTRICAL UPGRADES.
  - INSTALL NEW BRIDGE AND NEW WALKWAY ON EXISTING FOUNDATION AT GATE 3.
  - INSTALL NEW GROUND POWER UNIT ON NEW BRIDGE.
  - INSTALL NEW PRE-CONDITIONED AIR UNIT ON NEW BRIDGE.
  - INSTALL NEW HVAC UNIT ON NEW BRIDGE.
  - INSTALL NEW BAGGAGE SLIDE ON NEW BRIDGE.

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Project Code: 2024-0139989

Project Name: Remove and Replace Passenger Boarding Bridges

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through IPaC by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)

(c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at: <https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/endangered-species-consultation-handbook.pdf>

**Migratory Birds:** In addition to responsibilities to protect threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), there are additional responsibilities under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) to protect native birds from project-related impacts. Any activity, intentional or unintentional, resulting in take of migratory birds, including eagles, is prohibited unless otherwise permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)). For more information regarding these Acts, see [Migratory Bird Permit | What We Do | U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service \(fws.gov\)](#).

The MBTA has no provision for allowing take of migratory birds that may be unintentionally killed or injured by otherwise lawful activities. It is the responsibility of the project proponent to comply with these Acts by identifying potential impacts to migratory birds and eagles within applicable NEPA documents (when there is a federal nexus) or a Bird/Eagle Conservation Plan (when there is no federal nexus). Proponents should implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize the production of project-related stressors or minimize the exposure of birds and their resources to the project-related stressors. For more information on avian stressors and recommended conservation measures, see <https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/threats-birds>.

In addition to MBTA and BGEPA, Executive Order 13186: *Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds*, obligates all Federal agencies that engage in or authorize activities that might affect migratory birds, to minimize those effects and encourage conservation measures that will improve bird populations. Executive Order 13186 provides for the protection of both migratory birds and migratory bird habitat. For information regarding the implementation of Executive Order 13186, please visit <https://www.fws.gov/partner/council-conservation-migratory-birds>.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Code in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List

## **OFFICIAL SPECIES LIST**

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

**Illinois-Iowa Ecological Services Field Office**

Illinois & Iowa Ecological Services Field Office

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## PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Code: 2024-0139989

Project Name: Remove and Replace Passenger Boarding Bridges

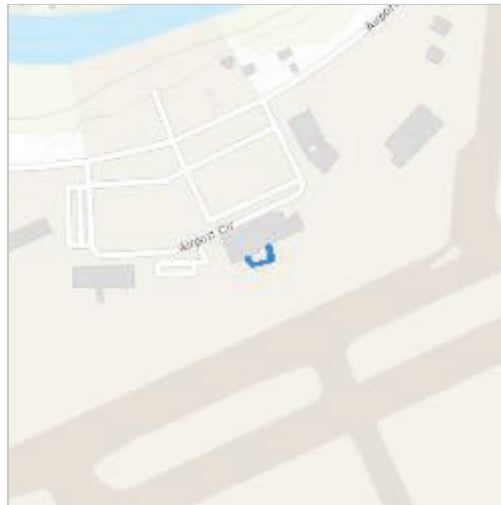
Project Type: Airport - Maintenance/Modification

Project Description: The proposed project would be the removal and replacement of two Passenger Boarding Bridges at gates 3 and 4. The current equipment is approaching 20 years old, one built in 2005 and the other in 2006. Both boarding bridge units are often down for maintenance and parts to repair are hard to find. The project would also upgrade the electrical service to accommodate aircraft support equipment.

Anticipated Project Start Date: October 1, 2024 Anticipated Project End Date: May 26, 2025

Project Location:

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/@42.2013924,-89.09543332496486,14z>



Counties: Winnebago County, Illinois

## ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SPECIES

There is a total of 8 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries<sup>1</sup>, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

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1. [NOAA Fisheries](#), also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

## MAMMALS

NAME	STATUS
Indiana Bat <i>Myotis sodalis</i> There is <b>final</b> critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5949">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5949</a>	Endangered
Northern Long-eared Bat <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045</a>	Endangered

## BIRDS

NAME	STATUS
Whooping Crane <i>Grus americana</i> Population: U.S.A. (AL, AR, CO, FL, GA, ID, IL, IN, IA, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NC, NM, OH, SC, TN, UT, VA, WI, WV, western half of WY) No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/758">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/758</a>	Experimental Population, Non-Essential

## INSECTS

NAME	STATUS
Hine's Emerald Dragonfly <i>Somatochlora hineana</i> There is <b>final</b> critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7877">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7877</a>	Endangered
Monarch Butterfly <i>Danaus plexippus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743</a>	Candidate
Rusty Patched Bumble Bee <i>Bombus affinis</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9383">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9383</a>	Endangered

## FLOWERING PLANTS

NAME	STATUS
Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid <i>Platanthera leucophaea</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/601">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/601</a>	Threatened
Prairie Bush-clover <i>Lespedeza leptostachya</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4458">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4458</a>	Threatened

## CRITICAL HABITATS

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO DETERMINE IF YOUR PROJECT(S) MAY HAVE EFFECTS ON ALL ABOVE LISTED SPECIES.

## **IPAC USER CONTACT INFORMATION**

Agency: Private Entity

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State: IL

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Phone: 6309077047

**Applicant:** Patrick Riley **IDNR Project Number:** 2503354  
**Contact:** Patrick Riley **Date:** 09/05/2024  
**Address:** 550 N Commons Dr  
Aurora, IL 60504  
**Project:** RFD - Remove and Replace Passenger Boarding Bridges  
**Address:** 60 Airport Dr, Rockford

**Description:** The proposed project would be the removal and replacement of two Passenger Boarding Bridges at gates 3 and 4. The current equipment is approaching 20 years old, one built in 2005 and the other in 2006. Both boarding bridge units are often down for maintenance and parts to repair are hard to find. The project would also upgrade the electrical service to accommodate aircraft support equipment.

Anticipated Project Start Date: October 1, 2024 Anticipated Project End Date: May 26, 2025

### Natural Resource Review Results

#### Consultation for Endangered Species Protection and Natural Areas Preservation (Part 1075)

The Illinois Natural Heritage Database shows the following protected resources may be in the vicinity of the project location:

- Bell Bowl Prairie INAI Site
- Rock River Rockford Segment INAI Site
- Black-Billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*)
- Gravel Chub (*Erimystax x-punctatus*)
- Rusty Patched Bumble Bee (*Bombus affinis*)

#### Wetland Review (Part 1090)

The Illinois Wetlands Inventory does not show wetlands within 250 feet of the project location.

**An IDNR staff member will evaluate this information and contact you to request additional information or to terminate consultation if adverse effects are unlikely.**

#### Location

The applicant is responsible for the accuracy of the location submitted for the project.

**County:** Winnebago

**Township, Range, Section:**  
43N, 1E, 14



**IL Department of Natural Resources  
Contact**  
Adam Rawe  
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Division of Ecosystems & Environment

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## **Disclaimer**

The Illinois Natural Heritage Database cannot provide a conclusive statement on the presence, absence, or condition of natural resources in Illinois. This review reflects the information existing in the Database at the time of this inquiry, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are encountered during the project's implementation, compliance with applicable statutes and regulations is required.

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# Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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Natalie Phelps Finnie, Director

September 09, 2024

Patrick Riley  
Patrick Riley  
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Aurora, IL 60504

**RE: RFD - Remove and Replace Passenger Boarding Bridges**  
**Project Number(s): 2503354**  
**County: Winnebago**

Dear Applicant:

This letter is in reference to the project you recently submitted for consultation. The natural resource review provided by EcoCAT identified protected resources that may be in the vicinity of the proposed action. The Department has evaluated this information and concluded that adverse effects are unlikely. Therefore, consultation under 17 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1075 and 1090 is terminated.

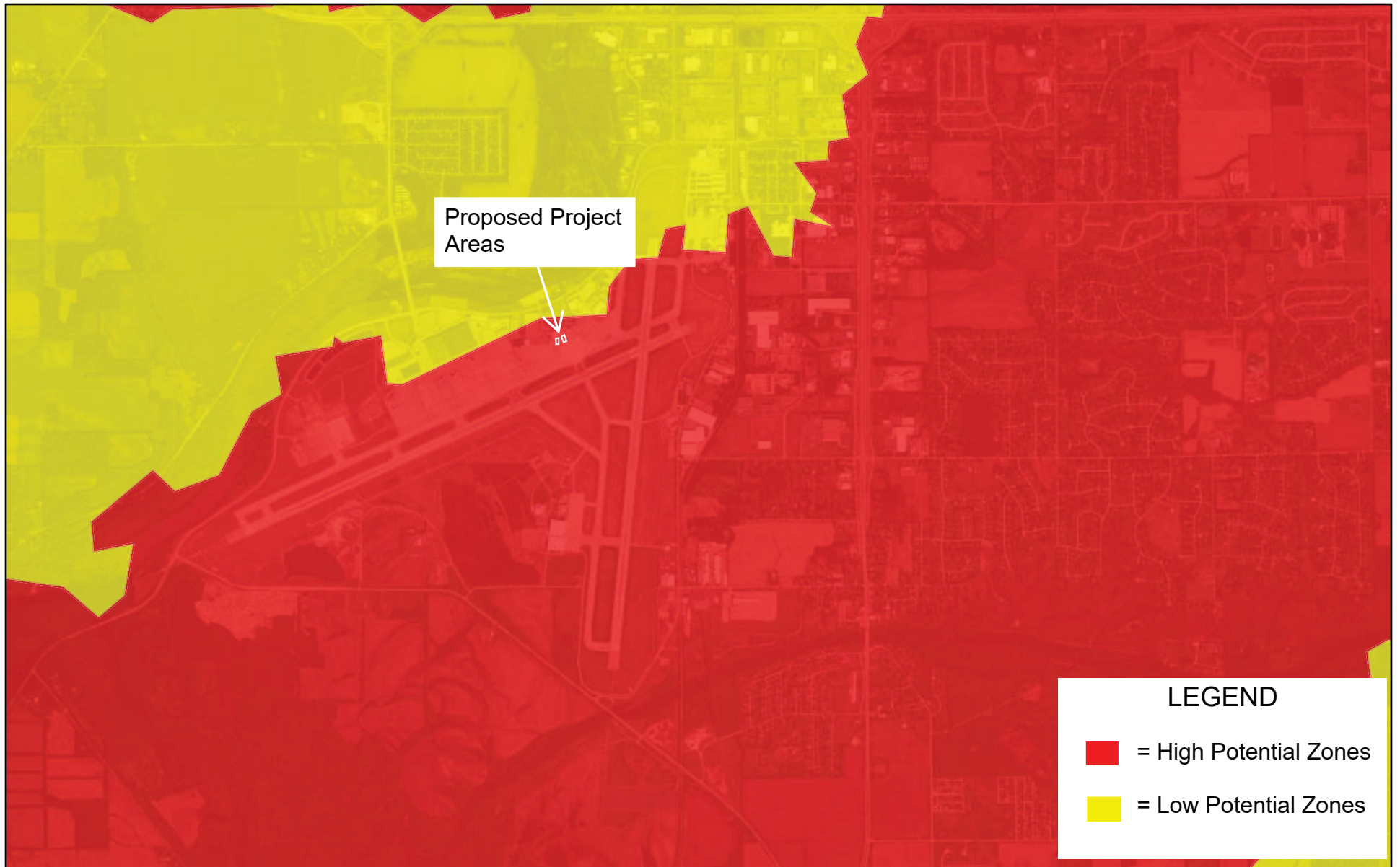
Consultation for Part 1075 is valid for two years unless new information becomes available that was not previously considered; the proposed action is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the project has not been implemented within two years of the date of this letter, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new consultation is necessary. Consultation for Part 1090 (Interagency Wetland Policy Act) is valid for three years.

The natural resource review reflects the information existing in the Illinois Natural Heritage Database and the Illinois Wetlands Inventory at the time of the project submittal, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are encountered during the project's implementation, you must comply with the applicable statutes and regulations. Also, note that termination does not imply IDNR's authorization or endorsement of the proposed action.

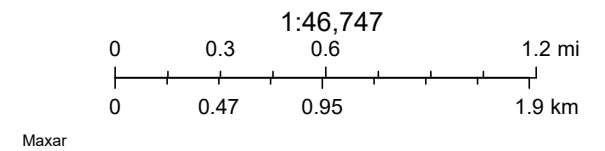
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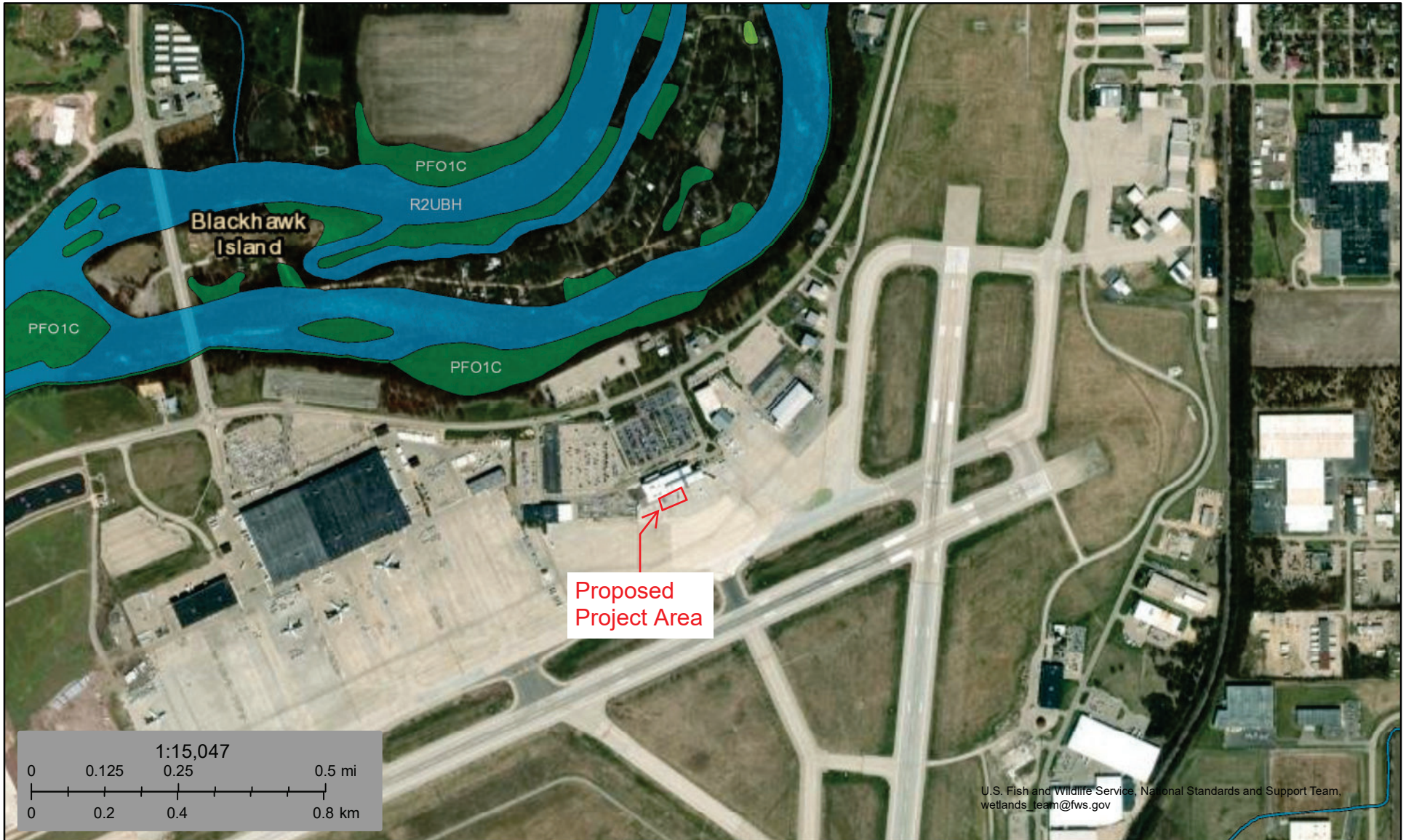
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# RFD Rusty Patched Bumble Bee Map



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### Wetlands

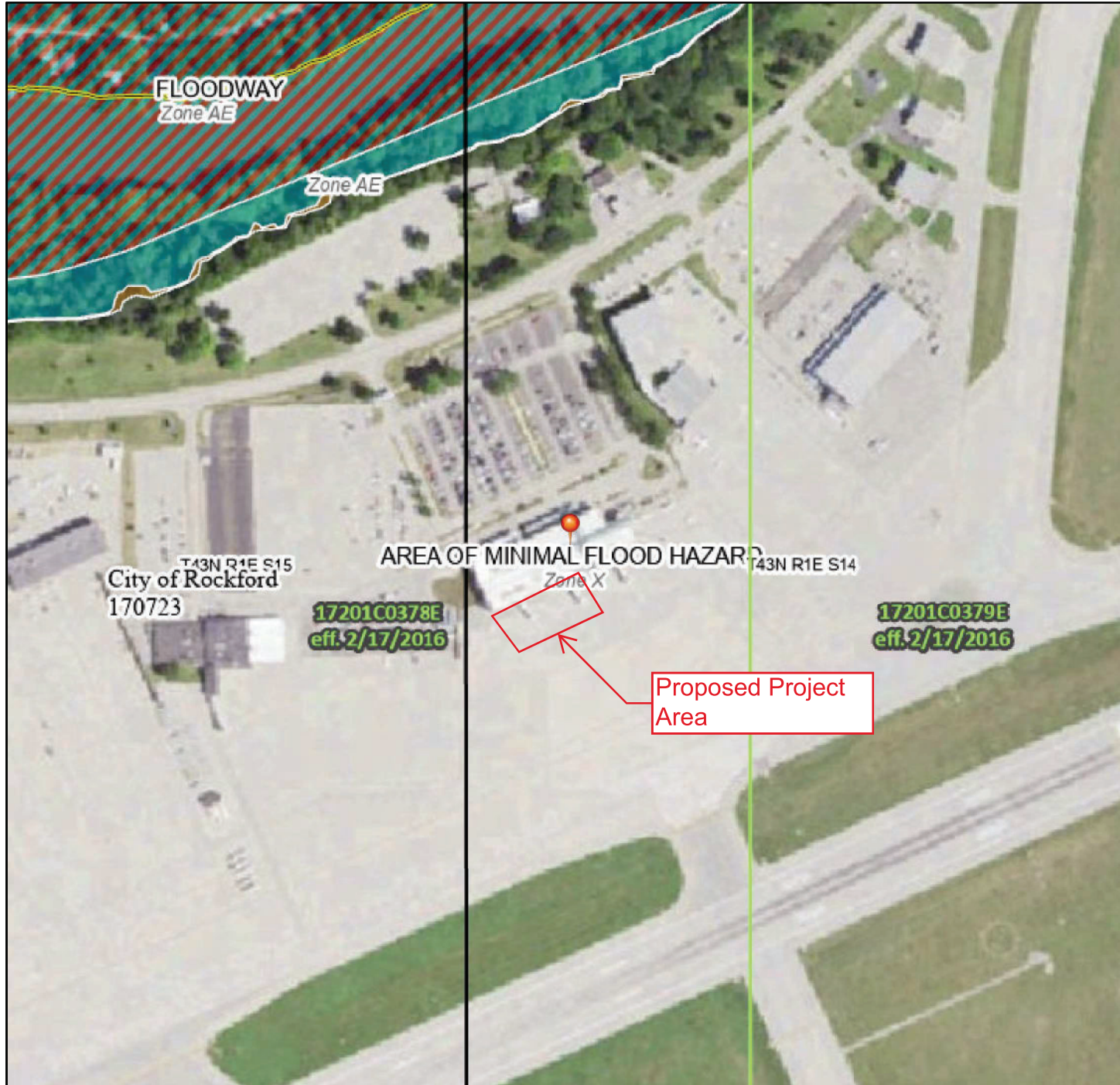
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| Estuarine and Marine Deepwater | Freshwater Emergent Wetland       | Lake     |
| Estuarine and Marine Wetland   | Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland | Other    |
|                                | Freshwater Pond                   | Riverine |

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# National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMMette



89°6'2"W 42°12'19"N



## Legend

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SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS		Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) Zone A, V, A99
		With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR
		Regulatory Floodway

OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD		0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X
		Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X
		Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes. Zone X
		Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D

OTHER AREAS		NO SCREEN Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X
		Effective LOMRs
		Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone D

GENERAL STRUCTURES		Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer
		Levee, Dike, or Floodwall

OTHER FEATURES		20.2 Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation
		17.5 Coastal Transect
		Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
		Limit of Study
		Jurisdiction Boundary
		Coastal Transect Baseline
		Profile Baseline
		Hydrographic Feature

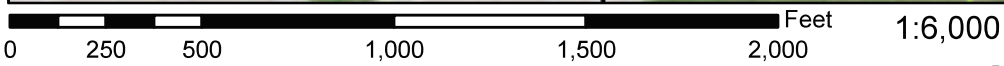
MAP PANELS		Digital Data Available
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