

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
ENVIRONMENT and LAND USE COMMITTEE AGENDA
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois
Thursday, May 7, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.

Shields-Carter Meeting Room

Bennett Administrative Center, 102 E. Main Street, Urbana, IL 61801

Committee Members: Eric Thorsland, Chair, Aaron Esry, Vice Chair, John Farney, Jennifer Locke, Emily Rodriguez, Jilmala Rogers, Monique Settles

Agenda

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of Agenda/Addendum**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. April 9, 2026 – Regular Meeting. **(pages 1-4)**
- V. Public Input**
- VI. Communications**
- VII. New Business: Items for Information Only**
 - A. Residential Electronic Collection (REC) Event at Parkland College on May 16, 2026 (fully booked)
 - B. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Notice of Application for Renewal of Clean Air Act Permit for WIRCO Inc. located at 1700 West Washington St., Champaign. **(pages 5-8)**
 - C. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Notice of Application for Renewal of Clean Air Act Permit for Kraft Heinz Company located at 1701 West Bradley Avenue, Champaign. **(pages 9-11)**
- VIII. New Business: Items to be recommended to the County Board**
 - A. **Adjustment of Financial Assurance for the California Ridge Wind Farm (Champaign County Special Use Permit 696-S-11). (pages 12-39)**
 - B. **Zoning Case 198-AM-26. (pages 40-63) (DEPENDENT UPON FINAL ACTION AT THE 04/30/2026 ZBA MEETING).** A request by Patrick Duda to amend the Zoning Map to allow for the development of one single family residential lot in the AG-1 Agriculture Zoning District by adding the Rural Residential Overlay (RRO) Zoning District in conjunction with related County Board Special use Permit Case 199-S-26 on a proposed 5.09-acre lot in the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 21 North, Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Newcomb Township, being the north 5.09-acres of an existing 10.18-acre lot at the southwest corner of CR 2600N and 500E with an address of 2595 CR 500E, Mahomet.

- C. **Zoning Case 199-S-26. (pages 40-63)** (*DEPENDENT UPON FINAL ACTION AT THE 04/30/2026 ZBA MEETING*) A request by Patrick Duda to authorize a Special Use Permit for a Rural Residential Overlay (RRO) Zoning District for one single family residential lot in conjunction with related map amendment case 198-AM-26.
- D. **Zoning Case 202-AT-26. (pages 64-66)** (*DEPENDENT UPON FINAL ACTION AT THE 04/30/2026 ZBA MEETING*) Amend the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance to extend a temporary safety moratorium on Carbon Sequestration Activity for six months.
- E. **Annual Facility Inspection Report (pages 67-118)** for the period 4/1/25 – 3/31/26 for Champaign County’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Storm Water Discharge Permit with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

IX. Other Business

- A. Monthly Reports - None

X. Chair’s Report

XI. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda

XII. Adjournment

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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD

ENVIRONMENT AND LAND USE COMMITTEE MINUTES

County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois

Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Shields-Carter Meeting Room

Bennett Administrative Center

102 E. Main St., Urbana, IL 61801

MINUTES – *Subject to Approval*

Committee Members

Present: Aaron Esry, John Farney, Jennifer Locke, Emily Rodriguez and Eric Thorsland

Absent: Jilmala Rogers and Monique Settles

County Staff: John Hall (Zoning Administrator), Michelle Jett (Acting Facilities Director) and Mary Ward (Recording Secretary)

Others Present: None

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Thorsland called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

III. Approval of Agenda/Addendum

MOTION by Mr. Esry to approve the agenda; seconded by Ms. Locke. **MOTION** by Mr. Esry to amend the agenda by removing item 7. C. as there was no ZBA meeting; seconded by Ms. Locke. Upon vote, the **MOTION to AMEND** passed unanimously. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** to approve the amended agenda.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. February 5, 2026 – Regular Meeting

MOTION by Mr. Farney to approve the minutes of February 5, 2026; seconded by Ms. Locke. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

V. Public Input

Trevor Wiles, Attorney for Benjamin Franklin regarding Zoning Case 191-AM-26. He is available if there are any questions.

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52 Kevin Sage, East Central Illinois Building & Construction Trades Council, spoke against the moratorium
53 and about the advantages of having a Data Center and the ripple effect on the area and the economy.
54 He understands our issues and water is a critical resource. The closed loop cooling systems use much
55 less water. There is also a misconception that power bills go up when a Data Center goes in. One-year
56 is too long for a moratorium and would like to see it changed to a 6-month moratorium. We need to
57 protect our resources while being open to business.

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59 Maggie Bruns, Executive Director at Prairie Rivers Network, spoke against Data Centers. We need to
60 keep moving on the one-year moratorium. We need protections in place for both water and energy.
61 Urgency by big tech should not drive our agenda.

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63 Tachel Brown is in favor of the moratorium. We can see what has happened in other communities
64 where Data Centers have moved in. She cited a University of Michigan study that shows utility rates
65 increase, there is high resource use and tax incentives were ineffective. The tech companies did not
66 deliver on the promises they made. It takes time to do things right.

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68 **VI. Communications**

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70 There were no communications.

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72 **VII. New Business: Items to be recommended to the County Board**

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74 A. **Zoning Case 191-AM-26.** A request by owner Benjamin Franklin to change the zoning district
75 designation from the I-1 Light Industry Zoning District to the B-4 General Business Zoning District
76 on a .26-acre parcel that is Lot 26 in the Beverly Hills Subdivision in the Southwest Quarter of the
77 Southwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 19 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian in
78 Urbana Township, with an address of 1601 North Coler Avenue, Urbana.

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80 **MOTION** by Mr. Farney to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving Zoning Case
81 191-AM-26 for Benjamin Franklin; seconded by Ms. Locke.

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83 Ms. Rodriguez asked to hear from the petitioner. Mr. Wiles spoke as the attorney for the petitioner.
84 This will be a low-impact use. There is some internal reno to be done and some minor ADA compliant
85 parking issues to address. Mr. Esry said it's nice when buildings can be re-purposed for a new use.
86 Ms. Lokshin added that she thought this was a great use for this parcel.

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88 Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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90 B. **Zoning Case 196-AT-26.** Amend the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance to impose a temporary
91 12-month moratorium on DATA CENTERS with at least 10,000 square feet of processing area.

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93 **MOTION** by Mr. Esry to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving Zoning Case 196-
94 AT-26, amending the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance to impose a temporary 12-month

95 moratorium on DATA CENTERS with at least 10,000 square feet of processing area; seconded by Mr.
96 Farney.

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98 Mr. Hall said that they received a lot of input, both for and against, the moratorium at the Zoning
99 hearing. The ZBA recommended approving the moratorium.

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101 **MOTION** by Ms. Rodriguez to amend the resolution from 12-months to 6-months. There was no
102 second. Discussion followed on changing the length of the moratorium.

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104 Mr. Esry said he supports the 12-month moratorium mostly because of timing/scheduling of ZBA
105 meetings and being able to get it on the agenda. Plus, the ordinance has to pass ZBA and come to
106 ELUC before it goes to the County Board. Six months is just not enough time. He would prefer to keep
107 it 12 months, and we could possibly end the moratorium early.

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109 Ms. Locke asked Mr. Hall for a realistic timeline for the ordinance. If it gets to ZBA in August, it
110 wouldn't get to the County Board until November or December. Mr. Hall reminded the committee
111 that it would have to set at ELUC for a month. If we leave the moratorium at 12 months, and get
112 everything done before that time, it would be written into the resolution that the moratorium is over.

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114 Mr. Farney does not like the idea of pushing the can down the road. Do we compromise or amend the
115 resolution so that it can't go beyond 12-months. Mr. Farney wants to see the tax revenue and a data
116 center could really help with our expenses.

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118 Ms. Rodriguez said that any data center plan that relies on the Mahomet aquifer would be DOA. She
119 was thinking a 6-month check-in via a 6-month moratorium.

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121 Ms. Jett added that the Task Force is meeting every three weeks and meetings are already scheduled.
122 She likes the idea of a firm timeline. She would like to find a medium between six and 12 months.

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124 Mr. Esry asked how many meetings/months it would take at ZBA. Mr. Hall said you cannot get this
125 done in six months following our normal protocol. If you rush municipalities on this major text
126 amendment, you might end up with protests. It would be a minimum of eight months.

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128 The motion to amend the resolution from 12-months to 6-months died for lack of a second.

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130 **MOTION** by Mr. Farney to amend section 5.5.2 Duration of the Moratorium, to expire in nine months
131 or 270 days, after the effective date. Ms. Locke seconded the motion. She added that it is possible to
132 get it done in nine months; it is not possible in six months.

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134 Mr. Thorsland said he could be convinced to support changing it to nine months. Six months is just not
135 enough time and would put a huge burden on John and the Zoning staff.

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137 The **MOTION to AMEND** the original **MOTION** from 12 months to nine months passed by a four to one
138 vote. For: Farney, Locke, Rodriguez and Thorsland. Against: Esry.

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140 Mr. Farney stated we've heard from Prairie Rivers, Trades/Jobs but we haven't heard from the tech
141 side. We need to be sure we hear from all sides. We also need to be mindful of what other counties
142 are doing as it will impact us. Ms. Rodriguez said that we do not want to be pressured by what other
143 counties are doing.

144 Ms. Jett said that the U of I Extension did a very balanced three-part webinar on this. They have asked
145 them to present to the Task Force. She also feels we need to be engaging with ZBA sooner rather than
146 later, so they are already informed when they receive this.

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148 Mr. Esry reminded the committee that ZBA cannot do anything without a final product. We need to
149 get copies of the proposed ordinance to them as soon as it comes out of ELUC.

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151 Ms. Rodriguez said she would like to keep this item off the Consent Agenda.

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153 Mr. Thorsland said there is a lot of pressure coming from a lot of different areas on this issue. It can
154 bring a lot of jobs for a little bit and then a smaller core group of jobs. Ameren does not appear to be
155 in a hurry on the electrical usage study. He feels we will all pay more in electric costs. Closed loop
156 cooling systems still use a lot of water. Data Centers are subtractive on the grid. We need a good
157 ordinance that will help protect consumers.

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159 The **AMENDED MOTION** passed unanimously.

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161 C. **Zoning Case 202-AT-96.** *(DEPENDENT UPON FINAL ACTION AT THE 04/02/2026 ZBA MEETING)*
162 Amend the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance to extend a temporary Safety moratorium on
163 Carbon Sequestration Activity for six months.

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165 This item was removed from the agenda as there was no ZBA meeting on April 2, 2026.

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167 **VIII. Other Business**

168 A. Monthly Reports - None

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170 There were no monthly reports.

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172 **IX. Chair's Report**

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174 There was no chair's report.

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176 **X. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda**

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178 Item VII. A. is to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

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180 **XI. Adjournment**

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182 Chair Thorsland adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.



Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

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JB Pritzker, Governor

James Jennings, Acting Director

April 22, 2026

Re: WIRCO Inc (Illinois EPA BOA ID# 019010AAC)
Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit Renewal (04110011)

To Distribution List:

This Environmental Justice notification letter is to inform you that WIRCO Inc located in Champaign at 1700 West Washington St. is applying for a Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit renewal. This facility operates a stainless-steel foundry that manufactures heat-resistant alloy castings for industrial applications. The Illinois EPA (IEPA) Bureau of Air (BOA) is reviewing the application. The Office of Environmental Justice welcomes your feedback.

The draft FESOP and instructions for submitting comments during the public comment period will be available on the IEPA's website (<https://epa.illinois.gov/public-notices/boa-notices.html>) once it is ready for review. For questions about the public comment period or a public hearing, contact Sarah Brubaker, Community Relations, at 217-786-0790 or Sarah.Brubaker@Illinois.gov.

If you would like additional information regarding this project, such as the permit application, please submit a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request via the IEPA's online portal. Direct links to information and resources regarding FOIA requests, how to sign up for EJ notification letters, contact information, and more, are available on the following pages.

For any other questions, please contact Chris Pressnall, Manager of the Office of Environmental Justice, at (217) 524-1284 or EPA.OEJ@Illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

Chris Pressnall, Manager
Office of Environmental Justice



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IEPA's Public Notices webpage includes draft permits and associated information, as well as proposed agency-wide actions such as rulemaking notices.

A Bureau's public notice on a permit application will outline:

- Type of permit application received
- Applicant information
- Start and stop dates of public comment period
- Instructions on submitting public comments
- Information on public hearings (if one being held)
- Agency contact information
- Draft permit and associated materials such as project summary will be posted on the same webpage as the public notice

General IEPA public notices will outline:

- Proposed action(s) or plan(s) of the agency
- Start and stop dates of the public comment period
- Instructions on submitting public comments
- Agency contact information

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Documents include:

- Air construction and operating permits
- National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) water discharge permits.
- Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) technical documents
- Site Remediation Program (SRP) technical documents
- State Response Action technical documents

- Final Compliance Commitment Agreements since January 1, 2014

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- To access the IEPA FOIA Web Form, visit [IEPA FOIA Web Form](#).
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The IEPA mapping tool, EJ Start, designates areas of environmental justice (EJ) concern. EJ Start informs IEPA’s enhanced public outreach (for example, EJ notification letters). It is also used to incorporate EJ into other Agency activities and programs. The criteria used to designate EJ areas are census block groups and areas within one mile of census block groups that are greater than or equal to the statewide average for low-income and/or minority populations. EJ Start is publicly available and searchable by address, city, and zip code.

- To access IEPA’s EJ Start, visit <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/aa364c77db684dfa92afa5094b69f6ff>.

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John Hall

From: Pollock, Emma <Emma.Pollock@Illinois.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 12:37 PM
To: Brubaker, Sarah
Subject: Kraft Heinz Company 019802AAF 73020205
Attachments: PN FESOP Renewal- Kraft Heinz.docx

CAUTION: External email, be careful when opening.

Hello,

Kraft Heinz Company in Champaign has applied for a draft Federally Enforceable State Operating Permits (FESOP) renewal permit. Attached is the public notice. Illinois EPA is accepting public comments until May 27, 2026. The draft permit and other documents are available on our website: <https://epa.illinois.gov/public-notices/boa-notices.html>.

ID No.: 019802AAF
Permit No.: 73020205
Source: Kraft Heinz Company



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Notice of Public Comment Period

Renewal of the Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit

Facility Information Kraft Heinz Company 1701 West Bradley Ave Champaign, Illinois 61821	Comment Period Begin Date April 27, 2026	Available Documents https://epa.illinois.gov/public-notices/boa-notices.html
	Comment Period End Date May 27, 2026	For More Information Sarah Brubaker (217) 786-0790 TDD phone number (866) 273-5488 sarah.brubaker@illinois.gov

Kraft Heinz Company applied to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) to renew the federally enforceable state operating permit (FESOP) regulating air emissions from its facility located at 1701 West Bradley Avenue in Champaign. The facility is a foods product manufacturing facility. Based on its review of the application, the Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that the application meets the standards for issuance and has prepared a draft permit for public review.

The Illinois EPA is accepting written public comments on the draft permit. After consideration of any comments received, the Illinois EPA will make a final decision on the permit.

Public Comment Period

Written comments must be received by 11:59 PM on May 27, 2026. If a significant degree of public interest is expressed in the draft permit, a public hearing or other information meeting may be held.

Written comments should be submitted to:

Sarah Brubaker, Office of Community Relations #5
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
2520 West Iles Avenue, P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
sarah.brubaker@illinois.gov

Copies of the draft permit and other documents are available by visiting <https://epa.illinois.gov/public-notices/boa-notices.html>. Draft permit documents are also available for inspection at the Illinois EPA's offices at 2125 South First St. in Champaign, (217) 278-5800 and 2520 W. Iles Ave. in Springfield, (217) 786-0790 (please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). Copies of the documents will be made available upon request.

The facility is located in an area of Environmental Justice concern. More information concerning Environmental Justice may be found at <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/environmental-justice.html>.

The 1990 amendments to the Clean Air Act require potentially major sources of air emissions to obtain federally enforceable operating permits. A FESOP permit allows a source that is potentially major to take operational limits in the permit so that it is a non-major source. The permit will contain federally enforceable limitations that restrict the facility's emissions to non-major levels. The permit will be enforceable by the U.S. EPA, as well as the Illinois EPA.

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TO: **Environment and Land Use Committee**

FROM: **John Hall, Zoning Administrator**

DATE: **April 27, 2026**

RE: **Adjustment of Financial Assurance for the California Ridge Wind Farm (Champaign County Special Use Permit 696-S-11)**

Champaign County
Department of

**PLANNING &
ZONING**

**Bennett Administrative
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www.co.champaign.il.us/zoning

Background

The Special Use Permit for the 30 wind turbines in the California Ridge Wind Farm (Champaign County Special Use Permit 696-S-11) was approved on November 17, 2011, and the California Ridge Wind Farm was first authorized for operation on November 30, 2012. Approval of the California Ridge Wind Farm included a Reclamation Agreement that established the requirements for financial assurance (including both a letter of credit and an escrow account) for decommissioning of the wind farm.

The Reclamation Agreement requires periodic adjustment of the value of the Financial Assurance base on a revised decommissioning cost estimate by a licensed Illinois engineer every 3 years during the first 12 years of operation and every two years thereafter.

The Reclamation Agreement also requires conversion of the Letter of Credit to an Escrow Account over the first 13 years of project operation. The full conversion happened in 2025.

The Financial Assurance amounted to \$7,863,733.78 at the end of February 2026.

Establishing the Required Value of the Financial Assurance

The value of the financial assurance is established in paragraph (4) of the Reclamation Agreement (see Attachment A) as follows:

- Subparagraph (4)(a) of the Approved Reclamation Agreement for the California Ridge Wind Farm requires an Irrevocable Letter of Credit to be established at 210% of the Decommissioning Cost Estimate.
- Subparagraph (4)(b) of the Reclamation Agreement requires the value of the Letter of Credit to be gradually paid down over the first 13 years of wind farm operation by placing equal cash deposits in an escrow account. The Champaign County Board approved an escrow agreement on April 17, 2014, and an escrow account was established on April 24, 2014, with US Bank. Deposits were made into the escrow account for \$152,299 on 5/1/14; and \$154,762.39 on 12/1/14; and \$152,235.81 on 1/1/16; and \$406,549.75 on 2/6/17; and \$464,245.79 on 3/1/18; and \$1,831,560.33 on 5/31/21; and \$902,766.40 on 3/31/22. The escrow account earns interest monthly and at the end of February 2026, the Escrow Account totaled \$7,863,733.78.
- Subparagraph (4)(c) of the Reclamation Agreement requires an adjustment of the Financial Assurance on January 1 of every third year for the first twelve years after the Special Use Permit is granted. The adjustment shall be based on an update of the Base Decommissioning Cost Estimate.

Zoning Administrator
Adjustment of Financial Assurance for California Ridge Wind Farm
APRIL 27, 2026

- Subparagraph (4)(d)(ii) requires that adjustments to the financial assurance shall include an assumed inflation for any future years left in the anticipated 25-year life span of the wind farm at an assumed minimum inflation of 3% per year.

Review and Adjustment of the Amount of Financial Assurance

An updated Estimated Decommissioning Cost was received on March 3, 2026 (see attached) as part of a Decommissioning Plan. The approved Reclamation Agreement remains as the officially approved decommissioning plan. The previous Base Decommissioning Cost Estimates are also attached.

Note that the update of the Base Decommissioning Cost Estimate must be prepared by an independent Professional Engineer registered in the State of Illinois. HDR Engineering was the original engineer for the wind farm and Matt Reddington is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Illinois. The new Estimated Decommissioning Cost has been prepared by Ryan M. Swanson, also a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Illinois.

Based on the proposed Estimated Decommissioning Cost, the Financial Assurance requires the following adjustment:

- As reported, Estimated Decommissioning Cost has decreased 23.8% to \$6,236,500.
- As reported, Estimated Salvage Value has decreased by 39.5% to \$2,715,500. Staff is still trying to verify scrap values.
- Due to the overall decrease in both the Estimated Decommissioning Cost and the Estimated Salvage Value, the Estimated Net Decommissioning Cost has decreased by 16.3% to \$3,521,000 compared to the 2022 Update Estimate of \$4,205,955.
- At this time there are 11 years left in the wind farm life and assuming 3% inflation per year results in a total inflation multiplier of 1.384. Applying that inflation multiplier to the revised Estimated Net Decommissioning Cost results in a total updated Financial Assurance of \$4,873,064 compared to the 2022 updated amount of \$6,918,795.90.
- The current amount of the Escrow Account is \$7,863,733.78.
- The next update on Financial Assurance should occur in March 2028.

Differences Between the 2022 Update Amount and the 2026 Update Amount

Staff questioned the specific changes in the estimate related to Overhead and Management; Mobilization and Demobilization; Public Road Repairs; Foundation Removal; Crane and Disassembly of Tower Sections; and Transport to Recycler and received the following reply:

Our Independent Engineer (IE) has updated the assumptions based on actual wind facility decommissioning activity observed in the market since 2023. Key drivers of the revisions include:

- **Updated Cost Baseline:** The IE used decommissioning cost data from projects completed beginning in 2023, reflecting the most current industry benchmarks.

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APRIL 27, 2026

- **Refined Cost Categorization:** Overhead and management expenses are now allocated directly into each individual scope of work to more accurately reflect project execution practices.
- **Mobilization Cost Reductions:** Market data indicates that mobilization costs have decreased since 2023, and the updated estimate incorporates this downward shift.
- **Scope-Specific Market Pricing:** Costs for roads, foundations, turbines, and transportation have been revised using the latest market values for each specific work activity.
- **Updated Salvage Valuation:** Salvage values have been adjusted to reflect current commodity pricing. Steel prices have declined, and transformer salvage value has been removed based on the most recent market trends.

The Wind Farm offered to coordinate a call with the IE (Independent Engineer) to provide additional technical information but staff declined in favor of having someone attend the ELUC meeting to answer questions from the Committee.

Review by State’s Attorney’s Office

The Champaign County State’s Attorney’s Office has been asked to review the proposed update to the Financial Assurance.

ATTACHMENTS

- A Paragraph (4) from the Approved Reclamation Agreement for Case 696-S-11
- B Approved Base Decommissioning Cost Estimate by HDR Engineering Inc. for Case 696-S-11 dated 10/6/11
- C Cover letter and proposed Base Decommissioning Cost Estimate Update by HDR Engineering Inc. for California Ridge Energy Project dated 1/26/16 received September 14, 2016
- D Cover letter and proposed Base Decommissioning Cost Estimate Update by HDR Engineering Inc. for California Ridge Energy Project dated 4/10/20 received April 14, 2020
- E Cover letter and proposed Base Decommissioning Cost Estimate Update by HDR Engineering Inc. for California Ridge Energy Project dated 1/10/23 received January 18, 2023
- F Decommissioning Plan California Ridge Energy Project- Champaign County. March 3, 2026.

with the provisions of Section 4 of this agreement, to be maintained and remain in effect for a period of twenty-five (25) years from the date the first turbine begins generating electricity.

- (4) The **Financial Assurance** shall be subject to the following:
- (a) The amount of the irrevocable letter of credit shall be 210% of the **Decommissioning Cost Estimate**.
 - (b) The **Principal** shall gradually pay down the value of the irrevocable letter of credit by placing cash deposits in an escrow account over the first 13 years of the **Project's** operation as follows:
 - (i) The **Principal** and the **Champaign County Board** shall agree on a mutually acceptable financial institution at which an escrow account shall be established.
 - (ii) **Champaign County** shall be the beneficiary of the escrow account for the purpose of the reclamation of the **Project** in the event that the **Principal** is incapable of decommissioning the **Project**.
 - (iii) The **Principal** shall grant perfected security in the escrow account by use of a control agreement establishing the County as an owner of record, pursuant to the Secured Transactions Article of the Uniform Commercial Code, 810 ILCS 9/101 et seq.
 - (iv) The **Principal** shall make annual deposits to the escrow account over a 12 year period and shall simultaneously provide a replacement irrevocable letter of credit that is reduced accordingly.
 - (c) On January 1 of every third year for the first twelve years after the **Special Use Permit** is granted and every second year for the remainder of this Agreement, the **Financial Assurance** shall be adjusted as follows:
 - (i) The **Principal**, using an independent, Professional Engineer registered in the State of Illinois, shall adjust the amount of the **Financial Assurance** and **Base Decommissioning Expenses** held as part of this Agreement to ensure the **Decommissioning Cost Estimate** has been updated and reflects current, accurate information. The **Principal** shall, upon receipt, provide a copy of the adjusted Professional Engineer's report to the **Zoning Administrator**.
 - (ii) Provided, however, that at no time will the amount of the total **Financial Assurance** be less than \$25,000 per wind

turbine that is part of the **Project**, regardless of the actual amounts reflected in any updated Professional Engineer's report. Said minimum **Financial Assurance** shall be increased annually by known and documented rates of inflation since the **Project** was approved.

- (d) At all times the total combined value of the irrevocable letter of credit and the escrow account shall be increased annually as necessary to reflect actual rates of inflation over the life span of the **Project** and the amount shall be equal to or exceed the following:
 - (i) the amount of the independent engineer's cost estimate as increased by known and documented rates of inflation since the **Project** was approved; plus
 - (ii) an amount for any future years left in the anticipated life span of the **Project** at an assumed minimum rate of inflation of 3% per year.
- (e) Any interest accrued on the escrow account that is over and above the total value required hereby shall go to the **Principal**.
- (f) In order to provide funding for decommissioning at the time of decommissioning pursuant to paragraph 6(a), the **Principal** may exchange a new irrevocable letter of credit in an amount equal to the amount in the escrow account, subject to agreement by the **Champaign County Board** to a release of the full amount of the escrow account, which agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld.

(5) If the **Principal** desires to remove equipment or property credited to the **Salvage Value** without the concurrent replacement of the property with property of equal or greater **Salvage Value**, or if the **Principal** installs equipment or property increasing the **Decommissioning Expenses** after the **Project** begins to produce electricity, at any point, the **Principal** shall first obtain the consent of the **Zoning Administrator**, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. If the **Principal's** lienholders remove equipment or property credited to the **Salvage Value**, the **Principal** shall promptly notify **Champaign County**. In either event, the **Financial Assurance** shall be adjusted to reflect any change in total **Salvage Value** and/or total **Decommissioning Expenses** resulting from any such removal or installation.

(6) **Principal's winding down of the Project.**

- (a) The **Principal** may voluntarily, at such time as it deems it necessary and appropriate, and only with prior notice to the **Zoning Administrator**, perform and complete or cause to be performed and completed, the **Reclamation Work**. All **Reclamation Work** shall be completed within a ninety (90) day period, or the **Principal** shall demonstrate **Reclamation Work** is diligently being processed and

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Item	Description	Units	Quantity per Unit	\$ / Unit	Total
Decommissioning Expense					
1	Overhead and Management	Lump Sum		\$250,000	\$250,000
2	Mobilization and demobilization	Lump Sum		\$350,000	\$350,000
3	Civil - Roads and Pads				
4	Crane pad installation, removal, transportation and disposal (2)	Lump Sum		\$28,400	\$28,400
5	Roadway removal and disposal	Lump Sum		\$257,200	\$257,200
6	Site Restoration & Decommissioning	Lump Sum		\$310,900	\$310,900
7	Civil - Public Roads				
8	Road Repairs (1)	Lump Sum		\$300,000	\$300,000
9	Foundation Removal				
10	Concrete demolition for 54" depth of pedestal (pedestal only removal)	30 turbines		\$10,000	\$300,000
11	Disposal and backfill for turbines	30 turbines		\$3,500	\$105,000
12	Tower & Transformer Removal				
13	Crane and disassembly of tower sections	30 turbines		\$63,000	\$1,890,000
14	Deconstruction into salvagable pieces	30 turbines		\$52,500	\$1,575,000
15	Demolition, transport and dumping for blades & nacelle cover (3)	30 turbines		\$2,000	\$60,000
16	Transport to recycler (4)				
17	Steel	30 turbines		\$7,500	\$225,000
18	Copper	30 turbines		\$3,000	\$90,000
19	Transformer (load onto recycler transport only-Refurbisher hauls to his shop)	30 turbines		\$1,000	\$30,000
				Total Decommissioning Cost	\$5,771,500
Salvage Value For Recoverable Materials (5)					
20	Tower	30 turbines	253 tons	\$323	\$2,451,086
21	Nacelle	30 turbines	22 tons	\$323	\$213,955
22	Hub	30 turbines	101 tons	\$323	\$979,659
23	Anchor Bolts	30 turbines	2 tons	\$323	\$19,380
24	Copper (6)	30 turbines	6.5 tons	\$5,776.00	\$1,126,320
25	Transformer	30 turbines	1 transformer	\$2,500	\$75,000
				Total Salvage Value	\$4,865,400
				Base Decommissioning Cost	\$906,100

(1) Pre-construction work will be performed to upgrade roads in order to support turbines, foundations and access roads construction. Since foundations will mostly remain in-situ, upgrades and repairs should be negligible considering the upgrades being performed upfront and typical maintenance to occur over 25 years. Turbines, blades, towers and the foundation pedestals equate to approximately one third of the entire turbine assembly; the bottom portion of the foundation is the majority of the weight associated with road upgrades.

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(2)	Transportation of road and crane pads will be to a local rock supplier in the Danville or Champaign area							
(3)	Transportation of blades and nacelle cover would be to a local landfill in the Danville area							
(4)	Transportation of recyclable materials would be in smaller trucks to steel mills along the Mississippi or East Chicago (Truck size will be limited by the road load limits in place at the time of de-Construction or Decommissioning)							
(5)	Steel prices based upon 5-year average from steelonthenet.com/commodity_prices.html							
(6)	Copper prices based on 5-year average prices from USGS.							



January 26, 2016

Invenergy LLC
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Attention. Mr. John Hall

Subject: 2016 Amendment Update of Estimated Decommissioning Costs for the
California Ridge Energy Project (Amendment 2)

Dear Mr. Hall

HDR has reviewed the June 2011 Decommissioning Report and its October 6, 2011 Amendment in preparation of this updated *Base Decommissioning Cost Estimate*. The Attached estimate has been updated using published construction cost indices, government cost data and Engineering judgment.

It is understood that no equipment or materials additions, other than in-kind replacements, have been made to the project nor have there been any removals since it was originally constructed.

Significant Changes from the 2011 Amendment are as follows:

- Increased De-construction Costs: Based on a 5 year ENR Construction Cost Index History (November 2010 – November 2015)
- Decreased salvage values: Based on 5 year average salvage values derived from USGS publications

Please don't hesitate to contact me concerning this Amendment with questions or concerns

Very Truly Yours

Matt Reddington, PE
HDR Engineering Inc.

Attachment: Base Decommissioning Cost Update -2016

C: J. Booty

California Ridge Wind Project Base Decommissioning Cost Estimate Update - 2016

Item	Description	Units	Quantity / Unit	\$\$ / Unit	Total
<u>Decommissioning Expense</u> **					
1	Overhead and Management	Lump Sum		\$311,083	\$311,083
2	Mobilization and demobilization	Lump Sum		\$394,625	\$394,625
3	Civil - Roads and Pads				
4	Crane pad installation, removal, transportation and disposal ²	Lump Sum		\$32,021	\$32,021
5	Roadway removal and disposal	Lump Sum		\$289,993	\$289,993
6	Site Restoration & Decommissioning	Lump Sum		\$350,540	\$350,540
7	Civil - Public Roads				
8	Road Repairs ¹	Lump Sum		\$338,250	\$338,250
9	Foundation Removal				
10	Concrete demolition for 54" depth of pedestal (pedestal only removal)	30 turbines		\$11,275	\$338,250
11	Disposal and backfill for turbines	30 turbines		\$3,946	\$118,388
12	Tower & Transformer Removal				
13	Crane and disassembly of tower sections	30 turbines		\$71,033	\$2,130,975
14	Deconstruction into salvagable pieces	30 turbines		\$59,194	\$1,775,813
15	Demolition, transport and dumping for blades & nacelle cover ³	30 turbines		\$2,255	\$67,650
16	Transport to recycler ⁴				
17	Steel	30 turbines		\$8,456	\$253,688
18	Copper	30 turbines		\$3,383	\$101,475
19	Transformer (load onto recycler transport only- Refurbisher hauls to his shop)	30 turbines		\$1,000	\$30,000
Total Estimated Decommissioning Cost					\$6,532,749
<u>Salvage Value to Recoverable Materials</u> ⁵					
20	Tower	253 tons	30 turbines	\$304	\$2,306,904
21	Nacelle	22 tons	30 turbines	\$304	\$201,370
22	Hub	101 tons	30 turbines	\$304	\$922,032
23	Anchor Bolts	2 tons	30 turbines	\$304	\$18,240
24	Copper ⁶	6.5 tons	30 turbines	\$5,305.60	\$1,034,592
25	Transformer	1 transformer	30 turbines	\$2,867	\$85,995
Total Estimated Salvage Value					\$4,569,133
<u>Base Decommissioning Cost</u>		Estimated Base Decommissioning Cost			\$1,963,617
<p>1. Pre-construction work will be performed to upgrade roads in order to support turbines, foundations and access roads construction. Since foundations will mostly remain in-situ, upgrades and repairs should be negligible considering the upgrades being performed upfront and typical maintenance to occur over 25 years. Turbines, blades, towers and the foundation pedestals equate to approximately one third of the entire turbine assembly; the bottom portion of the foundation is the majority of the weight associated with road upgrades.</p> <p>2. Transportation of road and crane pads will be to a local rock supplier in the Danville or Champaign area</p> <p>3. Transportation of blades and nacelle cover would be to a local landfill in the Danville area</p> <p>4. Transportation of recyclable materials would be by truck to steel mills along the Mississippi or East Chicago (Truck size will be limited by the road load limits in place at the time of De-Construction or Decommissioning)</p> <p>5. Steel salvage prices based upon 5-year average from USGS Mineral Industry Surveys to September 2015</p> <p>6. Copper salvage prices based on 5-year average prices from USGS Mineral Industry Surveys to September 2015</p>					



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Attention: Mr. Kenneth Nolan

Subject: 2020 Amendment Update (Revision 1) of Estimated Decommissioning Costs for the California Ridge Energy Project (Amendment 3)

Dear Mr. Nolan

HDR has updated the Base Decommissioning Cost Estimate based on initial review comments and further review of the previous decommissioning reports for the subject project (June 2011 report and October 6, 2011 & January 2016 Amendments 1 & 2). The attached estimate has been updated using published construction cost indices, government cost data, and engineering judgment.

As previously indicated, we are assuming no equipment or materials additions, other than in-kind replacements, have been made to the project nor have there been any removals since it was originally constructed.

Significant changes from the 2016 Amendment 2 are as follows:

- Adjusted roadway removal and disposal costs: Roadway thickness increased to 12"
- Adjusted de-construction costs (deconstruction of tower and transformer into salvageable pieces): Unit cost increased based on current (2020) Means Deconstruction and Construction estimated costs.
- Adjusted salvage values for recoverable materials: Values were decreased based on 5 year average salvage values derived from USGS publications and published scrap prices.

Please don't hesitate to contact me concerning this amendment with questions or concerns.

Very Truly Yours,

Matthew Redington, P.E.
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HDR Engineering Inc.

Attachment: Base Decommissioning Cost Update -2020.04.07 Rev. 1

CC: J. Booty, D. Culligan

**California Ridge Wind Project
Base Decommissioning Cost Estimate Update - 2020**

Item	Description	Units	\$ / Unit	Total
Decommissioning Expense				
1	Overhead and Management	Lump Sum	\$437,042.91	\$437,043
2	Mobilization and demobilization	Lump Sum	\$499,477.61	\$499,478
3	Civil - Roads and Pads			
4	Crane pad installation, removal, transportation and disposal ²	Lump Sum	\$51,985	\$51,985
5	Roadway removal and disposal	Lump Sum	\$365,400	\$365,400
6	Site Restoration & Decommissioning	Lump Sum	\$575,200	\$575,200
7	Civil - Public Roads			
8	Road Repairs ¹ -Existing roads grade & consolidate	Lump Sum	\$519,200	\$519,200
9	Foundation Removal			
10	Concrete demolition for 54" depth of pedestal (pedestal only removal)	30 turbines	\$12,513	\$375,390
11	Disposal and backfill for turbines	30 turbines	\$5,399	\$161,980
12	Tower & Transformer Removal			
13	Crane and disassembly of tower sections	30 turbines	\$77,370	\$2,321,100
14	Deconstruction into salvagable pieces-Remove to off site salvage yard for deconstruction by salvager.	30 turbines	\$41,448	\$1,243,440
15	Demolition, transport and dumping for blades & nacelle cover ³	30 turbines	\$5,485	\$164,550
16	Transport to recycler ⁴			
17	Steel	30 turbines	\$10,682	\$320,445
18	Copper	30 turbines	\$2,500	\$75,000
19	Transformer (disconnect,load onto recycler transport only-Recycler hauls)	30 turbines	\$2,326	\$69,780
Total Estimated Decommissioning Cost				\$7,179,991
20	Salvage value for Recoverable Materials⁵(30 Turbines)			
21	Tower	253 tons	\$229.34	\$1,740,347
22	Nacelle	22 tons	\$229.34	\$151,915
23	Hub	101 tons	\$229.34	\$695,588
24	Anchor Bolts	2 tons	\$229.34	\$13,760
25	Copper ⁶	6.5 tons	\$4,960.80	\$967,356
26	Transformer	1 transformer	\$5,132.34	\$153,970
Total Estimated Salvage Value				\$3,722,936
Base Decommissioning Cost			Estimated Base Decommissioning Cost	\$3,457,054
<p>1. Pre-de-construction work will be performed to upgrade roads in order to support turbines, foundations and access roads construction. Since foundations will mostly remain in-situ, upgrades and repairs should be negligible considering the upgrades being performed upfront and typical maintenance to occur over 25 years. Turbines, blades, towers and the foundation pedestals equate to approximately one third of the entire turbine assembly; the bottom portion of the foundation is the majority of the foundation weight and would remain in-place</p>				
<p>2. Transportation of road and crane pads will be to a local aggregate supplier in the Danville or Champaign area</p>				
<p>3. Transportation of blades and nacelle cover would be to a local landfill in the Danville area</p>				
<p>4. Transportation of recyclable materials would be by truck to steel mills along the Mississippi or East Chicago (Truck size will be limited by the road load limits in place at the time of de-Construction or Decommissioning)</p>				
<p>5. Steel prices based upon 5-year average from "Statista" Iron & Steel Scrap</p>				
<p>6. Copper prices based on 5-year average prices from Copper USGS.</p>				

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AMENDMENT

Justin Lappin
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Re: Amendment No. 04 for Decommissioning Cost Estimate for the California Ridge Wind Energy Project

Dear Mr. Lappin,

This letter provides HDR's update (as Amendment 4) to the Base Decommissioning Cost Estimate for the California Ridge Wind Energy project in Champaign County, Illinois. The facility achieved commercial operation in 2011 and consists of 30 – 1.6 MW wind turbine generators producing a total of 48 MW. The initial review and estimate of decommissioning costs was completed in June 2011. The estimate was updated in January 2016 (Amendment 2) and in April 2020 (Amendment 3). The attached estimate has been updated using published construction cost indices, government cost data, and engineering judgment. The estimation methods used are similar to those used for the 2016 and 2020 updates.

This Amendment 4 assumes no equipment or materials additions, other than in-kind replacements, have been made to the project nor have there been any removals since it was originally constructed. The total estimate for decommissioning as documented in the attached table is \$4,205,955.

Significant changes to Amendment 4 from the 2020 Amendment 3 are as follows:

- "Adjusted Civil – Road and Pads" costs were updated to account for updated values in RSMeans for hauling materials and engineering judgement on 2022 material costs (RSMeans Data Online from Gordian®, www.rsmeans.com. Accessed December 2022)
- "Foundation Removal" costs were updated to account for updated values in RSMeans for hauling materials, concrete, and grading costs
- "Tower & Transformer Removal" costs were updated based on annual inflation rates
- "Transport to recycler" costs were updated based on annual inflation rates
- "Salvage value for Recoverable Materials" – Steel salvage value was updated based on 5-year average salvage values as published on www.statista.com
- "Salvage value for Recoverable Materials" – Copper salvage value was updated based on 5-year average salvage values as published on www.usgs.gov
- "Salvage value for Recoverable Materials" – Transformer copper scrap value was updated based on www.scrapregister.com (December 2022 "Mid West price for Cu Transformer Small")



Inflation data was acquired from the following sources based on the U.S. consumer price index:

- 2010-2021: www.macrotrends.net
- 2022: www.cpiinflationcalculator.com

Please don't hesitate to contact me concerning this amendment with questions or concerns.

Very Truly Yours,

Matthew Redington, P.E.

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Attachment: Base Decommissioning Cost Update_2022 update

Decommissioning Plan

California Ridge Wind Project –
Champaign County

Final
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1 Introduction

TerraForm Power Operating LLC (TerraForm) engaged HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) to provide a Decommissioning Plan (Plan) for the California Ridge Wind Project – Champaign County (Project) and an estimation of the net decommissioning cost for the Project site (i.e., the decommissioning cost less salvage value). The Project is located within Champaign County, Illinois. The portion of the Project located in Champaign County consists of 30 General Electric (GE) 1.6-100 wind turbines. The Plan describes the general measures and procedures that should be developed and implemented to decommission the Project, restore the site, and safely dispose of or recycle decommissioned Project materials.

The Project has been in operation for 14 years and requires proper end of useful life planning. Decommissioning of these materials in a manner that allows for the salvage or recycling of various materials assists the resource availability of materials for future utilization. This Plan supports TerraForm in complying with the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance dated June 18, 2020¹ regarding the requirements, process, and sequence associated with decommissioning of wind turbines in a manner that considers general site safety, environmental control measures, and salvage or recycling of materials.

1.1 Decommissioning Requirements

This Plan outlines a typical program for decommissioning the Project site at the end of the facility life cycle. TerraForm is required to develop, maintain, and update a Plan that describes the process to restore the Project site and includes an engineering estimate of the decommissioning and site restoration cost in support of decommissioning funding.

Prior to commencing decommissioning activities, TerraForm, or the Project's owner at the time of decommissioning, will verify with the local, state, and/or federal agencies any additional requirements and submit a revised Plan for approval as required for compliance.

1.2 Wind Project Description

TerraForm is currently operating the Project in Champaign County, Illinois, consisting of 30 wind turbine generators (WTGs) with a total installed nameplate generating capacity of 48 megawatts (MW) (shown within Table 1). Commercial operation began in 2012. TerraForm has constructed an energy collection system, Project substation, and Project transmission lines to deliver power to an existing interconnecting switchyard for the Project; however, these are all located within Vermillion County (adjacent to Champaign County). In addition to the WTGs themselves, the major components of the Project include the concrete turbine foundations, step-up transformers, medium-voltage underground collection systems, access roads, Project substation to deliver the electricity to the existing transmission systems, and an operations and maintenance (O&M) facility. The Project layout map is provided in Exhibit A.

¹ 2021 Champaign_Ordinance_Zoning.pdf

Table 1. Project site and wind turbines planned for decommissioning

Project name	County	Nameplate capacity (MW)	Turbine count	Wind turbine model	Commercial operation date
California Ridge	Champaign	48	30	GE 1.6-100	2012

1.3 Decommissioning Plan Description

This Plan has been developed to outline typical procedures for decommissioning of the Project. Decommissioning may occur because the Project has fulfilled its intended purpose and term, or because it has been abandoned. The costs for eventual removal of Project infrastructure (including any estimated salvage values) and site restoration are included in Section 4 of this Plan.

2 Decommissioning of Wind Turbines

At the end of the Project life, depending on market conditions and Project viability, the WTGs may be refurbished and maintained in service; “re-powered” with new nacelles, towers, and/or blades; or alternatively decommissioned and removed from the Project site. This Plan presents a decommissioning sequence for de-energizing, dismantling, removing, and restoring, to the extent necessary, the affected land as near as practicable to the original conditions prior to development.

2.1 General Environmental Protections

During decommissioning activities, general environmental protection measures and all applicable site safety procedures would be implemented as required. Activities performed during decommissioning would be comparable to those seen during Project construction, including the use of heavy equipment on site, preparing staging areas, and restoring disturbed areas around Project infrastructure. The Project decommissioning activities shall meet all environmental, stormwater, erosion control, and permitting requirements per federal, state, and each applicable county; this is discussed further in Section 2.3.

2.2 Pre-decommissioning Activities

Prior to engaging in decommissioning activities, TerraForm will update this Plan in accordance with appropriate requirements at the time of decommissioning. Decommissioning and restoration activities will be performed in accordance with all relevant statutes in place at the time of decommissioning and in accordance with other environmental permits associated with the Project. At the end of the useful life for the Project, coordination and advanced communication with the interconnection utilities is required for de-energization and isolation of the WTGs from all external electrical lines. This is required prior to initiating dismantling or ground-disturbing decommissioning work.

2.3 Decommissioning and Restoration Activities

The major components of the Project site are the WTGs, turbine foundations, crane pads (temporary for decommissioning depending on dismantling method), medium-voltage underground cabling, pad-mounted transformers, Project substation equipment, and Project transmission lines. Electrical equipment (except when associated with collection cables) will be removed from the Project property upon decommissioning.

Decommissioning of the Project would occur according to the following sequence:

1. Mobilize decommissioning contractor
2. De-energize the site
3. Remove collection system step-up transformers
4. Dismantle WTG components (blades, nacelle, tower) via crane dismantling method
5. Partially remove and recover underground cables to 4.5 feet below grade
6. Partially remove wind turbine foundations to 4.5 feet below grade (concrete foundation pedestals and partial base removal, as required by land lease agreements)
7. Partially remove substation structure foundations to 4.5 feet below grade (as required by the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance)
8. Dispose of foundation materials at approved locations
9. Extract salvageable material
10. Transport salvageable material to approved locations for sale
11. Dispose of non-salvageable material at approved locations
12. Restore and reclaim disturbed wind turbine footprint and roads

A decommissioning contractor (contractor) will be responsible for acquiring and facilitating all permit needs and activities, including, but not being limited to, deconstruction, salvage, material transport, and property reclamation.

Wind Turbine Generator Decommissioning

WTG towers, nacelles, blades, and generators are modular, designed for ease in construction removal and disposal or recycling or, in certain cases, reconditioning and reinstallation. The WTGs can be dismantled via different methods depending on the plan for salvage of the components, with one of them being commonly called the crane method. This method involves the dismantling of WTGs in a way that is comparable to the reverse of the erection process. Cranes and other lifting equipment would be used to remove the blades, nacelle, and tower sections.

Prior to decommissioning, TerraForm will coordinate with landowners on the expected method, timeline, and anticipated impacts to surrounding ground and vegetation. TerraForm or the contractor will notify all landowners of the Plan and schedule for dismantling. See Exhibit B for a conceptual WTG schematic.

Electrical Equipment Decommissioning

Each WTG step-up transformer and sectionalizer will be removed and salvaged according to environmental and other regulatory conditions in place at the time of decommissioning. After removal, the concrete pads will be removed and the areas will be scarified, as necessary and in consultation with the landowner, and restored as near as practicable to their original condition with native seed and soils. This will be done in conjunction with the reclamation of the WTG foundation area.

Foundation Decommissioning and Restoration

To meet the foundation removal depth requirement in the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance, each foundation pedestal will be demolished down to 4.5 feet below grade and moved off site to an approved disposal area, using a track-mounted pneumatic hammer or other appropriate method available. The spread footing foundation design consists of a solid, reinforced concrete circular pedestal, approximately 18 feet in diameter, with an overall pedestal height of approximately 5 feet. After removal of the concrete turbine pedestals, the areas will be backfilled and topsoil will be restored. Final grade may require slight mounding to ensure that appropriate cover above the

foundation base is provided. Further environmental site restoration procedures for the restored soil are discussed in the Final Site Restoration section below. See Exhibit C for a conceptual foundation schematic.

Access Road Decommissioning and Restoration

Access roads associated with the Project were either upgraded existing roads or newly built secondary-type roads. At the time of decommissioning, TerraForm will coordinate with the property owners and easement holders (if applicable) to determine if any access roads should remain, however, according to the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance they were included in this scope of work.

The decommissioning of access roads includes the removal of the gravel or aggregate and filling the remaining voids with on-site surface materials by grading. Where on-site surface materials are not sufficiently available for filling the remaining voids, suitable earthen fill will be provided from an off-site source. Removed materials will be taken to an appropriate recycling area (possibly on site) where the gravel or aggregate materials can be processed for salvage or future on-site use. Remaining ground surfaces will be rough graded to merge with the surrounding elevations and returned to near preconstruction conditions by means of grading and discing, using a tractor and disc attachment to restore the soil structure and to aerate the soil. Where gravel or aggregate are removed, topsoil will be restored by addition of imported soil or amendment. Further environmental site restoration procedures for the restored soil are discussed in the Final Site Restoration section.

Collection System Decommissioning

Most of the medium-voltage collection system cables are placed approximately 4 feet below the ground surface, however it was assumed from the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance that this cable is to be left in place as there was no mention of its excavation and removal. Excluding the crossing of roads, the cable trenches will be backfilled and surface-finished with at least 6 inches of topsoil. At road crossings, cables are placed in conduits, which are a minimum of 5 feet below the final surface. Because the cables (other than at road crossings) will be located approximately 4 feet below the ground surface and are not anticipated to impose obstacles to future landowner activities, physical removal of the cables is not a requirement for decommissioning. The sectionalizing cabinets for splicing and combining collection system cabling are also removed and salvaged.

O&M Building Decommissioning and Restoration

The O&M building and foundation will be removed as a part of the decommissioning process. Components will be recycled to the extent possible and construction debris will be hauled away for disposal at the nearest landfill. The O&M building for this Project is located in Vermillion County, so it is not included in this estimate.

Project Substation Decommissioning and Restoration

Decommissioning of the Project's substation is not a part of the Plan scope, and is not included in this estimate.

Project Transmission Line Decommissioning and Restoration

The Project's transmission line is located entirely within Vermillion County, so it is not included in the scope of this estimate.

Final Site Restoration

Throughout the decommissioning process, various activities include the need for restoration of previously disturbed landscape to its native conditions. The site is to be restored similar to pre-construction conditions or as directed by applicable county, state, federal, and/or landowner regulations agreed to prior to decommissioning, as appropriate. Following decommissioning, the Project site will be stabilized to ensure that there are no adverse environmental effects. The site will be restored to ensure that it is clean, safe, and environmentally stable to substantially the same physical condition as it existed prior to the development of the Project. This includes shaping and grading of the areas as near as practicable to the original contours prior to construction of the turbine site. Final site restoration will commence once all aboveground and below-ground structures and materials have been removed and disposed of appropriately. Final site restoration will consist of re-seeding of disturbed areas with an appropriate perennial vegetation mixture as required (or as agreed upon with the landowner).

2.4 Waste Management Procedures

During decommissioning, debris and waste generated will be recycled to the extent feasible and as required by each county, the state of Illinois, and federal regulations. The contractor will facilitate recycling of all construction waste through coordination with licensed contractors, local waste haulers, and/or other facilities that recycle construction/demolition wastes. The contractor will also be responsible for ensuring that wastes requiring special disposal (e.g., oil or certain electrical equipment) are handled according to regulations that are in effect at the time of disposal. Although hazardous waste is not anticipated on the site, any hazardous waste would be removed and disposed of in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

2.5 Emergency Response and Communications Plans

During decommissioning, TerraForm and the contractor will coordinate with applicable local authorities, the public, and others within the county as required to provide information about the ongoing activities. Besides regular direct/indirect communication, signs shall be posted at the Project facility to inform the local public and visitors. TerraForm and the contractor's Project representatives' contact information (telephone number) will be made public for those seeking more information about the decommissioning activities and/or for reporting emergencies and complaints. All inquiries will be directed to the Project representative.

In the event of an emergency, contractor will mobilize its resources to the site to respond to the event. Personnel involved in the decommissioning and restoration activities for the Project site will be trained in emergency response and communications procedures. Emergency response procedures will be prepared prior to decommissioning of the Project site.

3 Material and Salvage Plan

Based on the construction details for the WTGs and associated components for the Project, weights have been provided for salvageable material. Salvage values are derived from the makeup of the materials of the steel turbine towers, transformers, nacelle, and cable material to be removed.

The following was assumed for salvage recovery and values:

- Depending on the component, equipment, and anticipated decommissioning activity, various material recovery percentages ranging from 50 to 100 percent were assumed. Salvage rates account for imperfect removal or intentional partial removal of salvageable material.
- The WTG blades are constructed of predominantly non-metallic materials (fiberglass-reinforced epoxy and carbon fibers), so no salvage value was assumed.
 - Recycling technology for WTG blades is not currently established in the industry on a geographically widespread basis. Therefore, based on the current status of blade recycling technology, the WTG blades are assumed to be disposed of in a landfill. The landfill costs of the WTG blades are included in the decommissioning cost.
 - In December 2020, GE, the manufacturer of the wind turbines used at the Project site, issued a statement regarding an agreement to start sending decommissioned wind turbine blades from its fleet to a Veolia North American recycling facility². Eventually, recycled blades are expected to provide second-life utilization as raw materials for cement manufacturing and is recognized to reduce net carbon emissions of the cement by 27 percent.
 - Furthermore, the Wind Energy Technologies Office of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is working with various companies on the upcycling and circular economic opportunities for fiberglass within wind turbine blades.³
- Unit salvage values assume that the steel from each turbine and tower assembly will be salvaged along with aluminum and/or copper, which make up much of the down tower cabling assembly.
 - Copper and aluminum salvage estimates were derived from cable quantities, lengths, and approximate weights.
- Unit values of metallic salvage value are gathered from recent United States Geological Survey mineral surveys⁴ and U.S. scrap material websites⁵. Other non-metallic salvage values (such as processed aggregate value) were determined from RSMMeans⁶, a construction cost estimating database.
- All recovered concrete from wind turbine foundation pedestals and other equipment foundations is anticipated to be removed off site and transported to locations for crushing and repurposing.
- All excess material that is not salvageable is anticipated to be removed off site and transported to approved landfill locations.

4 Decommissioning Cost Estimate

It is anticipated that costs and credits (salvage value) will be associated with the decommissioning of the Project. These current estimates of costs and credits for the Project site presented in this Plan are based on design quantities, site-specific information, and certain Project-related costs that were

² [GE Renewable Energy Announces US Blade Recycling Contract with Veolia | GE News](#)

³ [Carbon Rivers Makes Wind Turbine Blade Recycling and Upcycling a Reality with Support from DOE | Department of Energy](#)

⁴ [National Minerals Information Center | U.S. Geological Survey \(usgs.gov\)](#)

⁵ [Metal Recap \(metalrecap.com\)](#)

⁶ [Construction Cost Estimating Software \(rsmeans.com\)](#)

provided by TerraForm. Table 2 shows the summary of the estimated present value of net decommissioning costs for the Project site via the crane dismantling method with considerations for blade recycling.

Decommissioning Cost

The estimated decommissioning costs are associated with construction costs of a contractor decommissioning the site. This includes but is not limited to activities listed in Section 2. Decommissioning costs consisting of labor, equipment, and materials are based on the individual steps required to demolish each WTG. A crew size and duration were estimated for each activity based on an approximated duration or industry cost data publication. The average local labor rate was inserted based on the 2026 RSMeans book, *Labor Rates for the Construction Industry*. Consumable material and temporary rigging cables were included in the material cost column. Supervision hours were included based on a typical staff to craft ratio and hourly rate. Construction equipment and indirect costs were estimated using a dollar-per-hour basis. A typical contractor overhead and profit was assigned to the direct and indirect subtotal to arrive at the total estimated cost of the crane dismantling method.

Net Salvage Value

The estimated net salvage value is associated with the salvage value and recycling/disposal costs of significant Project materials and equipment. Salvage values are based on an estimated salvage recovery rate of raw material and current estimated material unit values. Salvage values and recycling markets can fluctuate greatly, and TerraForm will periodically reevaluate this Plan and the salvaged material markets.

Further breakdown of these costs is provided in Exhibit D. The following assumptions apply to the tabulation of quantities and costs associated with this decommissioning:

- All decommissioning costs are in 2026 dollars and salvage/recycling values per current market rates.
- The labor costs are based on average labor cost for eastern Illinois for 2026.
- Cost estimates and salvage values are for budgetary purposes only and do not represent guaranteed costs.
- No biological, environmental monitoring, or testing is included or anticipated per current requirements.
- This cost estimate includes a lump sum of \$100,000 for civil remediation efforts focused on public roads that could be impacted by the decommissioning of the Project

Table 2. Summary of net decommissioning costs

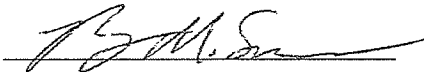
Decommissioning activity/cost	Amount (\$)	Amount (\$/kW)	Amount (\$/WTG)
Decommissioning costs	\$6,236,500	\$129.9	\$207,883
Wind project	\$6,236,500	\$129.9	\$207,883
Net salvage cost/(value)^a	(\$2,715,500)	(\$56.6)	(\$90,517)
Wind project	(\$2,715,500)	(\$56.6)	(\$90,517)
Estimated net decommissioning cost	\$3,521,000	\$73.4	\$117,367

^a Salvage value is displayed in the table as a negative cost (or a benefit) whereas decommissioning cost is displayed as a positive value (or an expense).

This Plan and cost estimate present an accurate representation of the estimated decommissioning costs (or salvage value) and were prepared in accordance with industry standards of care for engineering evaluations of this type and contain no intentional false statements or misrepresentations. These costs presented in this Plan are estimated based on current (2026) knowledge and prices quoted or developed from construction estimating guides and pricing references. The estimates are anticipated to be subject to adjustment at the time that deconstruction or decommissioning is initiated. This Plan was prepared by HDR's Joseph Weber (joseph.weber1@hdrinc.com) and reviewed and supervised by Ryan Swanson (ryan.swanson@hdrinc.com).

I hereby certify that this plan was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Illinois.

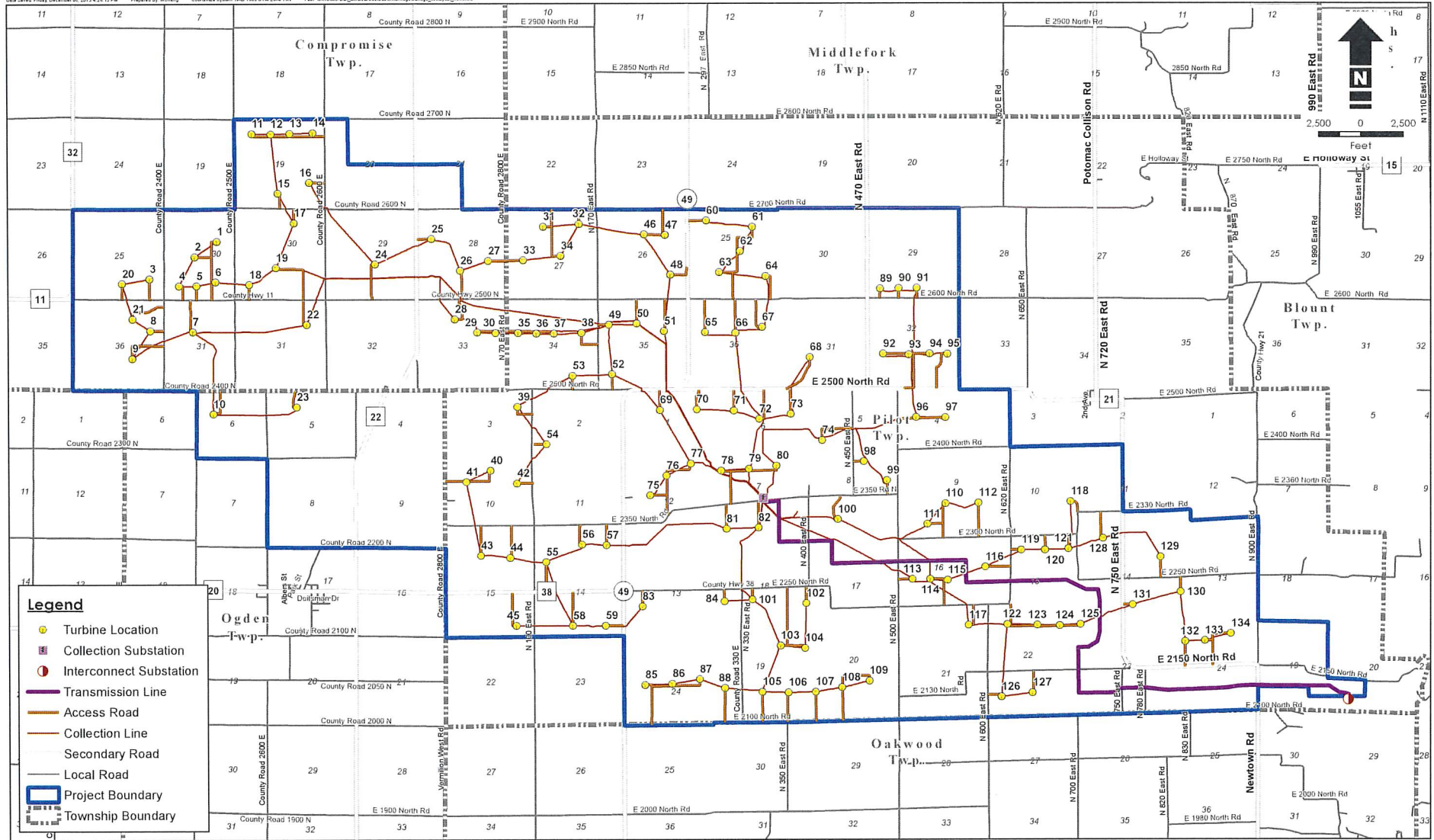
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Exhibit A

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California Ridge Site Layout

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Exhibit B Wind Turbine Generator

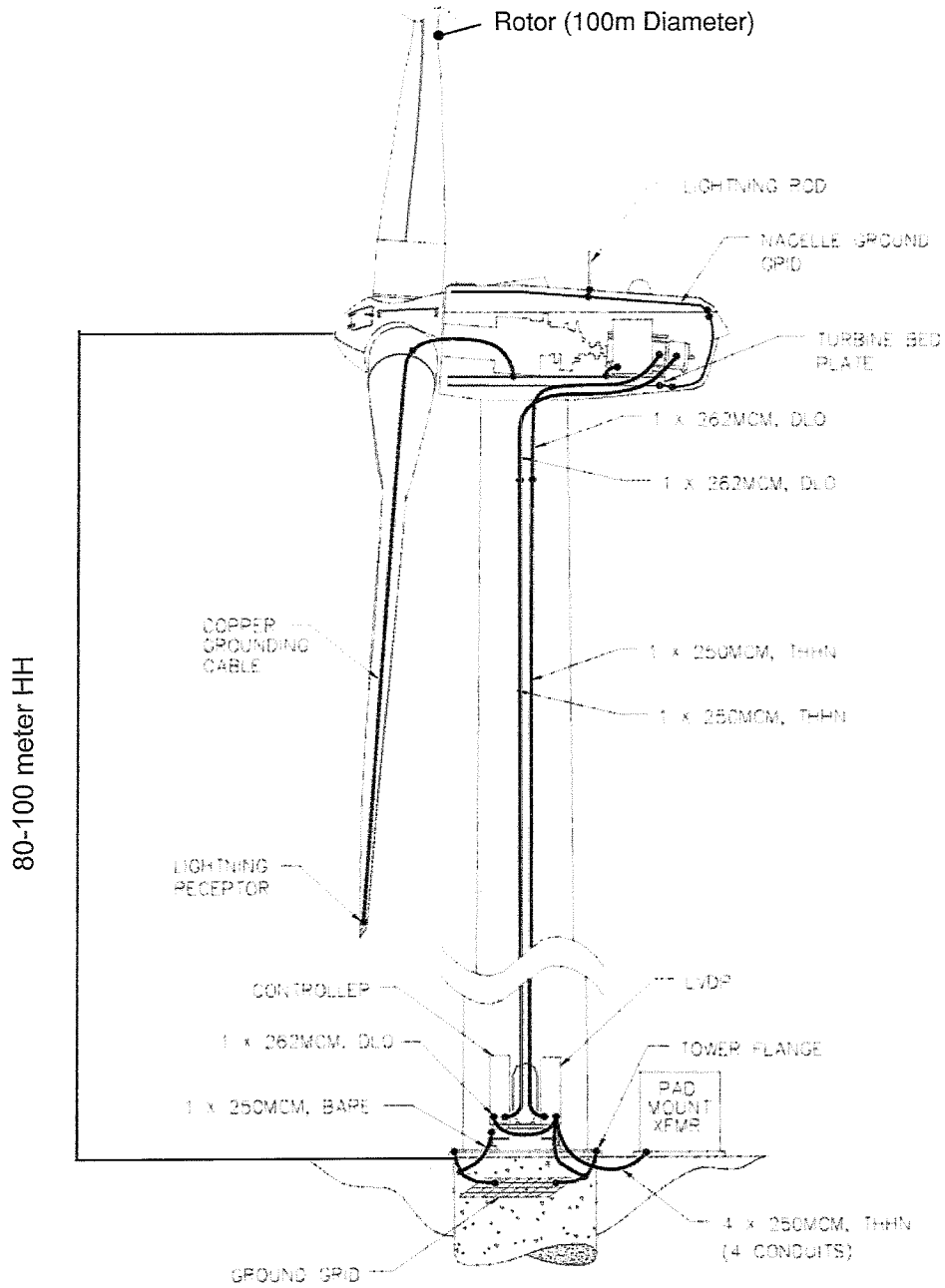
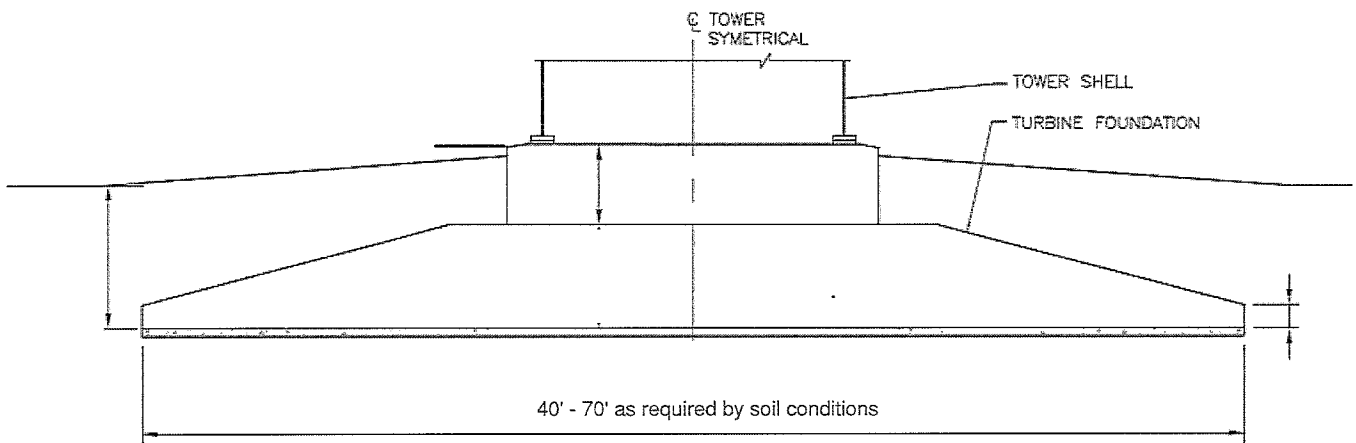


Exhibit C Typical Turbine Foundation Section



TYPICAL FOUNDATION SECTION

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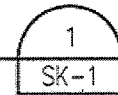


Exhibit D – Wind Farm Decommissioning Cost/Salvage Estimate

California Ridge
Estimated Decommissioning Cost - Crane Dismantling Method

Turbines and Collection System						
Item	Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit	Estimated Unit Cost (\$/Unit)	Total Cost (\$)	Remarks
1	Mobilization/Demobilization		LS	\$ 310,000	\$ 310,000	Mobilization; Large Cranes & support Equipment; Contractor Admin
2	WTG De-Construct; Crane Dismantling method	30	WTG	\$ 131,947	\$ 3,958,400	Associate with WTG construction costs, updated to current dollars
3	Pad-mount Transformer & Sectionalizing Cabinets- Disconnect /Remove	30	Each	\$ 2,229.53	\$ 66,900	Electrician Disconnect
5	Turbine Pedestal & Transformer Fdn-Demolish / Remove	1,272	CY	\$ 245.95	\$ 312,900	Demolished to approximately 4 ft below grade; Loaded & hauled to repurpose off site.
6	Backfill; Compact; Finish- excavated area	1,272	CY	\$ 20.51	\$ 26,100	Backfill w/ recovered aggregate
7	Remove; Recover-Turbine Area Aggregate	2,652	CY	\$ 13.44	\$ 35,600	Excavate and remove to central location
8	Remove; Recover-Road Aggregate	22,222	CY	\$ 13.44	\$ 298,700	Access roads to have road aggregate removed
9	Topsoil; spread and grade Turbine area	9,420	SY	\$ 11.98	\$ 112,900	Supply, Spread and Grade
10	Topsoil; spread and grade Road area	66,667	SY	\$ 11.98	\$ 798,900	Access roads to have topsoil spread and graded on site
11	Site restoration / Seeding, Turbine Area	1.95	acre	\$ 1,122.75	\$ 2,200	Assume seeding only disturbed areas as percentage of developed site; appropriate seed mix/species and no fertilizer.
12	Site restoration / Seeding, Road Area	14	acre	\$ 1,122.75	\$ 15,500	Access Road seeding
13	Transport Disposal Materials	64	Ton	\$ 139.80	\$ 8,900	Turbine components and removed concrete materials to site marshalling yard
14	Salvaged Material Hauling	16,989	CY	\$ 29.40	\$ 499,500	Assume 60 mile haul for all steel, recovered cable, fencing, and electrical equipment are hauled to material handling location for purchase
15	Civil Remediation Efforts	1	Each	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000	Remediation efforts focused on public road repair, lump sum
Subtotal					\$ 6,236,500	

California Ridge
Estimated Material Salvage Value / (Cost)

Turbines and Collection System								
Item	Description	Potential Salvage Quantity	Unit	Estimated Salvage Rate (%)	Salvaged Quantity	Estimated Unit Value (\$/Unit)	Total Value / (Cost) (\$)	Remarks
1	Tower; Steel	7,794.4	ton	90%	7,015.0	\$ 202.30	\$ 1,419,200	GE Turbine Description Documentation; steel scrap value
2	Nacelle; Nose cone & misc. Steel	1,934.6	ton	80%	1,547.6	\$ 202.30	\$ 313,100	GE Turbine Description Documentation; steel scrap value (90% of nacelle weight)
3	Nacelle/ Tower Copper (Estimated)	215.0	ton	80%	172.0	\$ 8,520.00	\$ 1,465,100	Copper scrap value; estimated at 10% of the total nacelle weight
4	Blade Disposal; Landfill	640.0	ton	100%	640.0	\$ (2,041.00)	\$ (1,306,200)	Landfill / waste disposal fees
5	Hub; Bed Plate assembly	3,001.0	ton	75%	2,250.8	\$ 202.30	\$ 455,300	GE Turbine Description Documentation; steel scrap value
6	Anchor Bolts/Reinforcement	84.0	ton	75%	63.0	\$ 202.30	\$ 12,700	Steel scrap recovered from pedestal demolition
7	Down Tower Cable and fittings	8.9	ton	80%	7.1	\$ 8,520.00	\$ 60,900	Estimated Copper wire recovery at 10% of weight
8	Down Tower Controller/Converter	89.3	ton	80%	71.4	\$ 460.00	\$ 32,900	Based on published rate for Electronic Scrap
9	Pad-mount Transformer	400,080	lbs	80%	320,064	\$ 0.42	\$ 134,400	Base of tower step up to 34.5 kV; small transformer copper scrap
10	Sectionalizing Cabinets	3,800.0	lbs	80%	3,040.0	\$ 0.48	\$ 1,500	Estimated fiberglass scrap value and estimated number of cabinets
11	Grounding and Cable	9,000.0	lbs	75%	6,750.0	\$ 4.26	\$ 28,800	Medium Voltage Cable & Ground; copper scrap value
12	Aggregate recovery	23,494.6	CY	50%	11,747.3	\$ 8.33	\$ 97,800	Processed value (surface aggregates)
Subtotal							\$ 2,715,500	

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To: **Champaign County Environment & Land Use Committee**

From: **John Hall, Zoning Administrator**
Charlie Campo, Senior Planner

Date: **April 27, 2026**

RE: **Recommendation for Rural Residential Overlay Cases 198-AM-26 and 199-S-26**

Request: **CASE 198-AM-26**
Amend the Zoning Map to allow for the development of one single family residential lot in the AG-1 Agriculture Zoning District by adding the Rural Residential Overlay (RRO) Zoning District in conjunction with related County Board Special Use Permit Case 199-S-26.

CASE 199-S-26

Authorize a Special Use Permit for a Rural Residential Overlay (RRO) Zoning District for one single family residential lot in conjunction with related map amendment Case 198-AM-26 that is also required for an RRO.

Petitioners: **Patrick Duda**

The ZBA is scheduled to hold a public hearing on these cases on April 30, 2026. The ZBA can take action on the case at the April 30, 2026, meeting. This case is being placed on the May 7, 2026, ELUC agenda so that if the ZBA takes action at their April 30, 2026 meeting the ELUC can review the case without waiting until the June 4, 2026 meeting.

BACKGROUND

The petitioner Patrick Duda owns the subject property. The petitioner is proposing to divide off a 5.09-acre lot from an existing 10.18-acre lot.

In general, the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance requires that the creation of more than four lots from a single parcel in the rural districts after January 1, 1998, each of which is less than 35 acres, requires a rezoning and a Special Use Permit to authorize a Rural Residential Overlay (RRO). Four lots have been created from a single parcel since January 1, 1998, so the creation of any additional lots triggers the need for an RRO.

On October 20, 2011, Ordinance 892 was approved, which added the requirement of obtaining both a Map Amendment and a Special Use Permit for RRO approvals. The County Board added the Special Use Permit requirement so that special conditions could be applied to an RRO, which are generally not used in Map Amendments.

RRO lots have a maximum lot size of two acres on soil that is considered best prime farmland. The petitioner is requesting a variance (Case 200-V-26) to allow a lot that is 5.09-acres in area in lieu of the

maximum allowed two acres. The variance can be approved by the ZBA subject to the approval of the Map Amendment and Special Use Cases.

THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The proposed development consists of a single additional 5.09-acre lot divided from an existing 10.18-acre lot. Attachment B is the Preliminary Plat of Survey. The proposed lot will have access to two existing township roads and no new street construction is required. Attachment C is an annotated aerial photo showing the proposed lot. Attachment D is an annotated aerial photo showing the proposed lot overlaid with the soils map. Attachment E is the required written explanation of surface drainage by an Illinois Professional Engineer.

EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION

The subject property is not located within the one and one-half mile extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality with zoning. Municipalities do not have protest rights on Special Use Permit and Variance cases but were notified about the cases.

The subject property is located within Newcomb Township, which has a Planning Commission. Townships with Plan Commissions receive notification of, and have protest rights in Map Amendment and Variance cases but do not have protest rights on County Board Special Use Permits

RRO FACTORS

Paragraph 5.4.3.C.1 of the Zoning Ordinance requires the Zoning Board of Appeals to make two specific findings for an RRO approval:

- (1) That the proposed site is or is not suitable for the development of the specified maximum number of residences; and
- (2) That the proposed residential development will or will not be compatible with surrounding agriculture.

Paragraph 5.4.3 C.2 of the Zoning Ordinance requires the Zoning Board of Appeals to consider the following factors in making the required findings:

- A. Adequacy and safety of roads providing access to the site;
- B. Effects on nearby farmland and farm operations;
- C. Effects of nearby farm operations on the proposed residential development;
- D. The Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) score of the subject site.
- E. Effects on drainage both upstream and downstream;
- F. The suitability of the site for onsite wastewater systems;
- G. The availability of water supply to the site;
- H. The availability of public services to the site;
- I. The flood hazard status of the site;
- J. Effects on wetlands, historic/archeological sites, natural or scenic areas or wildlife habitat;
- K. The presence of nearby natural or manmade hazards;
- L. The amount of land to be converted from agricultural uses versus the number of dwelling units to be accommodated; and

P&Z Staff did a preliminary analysis of these factors, which can be found in the draft Finding of Fact/Summary of Evidence dated April 30, 2026. In summary, the analysis shows that compared to “common conditions” found at rural sites in Champaign County, the subject property is similar to the following:

- A. “Ideal or Nearly Ideal” conditions for three factors:
 - (1) RRO Factor G: Availability of water supply
 - (2) RRO Factor J: Effects on sensitive natural areas
 - (3) RRO Factor K: Natural or manmade hazards

- B. “Much Better Than Typical” conditions for three factors:
 - (1) RRO Factor C: Effects of nearby farms
 - (2) RRO Factor D: LESA score
 - (3) RRO Factor E: Effects on drainage

- C. “More or Less Typical” conditions for five factors:
 - (1) RRO Factor A: Adequacy and Safety of Roads
 - (2) RRO Factor B: Effects on farms
 - (3) RRO Factor H: Emergency services
 - (4) RRO Factor I: Flood hazard status
 - (5) RRO Factor L: Land converted from agricultural uses

- D. “Much Worse Than Typical conditions for one factor:
 - (1) RRO Factor F: Septic suitability

- E. “Worst or Nearly Worst” conditions for no factors

LAND EVALUATION AND SITE ASSESSMENT (LESA) RATING

Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) analysis was completed for the subject property. The Champaign County, Illinois LESA system is a method of evaluating the viability of farmland for agricultural uses. The LESA system results in a score consisting of a Land Evaluation portion and a Site Assessment portion. The score indicates the degree of protection for agricultural uses on that particular site as follows:

- An overall score of 251 to 300 indicates a very high rating for protection.
- An overall score of 226 to 250 indicates a high rating for protection.
- An overall score of 151 to 225 indicates a moderate rating for protection.
- An overall score of 150 or lower indicates a low rating for protection.

The LESA component and total scores are as follows:

- The Land Evaluation score for the proposed RRO is 85 out of 100 possible.
- The Site Assessment score for the proposed RRO is 149 out of 200 possible.
- The total LESA score is 234 and indicates a “high” rating for protection of agriculture, which is the second highest rating of 4 ratings and toward the lower end of the “high” range.

Overall, the subject property and proposed RRO are comparable to “much better than typical” conditions for Champaign County in terms of common conditions for the LESA score because a portion of the property is best prime farmland and the property received a high rating for protection in the LESA evaluation.

COMMENTS RECEIVED

One comment was received from a neighboring property owner in objection to the proposed RRO. A copy of the email has been included as Attachment F. No comments have been received by relevant jurisdictions.

PROPOSED SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The following special condition is proposed for the Map Amendment:

- A. **The owners of the subject property hereby recognize and provide for the right of agricultural activities to continue on adjacent land consistent with the Right to Farm Resolution 3425 (see attached).**

The special condition stated above is required to ensure the following:

Conformance with Land Resource Management Plan Policy 4.2.3.

The following special conditions are proposed for the Special Use:

- A. **The Special Use is subject to the approval of Case 198-AM-26.**

The special condition stated above is required to ensure the following:

That the Special Use is consistent with the intent of the Zoning Ordinance and ZBA recommendations.

- B. **The Zoning Administrator shall not authorize a Zoning Use Permit Application or issue a Zoning Compliance Certificate on the subject property until the lighting specifications in Paragraph 6.1.2.A. of the Zoning Ordinance have been met.**

The special condition stated above is required to ensure the following:

That any future exterior lighting installations meet the requirements established for Special Uses in the Zoning Ordinance.

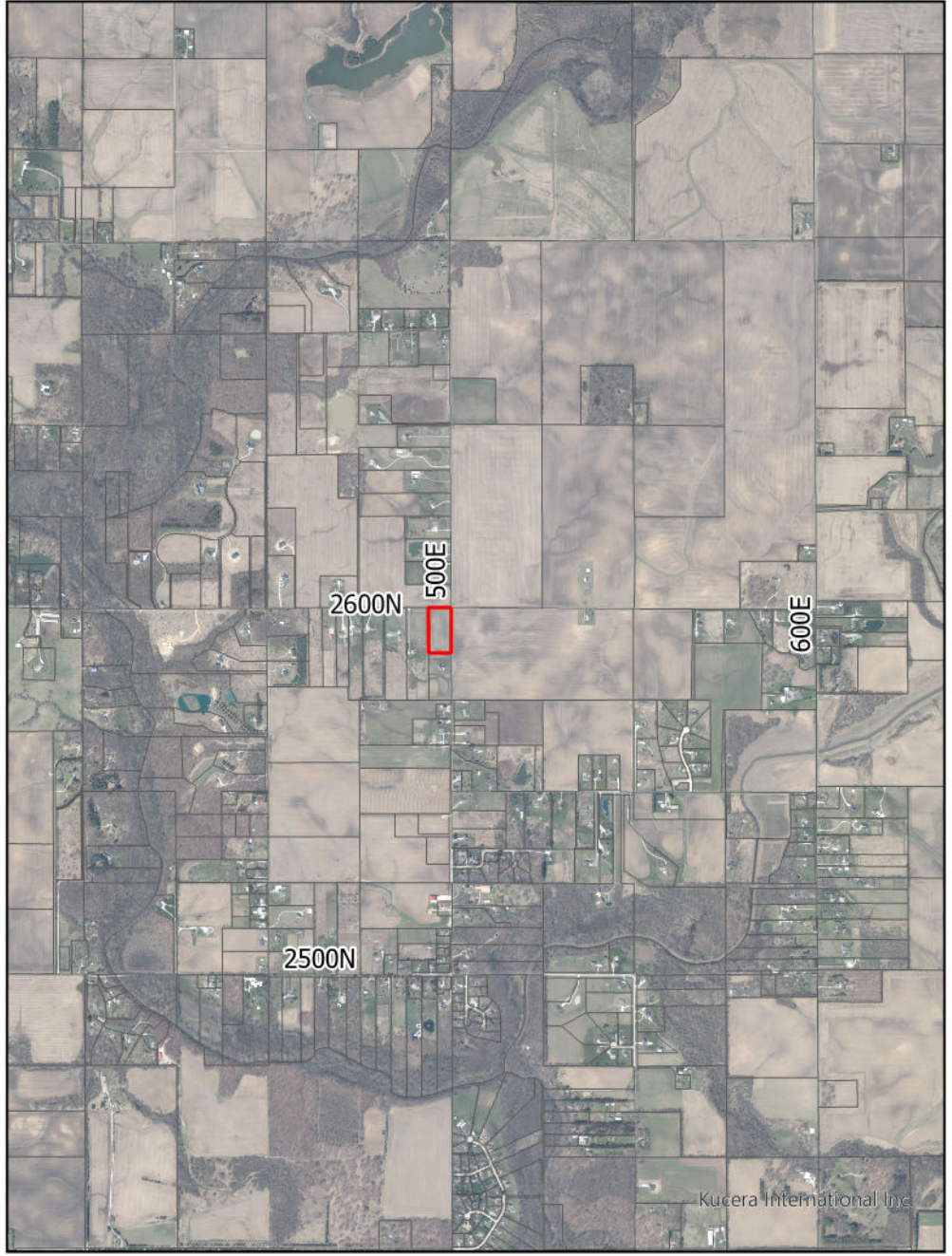
ATTACHMENTS

- A Case Maps (Location, Land Use, Zoning)
- B Preliminary Plat of Survey received February 12, 2026
- C 2023 Annotated Aerial Photo
- D Soils Map
- E Drainage statement from Mark Miller, P.E., Precision Engineering Group, dated January 23, 2026
- F Right to Farm Resolution 3425
- G Email From Jill and Jim Rogers in opposition to the project received February 20, 2026
- H Draft Summary Findings of Fact for RRO Cases 198-AM-26 and 199-S-26 dated April 30, 2026

Location Map

Case 198-AM-26, 199-S-26 & 200-V-26

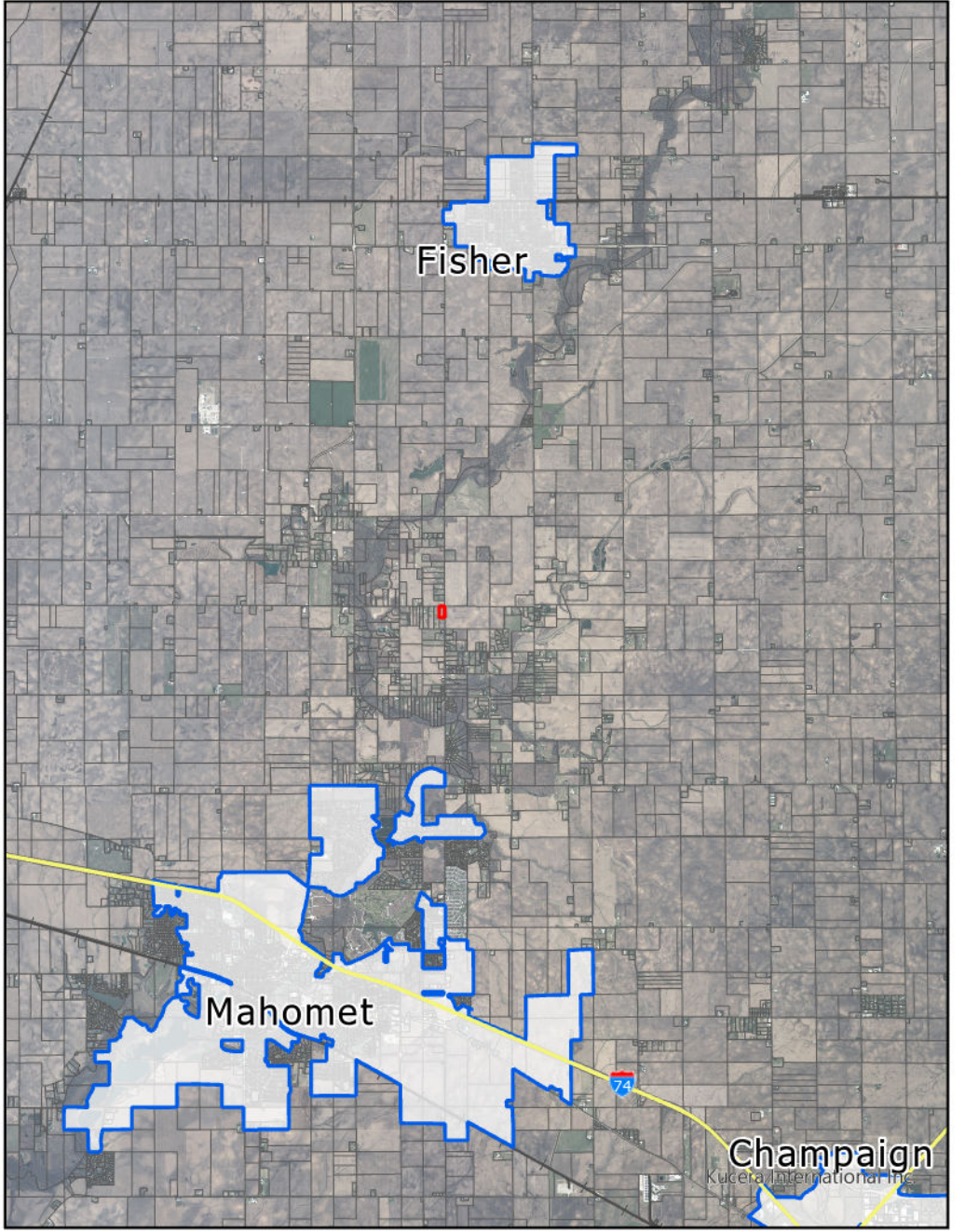
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 Subject Parcel

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Property Location in Champaign County

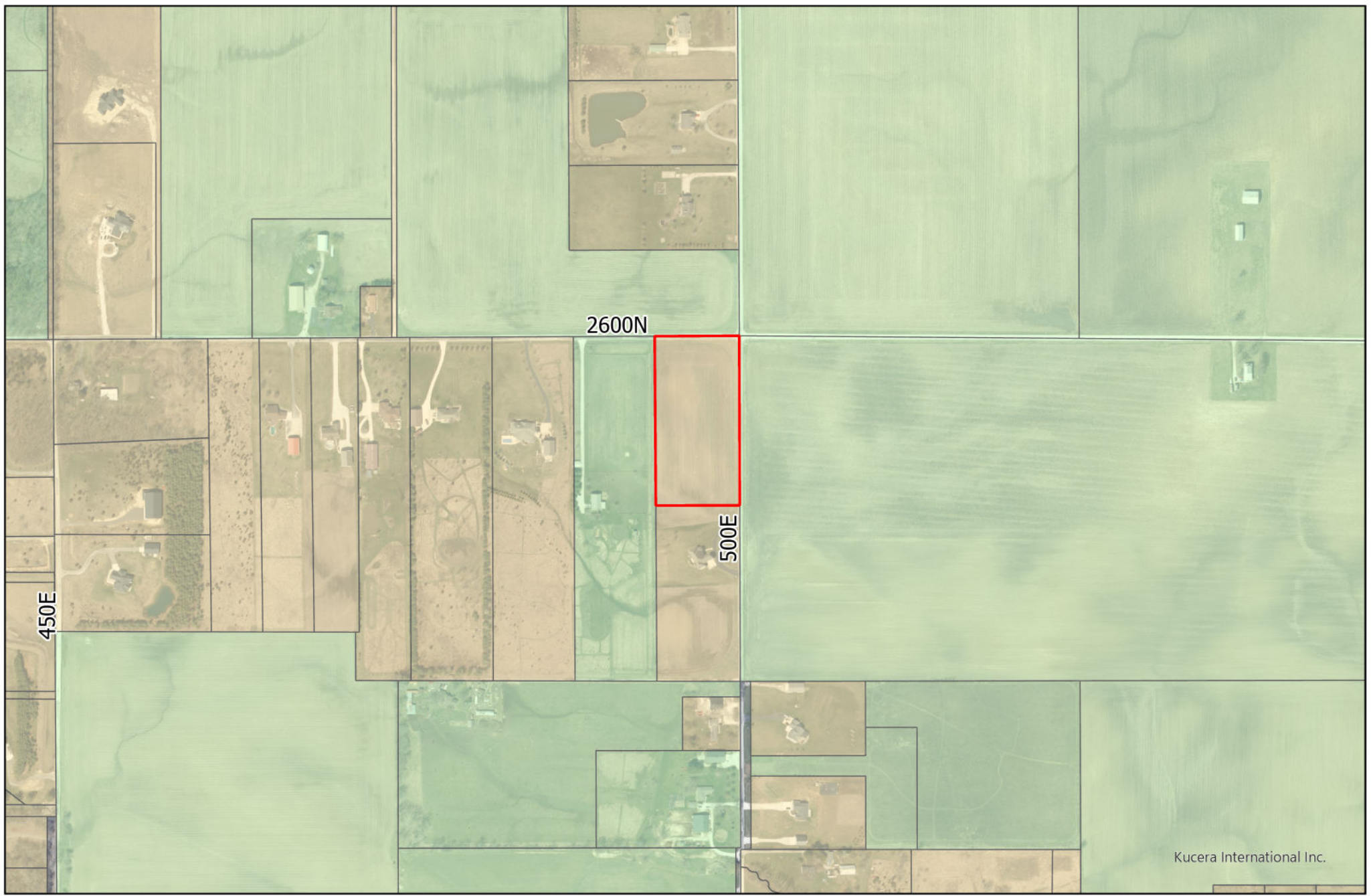


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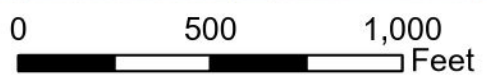
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Case 198-AM-26, 199-S-26 & 200-V-26

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 Subject Parcel  Agricultural  Residential

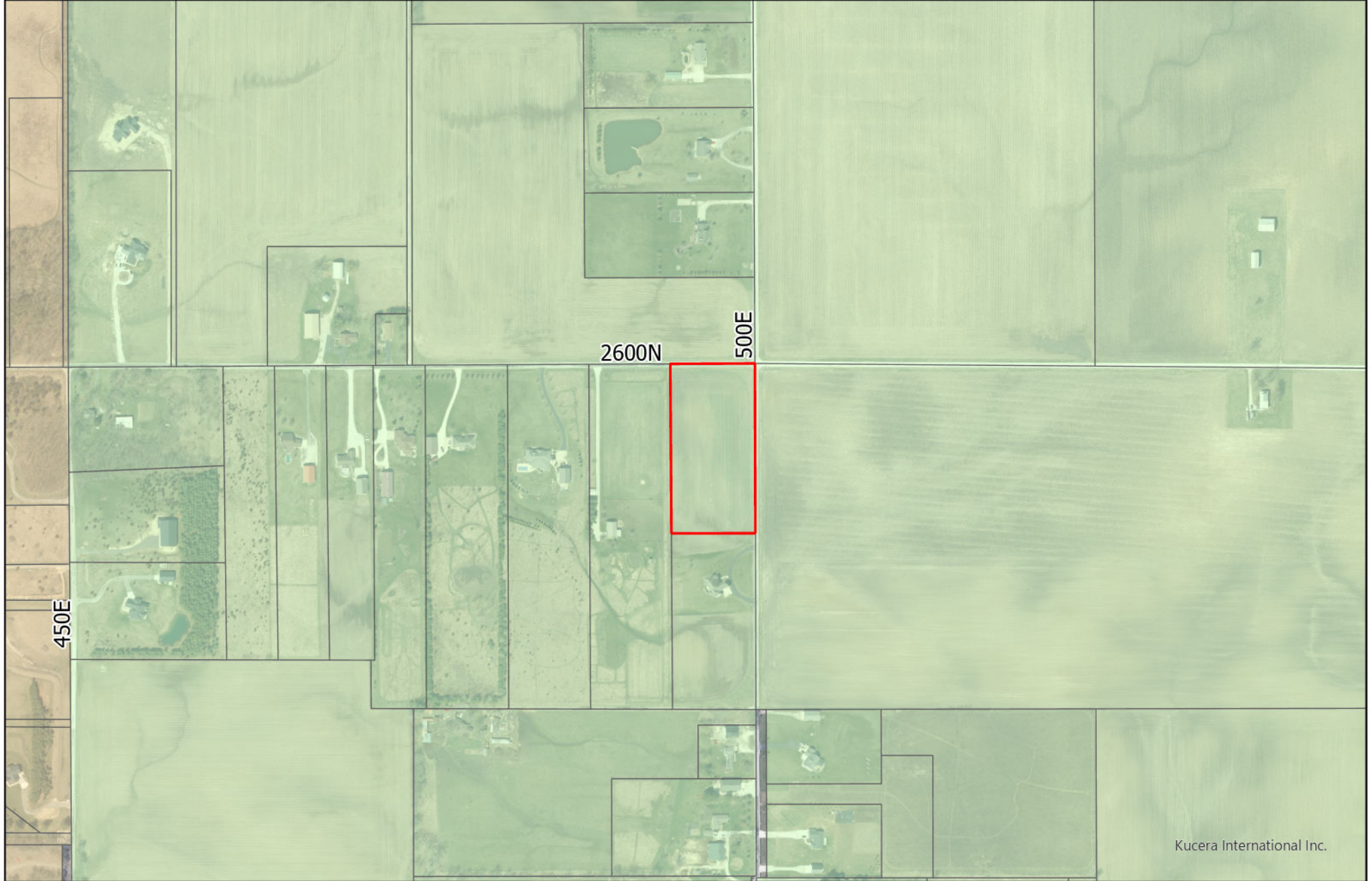


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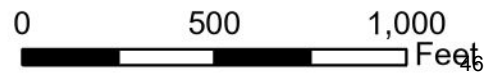
Zoning Map

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April 30, 2026



 Subject Parcel  AG-1 Agriculture  CR Conservation Recreation



PLAT OF SURVEY

PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY-SIX, TOWNSHIP TWENTY-ONE NORTH, RANGE SEVEN EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS

TRACT 1

PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 26, THENCE SOUTH 00° 09' 09" EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER FOR 659.86 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89° 42' 59" WEST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER FOR 333.97 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF TRACT 8 AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 2004R17854 IN THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE; THENCE NORTH 00° 31' 50" WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE FOR 659.88 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 89° 42' 59" WEST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE FOR 338.32 FEET BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL-ENCOMPASSING 5.09 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

TRACT 2

PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 26, THENCE SOUTH 00° 09' 09" EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER FOR 659.86 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 00° 09' 09" EAST ALONG SAID EAST LINE FOR 668.83 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 89° 47' 28" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER FOR 329.55 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF TRACT 8 AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 2004R17854 IN THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE; THENCE NORTH 00° 31' 50" WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT FOR 668.39 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89° 42' 59" EAST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER FOR 333.97 FEET BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL-ENCOMPASSING 5.09 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

SURVEYOR'S NOTES

1. FIELD WORK WAS COMPLETED ON JANUARY 13, 2026.
2. THIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONFORMS TO THE ILLINOIS MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR A BOUNDARY SURVEY.
3. SUBSURFACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS WERE NOT EXAMINED OR CONSIDERED AS A PART OF THIS SURVEY.
4. THERE HAS BEEN NO INVESTIGATION OR INDEPENDENT SEARCH FOR EASEMENTS OF RECORD, ENCUMBRANCES, RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS, OWNERSHIP TITLE EVIDENCE OR ANY OTHER FACTS WHICH AN ACCURATE AND CURRENT TITLE SEARCH MAY DISCLOSE. THERE MAY EXIST OTHER DOCUMENTS OF RECORD WHICH WOULD AFFECT THIS PARCEL.
5. ALL MEASUREMENTS ON THE FACE OF THE PLAT ARE ON THE ILLINOIS STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM EAST ZONE (2011).

DRAINAGE STATEMENT

WE HEREBY STATE THAT TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF THE DRAINAGE OF SURFACE WATERS OF THIS PLAT WILL NOT BE CHANGED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE IMPROVEMENTS OF THIS SUBDIVISION OR ANY PART THEREOF OR THAT IF SUCH SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE WILL BE CHANGED, REASONABLE PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE COLLECTION AND DIVERSION OF SUCH SURFACE WATERS INTO PUBLIC AREAS OR DRAINS WHICH THE SUBDIVIDER HAS A RIGHT TO USE AND THAT SUCH SURFACE WATERS WILL BE PLANNED FOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED ENGINEERING PRACTICES SO AS TO REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF DAMAGE TO THE ADJOINING PROPERTY BECAUSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SUBDIVISION.

SIGNED AND SEALED THIS 15TH DAY OF MAY, 2024.

Mark A. Miller

MARK A. MILLER
ILLINOIS LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER NO. 062.056290
LICENSE EXPIRES 11/30/2025



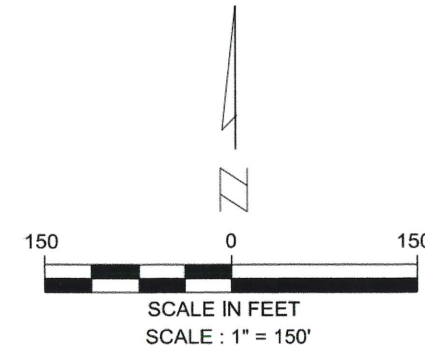
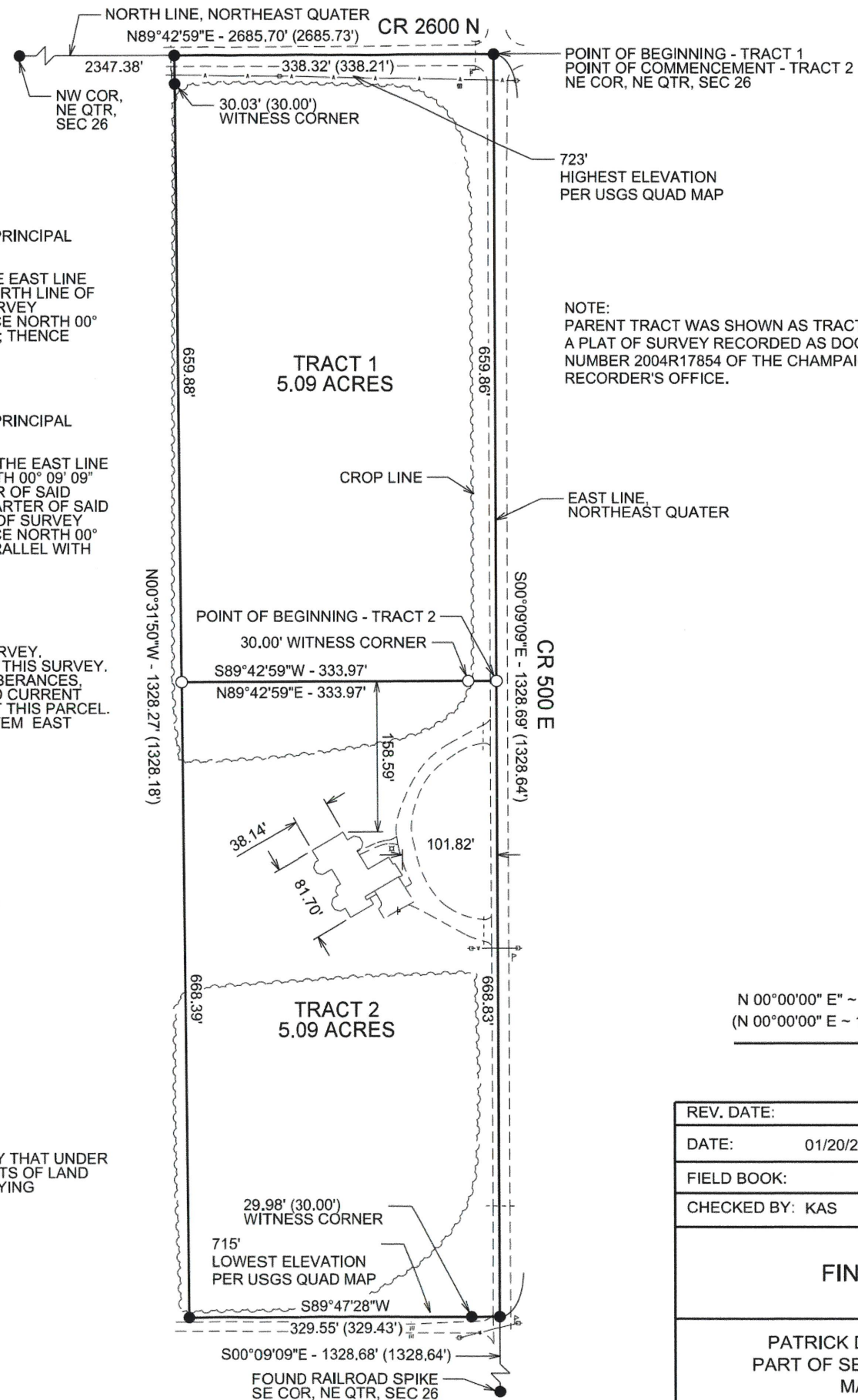
SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

I, KYLE A. SCHULTZE, BEING ILLINOIS PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR NUMBER 3920, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION I HAVE CAUSED A SURVEY TO BE MADE AND A PLAT TO BE DRAWN OF THE TRACTS OF LAND DESCRIBED HEREON. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT AS A PART OF THE SURVEY I HAVE FOUND OR SET SURVEYING MONUMENTS AS SHOWN AND THAT THIS PLAT IS A TRUE REPRESENTATION THEREOF.

SIGNED AND SEALED THIS 20TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

Kyle A. Schultze

KYLE A. SCHULTZE
ILLINOIS PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR NO. 3920
LICENSE EXPIRES 11/30/2026

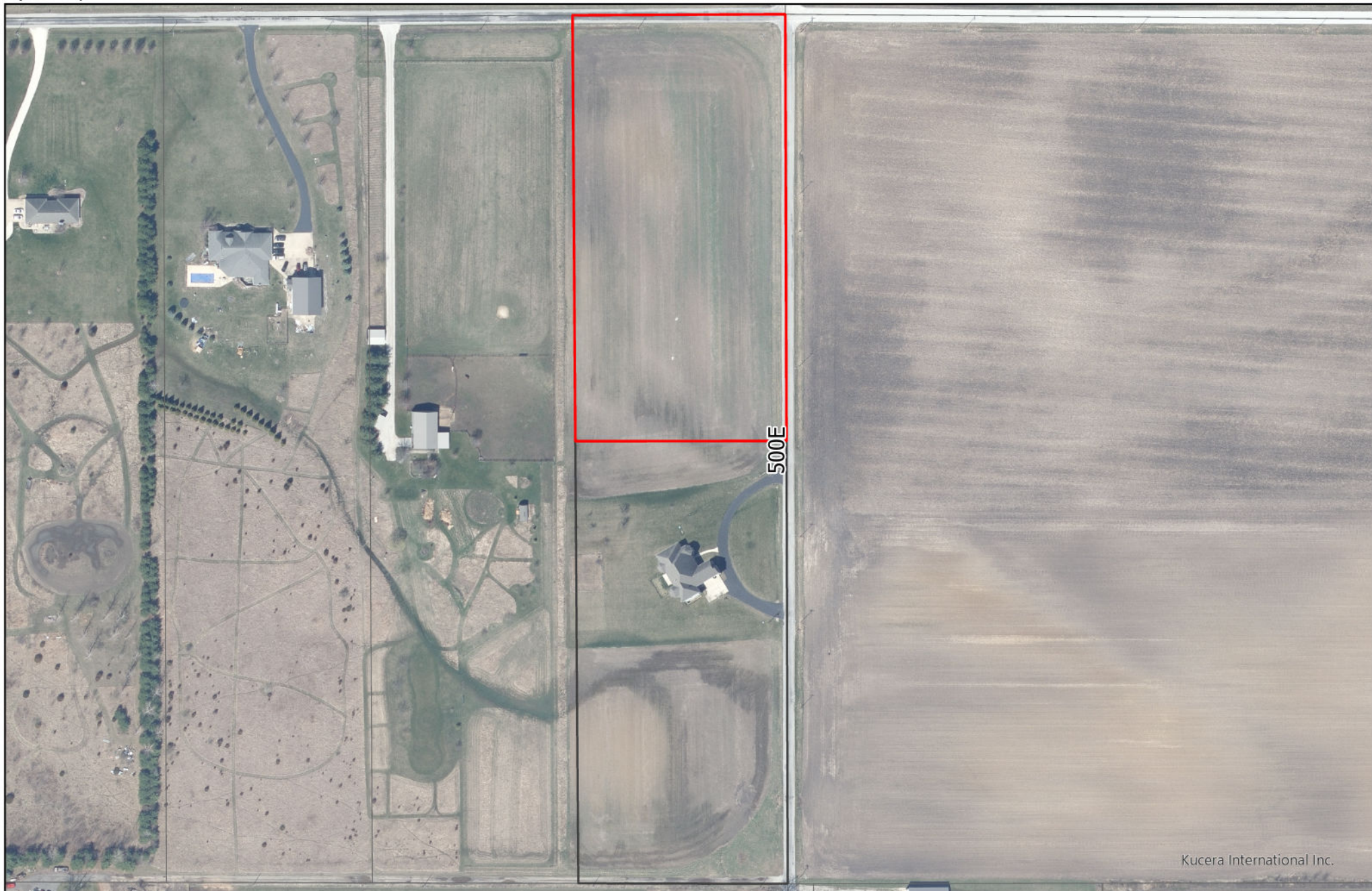


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- △ MAG NAIL SET
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- MEASURED BEARING AND DISTANCE
- - - RECORD BEARING AND DISTANCE
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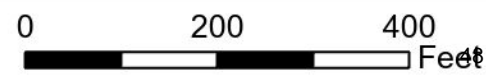
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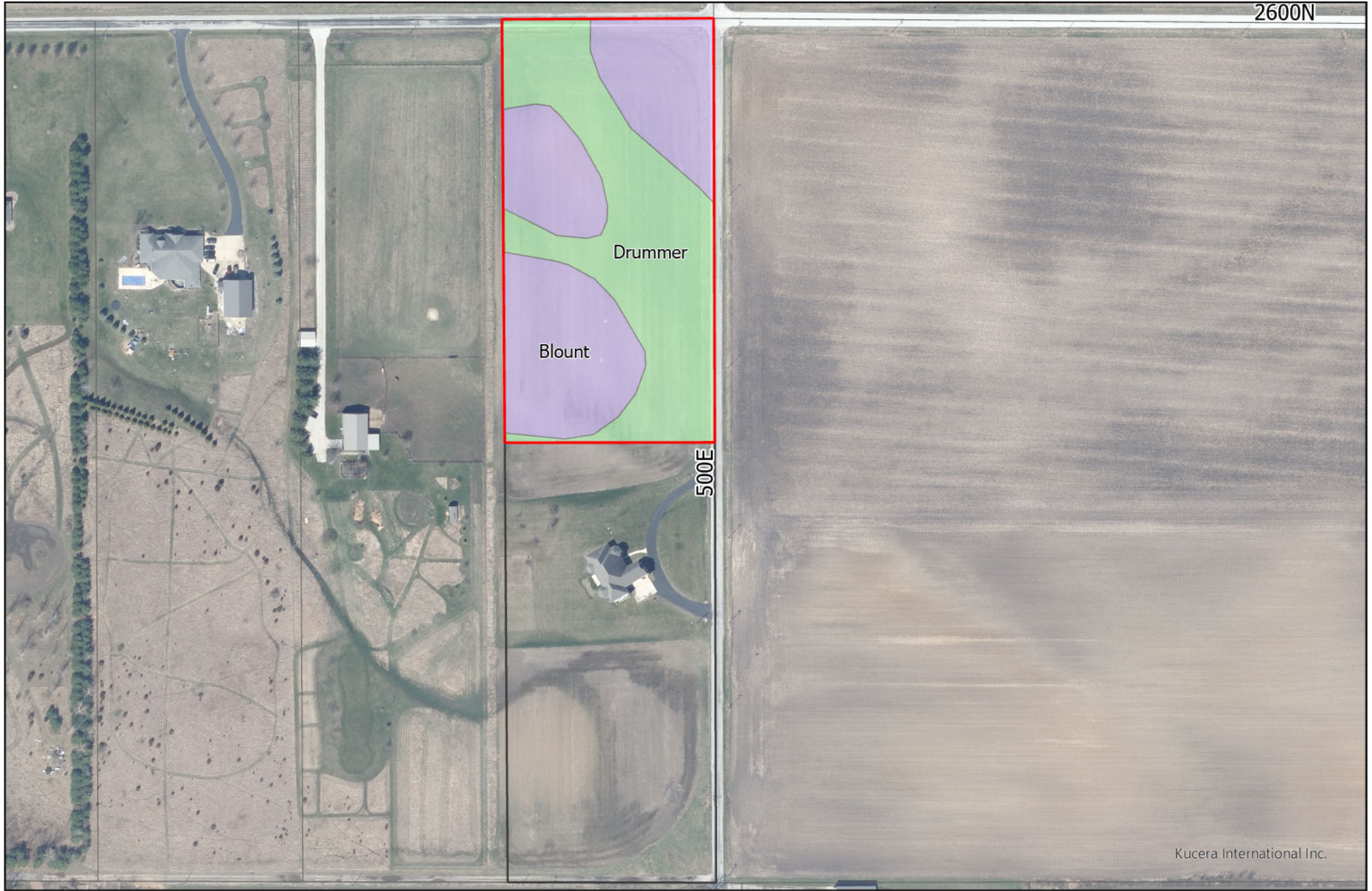
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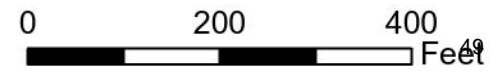
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CHAMPAIGN CO. P & Z DEPARTMENT

Precision Engineering Group, Inc.
PO Box 784
Champaign, IL 61824

01/23/2026

Champaign County Board
Scott M. Bennett Administrative Center
102 E. Main Street
Urbana, IL 61801
217-384-3708

To Whom It May Concern,

Mr. Duda's property consists of 10.18 acres and has an average slope of approximately 0.6% from the North property line to the South property line, as shown on the attached Plat of Survey. Water leaves the property to the South, eventually entering a small stream that leads to the Sangamon River. Significant ponding of water is not a concern due to consistent slopes and lack of low spots. The additional runoff created by roof area, sump pumps, etc. of the additional lot and the home that will occupy it is negligible when considering the large lot size for the water to naturally percolate into the soil.

Sincerely,

Mark Miller, P.E.
President
Precision Engineering Group, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 3425

A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE
RIGHT TO FARM IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Chairman and the Board of Champaign County have determined that it is in the best interest of the residents of Champaign County to enact a Right to Farm Resolution which reflects the essence of the Farm Nuisance Suit Act as provided for in the Illinois Compiled Statutes, 740 ILCS 70 (1992); and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to conserve, protect, and encourage development and improvement of its agricultural land for the production of food and other agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, when nonagricultural land uses extend into agricultural areas, farms often become the subject of nuisance suits. As a result, farms are sometimes forced to cease operations. Others are discouraged from making investments in farm improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Chairman and the Board of Champaign County as follows:

1. That the purpose of this resolution is to reduce the loss to the county of its agricultural resources by limiting the circumstances under which farming operations are deemed a nuisance.

2. That the term "farm" as used in this resolution means that part of any parcel of land used for the growing and harvesting of crops, for the feeding, breeding, and management of livestock; for dairying or other agricultural or horticultural use or combination thereof.

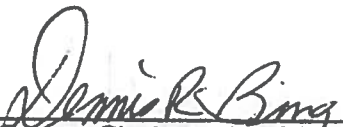
3. That no farm or any of its appurtenances should be or become a private or public nuisance because of any changed conditions in the surrounding area occurring after the farm has been in operation for more than one year, when such farm was not a nuisance at the time it began operation.

4. That these provisions shall not apply whenever a nuisance results from the negligent or improper operation of any farm or its appurtenances.

PRESENTED, ADOPTED, APPROVED AND RECORDED this 24th day of May, A.D., 1994.



Chairman, County Board of the
County of Champaign, Illinois

ATTEST: 

County Clerk and Ex-Officio
Clerk of the County Board

Charles W. Campo

From: Jill Rogers <jillrogers1001@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2026 12:15 PM
To: Lori Busboom
Cc: zoningdept
Subject: Objection to Re-Zoning and Subdivide request for: 2595 County Road 500E, Mahomet IL 61853

CAUTION: External email, be careful when opening.

Dear Lori,

Thank you for taking the time week before last to discuss our concerns about the attempted division of our adjoining neighbors' property at 2595 CR 500E in Mahomet. Our property is at 491 County Road 2600N.

I am writing to you today to voice our objections and concerns as their request makes its way through your departments.

We purchased our 10-acre parcel in 2007, after being relocated to the area. We were thrilled to find this land, as it had been a dream for many years. One of the deciding factors for choosing this parcel was the fact that it was undividable, according to our realtor, the broker and the county at the time. This ensured the area would stay farm-like, quiet, private and beautiful. We would not see houses popping up like subdivisions and the area would feel rural as intended.

The Duda's built their home several years following the purchase of our property. During this time, we spent many hours trying to determine the cost to build from scratch on our own parcel. It became apparent the cost to build would likely never provide a return on our investment and we would lose value on the land, so we stayed in the home we had recently purchased. Instead, we moved forward fixing up the property to include driveway, electric, well, fencing, pasures, shed for our two horses, over 100 trees and now a portable building for all the stray cats who show up. It's been an amazing escape that we enjoy every day, year round. We savor the views, the quiet, the wildlife, and the privacy it affords. Everyone who lives on that Dunlap stretch seems to be in step with this lifestyle.

We are very friendly with the Duda's and we have all been wonderful neighbors to each other. In other words, this is in no way personal. They have made the decision to leave the state and move back to Utah near their family. They placed their home and 10 acres on the market and got no offers in 2024. It was on the market for a very long time, long into 2025. They took it off the market to regroup and find a new realtor this year. Prior to this, Patrick Duda had mentioned to us they were trying to divide it. This was immediately concerning to us, so we called the Planning Commission, at which time we were informed that no request had yet been submitted and that it was unlikely to be approved.

Fast forward to early February 2026. The new listing appeared in my inbox with a price reduction and much to our surprise, it was listed as a 5-acre parcel, not 10. This is when I called you to find out what was going on. You reported that no application had yet been submitted. After seeing a recent survey happening, we feel the application is imminent.

We are upset by this development, as we feel the Dudas are merely doing this to maximize their profits and recoup money after realizing they overbuilt on their land. This mistake should not affect the rest of the neighborhood and especially not the people right next door. We trusted what we were told when we purchased our land: It was not dividable. No one else has attempted to divide their land on the previous Dunlap properties. One of our big concerns, aside from how this immediately affects and in our opinion diminishes the value and aesthetic of our property, is the precedent it will create as someone else decides to sell and needs extra money as they go. We also fear it could cause others to simply sell their extra acreage and let houses spring up everywhere.

Since we spoke, the Duda's house has gone pending with the 5 acres. The new buyer (it's a small town) has been told the Duda's plan to continue "farming" their remaining acreage and this is the reason they want to keep/divide it. We feel this is false. They are not farmers, they have no equipment or desire to farm. They always hired a farmer to farm it for tax benefits it afforded them on their place. We strongly feel this will be the reason they give for dividing the land. This is not long held family property where they are trying to hang on to nostalgia, this is the first step in having it approved to divide. They can then proceed with rezoning to residential and sell it for nearly double. Our thoughts are that their realtor, Nate Evans, told them this is how to succeed.

We kindly ask your consideration for the land owners who are staying and for the value of peace, quiet, privacy, wildlife, investment and views to remain for us to enjoy.

Please do not approve this attempt to divide and sell off their five acres.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Jill (and Jim) Rogers
217-552-2122

SUMMARY FINDING OF FACT AND FINAL DETERMINATION FOR CASE 198-AM-26

As presented for approval by the ZBA on April 30, 2026.

From the documents of record and the testimony and exhibits received at the public hearing conducted on **April 30, 2026**, the Zoning Board of Appeals of Champaign County finds that:

1. The proposed RRO map amendment ***IS*** suitable for the development of the specified number of residences because: Compared to “common conditions” found at rural sites in Champaign County, the subject property is similar to the following (see individual RRO factor evidence starting at Item 18):
 - A. “Ideal or Nearly Ideal” conditions for three factors:
 - (1) RRO Factor G: Availability of water supply
 - (2) RRO Factor J: Effects on sensitive natural areas
 - (3) RRO Factor K: Natural or manmade hazards
 - B. “Much Better Than Typical” conditions for three factors:
 - (1) RRO Factor D: LESA score
 - (2) RRO Factor E: Effects on drainage
 - C. “More or Less Typical” conditions for five factors:
 - (1) RRO Factor A: Adequacy and Safety of Roads
 - (2) RRO Factor B: Effects on farms
 - (3) RRO Factor C: Effects of nearby farms
 - (4) RRO Factor H: Emergency services
 - (5) RRO Factor I: Flood hazard status
 - (6) RRO Factor L: Land converted from agricultural uses
 - D. “Much Worse Than Typical conditions for one factor:
 - (1) RRO Factor F: Septic suitability
 - E. “Worst or Nearly Worst” conditions for no factors.
2. The proposed RRO map amendment ***WILL*** be compatible with surrounding agriculture because:
 - A. Overall, the subject property and proposed RRO are comparable to “more or less typical” conditions for Champaign County in terms of effects on nearby farmland and farm operations, because driveways for the proposed lot will provide adequate separation to other driveways, and there should be no significant changes to drainage.
 - B. A special condition has been added regarding the Right to Farm Resolution.
3. The proposed Zoning Ordinance map amendment will ***HELP ACHIEVE*** the Land Resource Management Plan because:
 - A. Regarding Goal 4:
 - (1) It will ***HELP ACHIEVE*** Objective 4.1 requiring minimization of the fragmentation of farmland, conservation of farmland, and stringent development standards on Best Prime Farmland because it will ***HELP ACHIEVE*** or ***NOT IMPEDE*** the following:
 - a. Policy 4.1.1 stating that commercial agriculture is the highest and best use of land that is suited it its pursuit and requiring that the County will not accommodate other land uses except under very restricted conditions or in areas of less productive soils.

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- b. Policy 4.1.8 requiring the County to consider the LESA rating for farmland protection when making land use decisions regarding discretionary development (see Item 34.A.(3)).
- (2) It will **HELP ACHIEVE** Objective 4.2 requiring discretionary development to not interfere with agriculture because it will **HELP ACHIEVE** the following:
 - a. Policy 4.2.2 requiring discretionary development in a rural area to not interfere with agriculture or negatively affect rural infrastructure (see Item 34.B.(1)).
 - b. Policy 4.2.3 requiring that each proposed *discretionary development* explicitly recognize and provide for the right of agricultural activities to continue on adjacent land (see Item 34.B.(2)).
 - c. Policy 4.2.4 requiring that all discretionary review consider whether a buffer between existing agricultural operations and the proposed development is necessary (see Item 34.B.(3)).
 - (3) It will **HELP ACHIEVE** Objective 4.3 requiring any discretionary development to be on a suitable site because it will **HELP ACHIEVE** the following:
 - a. Policy 4.3.2 requiring a discretionary development to be well suited overall (see Item 34.C.(1)).
 - b. Policy 4.3.3 requiring existing public services be adequate to support the proposed development effectively and safely without undue public expense (see Item 34.C.(2)).
 - c. Policy 4.3.4 requiring existing public infrastructure be adequate to support the proposed development effectively and safely without undue public expense (see Item 34.C.(3)).
 - (4) It will **HELP ACHIEVE** Objective 4.7 requiring the right to farm because a special condition has been added regarding Right to Farm Resolution 3425 (see Item 34.D).
 - (5) Based on achievement of the above Objectives and Policies, the proposed map amendment will **HELP ACHIEVE** Goal 4 Agriculture.
- B. Regarding Goal 6:
- (1) The proposed RRO will **HELP ACHIEVE** Objective 6.1 because it will **HELP ACHIEVE** or will **NOT IMPEDE** the following:
 - a. Policy 6.1.1 requiring the County to establish lot requirements that provide ample and appropriate areas for wastewater and septic systems (see Item 36.A.(1)).
 - b. Policy 6.1.2 requiring that the County will ensure that the proposed wastewater disposal and treatment systems of discretionary development will not endanger public health, create nuisance conditions for adjacent uses, or negatively impact surface or groundwater quality (see Item 36.A.(2)).

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- (2) Based on achievement of the above Objective and Policies, the proposed map amendment will **HELP ACHIEVE** Goal 6 Public Health and Safety.
 - C. Regarding Goal 8:
 - (1) The proposed RRO will **HELP ACHIEVE** Objective 8.1 because it will **HELP ACHIEVE** the following:
 - a. Policy 8.1.1 requiring adequate supply of water for a proposed discretionary development (see Item 38.A.(1)).
 - (2) The proposed RRO will **NOT IMPEDE** Objective 8.2 because it will **NOT IMPEDE** the following:
 - a. Policy 8.2.1 requiring the County to minimize the destruction of its soil resources by non-agricultural development, giving special consideration to the protection of best prime farmland. (see Item 38.B.(1)).
 - (3) Based on achievement of the above Objective and Policies, the proposed map amendment will **HELP ACHIEVE** Goal 8 Natural Resources.
 - D. The proposed RRO will **NOT IMPEDE** the following LRMP goal(s):
 - Goal 1 Planning and Public Involvement
 - Goal 2 Governmental Coordination
 - Goal 3 Prosperity
 - Goal 5 Urban Land Use
 - Goal 7 Transportation
 - Goal 9 Energy Conservation
 - Goal 10 Cultural Amenities
 - E. Overall, the proposed map amendment will **HELP ACHIEVE** the Land Resource Management Plan.
4. The proposed Zoning Ordinance map amendment **IS** consistent with the *LaSalle* and *Sinclair* factors because of the following:
 - A. The proposed RRO **IS** consistent with the *LaSalle* factor regarding the existing uses and zoning of nearby property because the RRO is proposed for residential use and surrounding land is residential in use or in agricultural production.
 - B. The proposed RRO **IS** consistent with the *LaSalle* factor regarding the extent to which property values are diminished by the particular zoning restrictions because without the proposed RRO, the proposed residential lot could not be created, which would have a reduced property value compared to agricultural land in production.
 - C. The proposed RRO **IS** consistent with the *LaSalle* factor regarding the extent to which the destruction of property values of the plaintiff promotes the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the public because:
 - (1) There has been no evidence submitted regarding property values.

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- (2) If the petitioners are denied the RRO map amendment and special use permit, the property can still be used for agricultural production or in conjunction with the existing residence.
- D. The proposed RRO **IS** consistent with the *LaSalle* factor regarding the relative gain to the public as compared to the hardship imposed on the individual property owner because:
 - (1) The relative gain to the public is insignificant, while not permitting the RRO would not allow the subject property owner to realize a greater economic value that establishing a residential lot would create and reduce maintenance costs for the current.
- E. The proposed RRO **IS** consistent with the *LaSalle* factor regarding the suitability of the subject property for the zoned purposes because:
 - (1) The proposed RRO adds one residential lot. Additional lots would require a future application for an RRO.
 - (2) The RRO does not require additional public infrastructure or services.
 - (3) The RRO does not conflict with surrounding agricultural activities or agricultural infrastructure.
- F. The proposed RRO **IS** consistent with the *LaSalle* factor regarding the length of time the property has been vacant as zoned considered in the context of land development in the vicinity of the subject property:
 - (1) The subject property has been in agricultural production in the AG-1 Agriculture Zoning District for decades.
- G. The proposed RRO **IS** consistent with the *Sinclair* factor regarding the need and demand for the use:
 - (1) The petitioner perceives demand for residential lots in this area.
- H. The proposed RRO **IS** consistent with the *Sinclair* factor regarding the extent to which the use conforms to the municipality's comprehensive planning.
 - (1) The ZBA has recommended that the proposed RRO will **HELP ACHIEVE** the Champaign County Land Resource Management Plan.
5. The proposed Zoning Ordinance map amendment will **HELP ACHIEVE** the purpose of the Zoning Ordinance because:
 - A. The proposed RRO should have no significant effect on the value of nearby properties (Purpose 2.0 (b) - see Item 42.B.)
 - B. The proposed RRO will not increase traffic volumes significantly (Purpose 2.0(c) - see Item 42.C.).
 - C. The proposed RRO **WILL** reduce hazards to persons and damage to property resulting from the accumulation of runoff of storm or flood waters (Purpose 2.0 (d) - see Item 42.D.).

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As presented for approval by the ZBA on April 30, 2026.

- D. Establishing the RRO will **NOT IMPEDE** the protection the most productive agricultural lands from haphazard and unplanned intrusions of urban uses ((Purpose 2.0 (n) – see Item 42.I).
 - E. The proposed RRO **WILL NOT AFFECT** natural features such as forested areas and watercourses (Purpose 2.0 (o) – see Item 42.J).
 - F. The proposed RRO **WILL** minimize the cost of development of public utilities and public transportation facilities (Purpose 2.0 (p) – see Item 42.K).
 - G. The proposed RRO **WILL NOT IMPEDE** the preservation of agricultural belts surrounding urban areas, to retain the agricultural nature of the County, and the individual character of existing communities (Purpose 2.0 (q) – see Item 42.L).
 - H. The proposed RRO **WILL NOT** hinder the development of renewable energy sources (Purpose 2.0(r) – see Item 42.M).
6. ***{NO SPECIAL CONDITIONS ARE HEREBY IMPOSED / THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS IMPOSED HEREIN ARE REQUIRED TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE CRITERIA FOR MAP AMENDMENTS AND FOR THE PARTICULAR PURPOSES DESCRIBED BELOW:}***
- A. **The owners of the subject property hereby recognize and provide for the right of agricultural activities to continue on adjacent land consistent with the Right to Farm Resolution 3425.**

The special condition stated above is required to ensure the following:
Conformance with Policy 4.2.3 of the Land Resource Management Plan.

SUMMARY FINDING OF FACT AND FINAL DETERMINATION FOR CASE 198-AM-26

As presented for approval by the ZBA on April 30, 2026.

FINAL DETERMINATION FOR RRO REZONING CASE 198-AM-26

Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 9.2 of the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance, the Zoning Board of Appeals of Champaign County recommends that:

The Map Amendment for a Rural Residential Overlay (RRO) requested in **Case 198-AM-26** should **{BE ENACTED / NOT BE ENACTED}** by the County Board in the form attached hereto.

SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL CONDITION:

- A. The owners of the subject property hereby recognize and provide for the right of agricultural activities to continue on adjacent land consistent with the Right to Farm Resolution 3425.**

The foregoing is an accurate and complete record of the Findings and Determination of the Zoning Board of Appeals of Champaign County.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Cynthia Cunningham, Chair
Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals

Secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Date

SUMMARY FINDING OF FACT AND FINAL DETERMINATION FOR CASE 199-S-26

As presented for approval by the ZBA on April 30, 2026.

FINDINGS OF FACT FOR RRO SPECIAL USE PERMIT CASE 199-S-26

From the documents of record and the testimony and exhibits received at the public hearing for zoning case 199-S-26 held on April 30, 2026, the Zoning Board of Appeals of Champaign County finds that:

1. The requested Special Use Permit *{IS / IS NOT}* necessary for the public convenience at this location because: *the petitioner believes there is demand in this area for residential lots.*
2. The requested Special Use Permit *{SUBJECT TO THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS IMPOSED HEREIN}* is so designed, located, and proposed to be operated so that it *{WILL NOT / WILL}* be injurious to the district in which it shall be located or otherwise detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare because:
 - a. The street has *{ADEQUATE / INADEQUATE}* traffic capacity and the entrance location has *{ADEQUATE / INADEQUATE}* visibility.
 - b. Emergency services availability is *{ADEQUATE / INADEQUATE}* because: *the subject property is located approximately 5.6 road miles from the Cornbelt Fire Protection District station in Mahomet; the Fire Chief has been notified of this request for an RRO, and no comments have been received.*
 - c. The Special Use *{WILL / WILL NOT}* be compatible with adjacent uses because: *there are other large-lot residential properties in the area.*
 - d. Surface and subsurface drainage will be *{ADEQUATE / INADEQUATE}* because: *surface drainage patterns should not be altered by development of the proposed lot.*
 - e. Public safety will be *{ADEQUATE / INADEQUATE}* because: *there is sufficient capacity on the adjacent roadway for one additional residential lot.*
 - f. The provisions for parking will be *{ADEQUATE / INADEQUATE}*.
 - g. The property *{IS/IS NOT}* WELL SUITED OVERALL for the proposed improvements *{because*}*:
 - a. *The site can be safely and soundly accommodated using simple engineering and common, easily maintained construction methods with no unacceptable negative effects on neighbors or the general public.*
 - h. Existing public services *{ARE/ARE NOT}* available to support the proposed SPECIAL USE without undue public expense *{because*}*:
 - a. *No additional public services are required for the proposed use.*
 - i. Existing public infrastructure together with the proposed development *{IS/IS NOT}* adequate to support the proposed development effectively and safely without undue public expense *{because*}*:
 - a. *No new infrastructure is required for the proposed use.*

**The Board may include other relevant considerations as necessary or desirable in each case. The Board may include additional justification if desired, but it is not required.*

SUMMARY FINDING OF FACT AND FINAL DETERMINATION FOR CASE 199-S-26

As presented for approval by the ZBA on April 30, 2026.

- 3a. The requested Special Use Permit ***{SUBJECT TO THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS IMPOSED HEREIN} {DOES / DOES NOT}*** conform to the applicable regulations and standards of the DISTRICT in which it is located.

- 3b. The requested Special Use Permit ***{SUBJECT TO THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS IMPOSED HEREIN} {DOES / DOES NOT}*** preserve the essential character of the DISTRICT in which it is located because:
 - a. The Special Use will be designed to ***{CONFORM / NOT CONFORM}*** to all relevant County ordinances and codes.
 - b. The Special Use ***{WILL / WILL NOT}*** be compatible with adjacent uses.
 - c. Public safety will be ***{ADEQUATE / INADEQUATE}***.

- 4. The requested Special Use Permit ***{SUBJECT TO THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS IMPOSED HEREIN} {IS / IS NOT}*** in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Ordinance because:
 - a. The Special Use is authorized in the District.
 - b. The requested Special Use Permit ***{IS/ IS NOT}*** necessary for the public convenience at this location.
 - c. The requested Special Use Permit ***{SUBJECT TO THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS IMPOSED HEREIN}*** is so designed, located, and proposed to be operated so that it ***{WILL / WILL NOT}*** be injurious to the district in which it shall be located or otherwise detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare.
 - d. The requested Special Use Permit ***{SUBJECT TO THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS IMPOSED HEREIN} {DOES / DOES NOT}*** preserve the essential character of the DISTRICT in which it is located.

- 5. The requested Special Use ***IS NOT*** an existing nonconforming use.

- 6. ***{NO SPECIAL CONDITIONS ARE HEREBY IMPOSED / THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS IMPOSED HEREIN ARE REQUIRED TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL USE PERMITS AND FOR THE PARTICULAR PURPOSES DESCRIBED BELOW:}***

A. The Special Use is subject to the approval of Case 198-AM-26.

The special condition stated above is required to ensure the following:

That the Special Use is consistent with the intent of the Zoning Ordinance and ZBA recommendations.

B. The Zoning Administrator shall not authorize a Zoning Use Permit Application or issue a Zoning Compliance Certificate on the subject property until the lighting specifications in Paragraph 6.1.2.A. of the Zoning Ordinance have been met.

The special condition stated above is required to ensure the following:

That any future exterior lighting installations meet the requirements established for Special Uses in the Zoning Ordinance.

SUMMARY FINDING OF FACT AND FINAL DETERMINATION FOR CASE 199-S-26

As presented for approval by the ZBA on April 30, 2026.

FINAL DETERMINATION FOR RRO SPECIAL USE PERMIT CASE 199-S-26

The Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals finds that, based upon the application, testimony, and other evidence received in this case, the requirements of Section 9.1.11B. for approval *{HAVE/ HAVE NOT}* been met, and pursuant to the authority granted by Section 9.1.6 B. of the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance, recommends that:

The Special Use requested in Case **199-S-26** be *{GRANTED/ GRANTED WITH SPECIAL CONDITIONS/ DENIED}* to the applicant, **Patrick Duda**, to authorize the following as a Special Use Permit:

Authorize a Special Use Permit for a Rural Residential Overlay (RRO) Zoning District for three single family residential lots in conjunction with related map amendment Case 198-AM-26 that is also required for an RRO.

{SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL CONDITIONS:}

- A. The Special Use is subject to the approval of Case 199-AM-26.**
- B. The Zoning Administrator shall not authorize a Zoning Use Permit Application or issue a Zoning Compliance Certificate on the subject property until the lighting specifications in Paragraph 6.1.2.A. of the Zoning Ordinance have been met.**

The foregoing is an accurate and complete record of the Findings and Determination of the Zoning Board of Appeals of Champaign County.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Cynthia Cunningham, Chair
Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals

Secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Date

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To: **Champaign County Environment & Land Use Committee**

From: **John Hall, Zoning Administrator**
Charlie Campo, Senior Planner

Date: **April 27, 2026**

RE: **Recommendation for text amendment case 202-AT-26**

Request: **Amend Sections 5.5.2 and 5.5.3 of the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance to extend a temporary safety moratorium on Carbon Sequestration Activity to expire in 6 months after the effective date of the amendment.**

Petitioner: **Zoning Administrator**

BACKGROUND

The County Board approved a 12-month temporary safety moratorium on carbon sequestration activities in Champaign County on January 23, 2025.

A Carbon Sequestration Activities Task Force was appointed on March 20, 2025.

A 6-month extension to the moratorium was approved by the County Board on December 18, 2025.

The Task Force has made good progress on a draft carbon sequestration amendment, but review of the draft is ongoing, and it is clear that a final carbon sequestration amendment cannot be adopted before the temporary moratorium expires on June 16, 2026.

The Zoning Administrator has recommended an additional 6-month extension to the temporary safety moratorium on carbon sequestration activities in Champaign County to be in place prior to the expiration of the current moratorium on June 16, 2026, to allow time for the Carbon Sequestration Activities Task Force to provide their recommendations and an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to be adopted.

The ZBA will hold a public hearing for this case on April 30, 2026, at which time the ZBA can take action on the case. This case is being placed on the May 7, 2026, ELUC agenda so that if the ZBA takes action at their April 30, 2026, meeting the ELUC can review the case without waiting until the June 4, 2026 meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

- A Proposed Text Amendment
- B Summary Finding of Fact for Case 202-AT-26 as presented to the ZBA on April 30, 2026

Attachment A. Proposed Text Amendment

April 30, 2026

ATTACHMENT A: PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT

1. Amend Section 5.5 as follows:

5.5.2 Duration of this Moratorium

This Safety Moratorium on CARBON SEQUESTRATION ACTIVITY will expire ~~12~~ six months, or ~~365~~ 180 days, after its effective date.

5.5.3 Activities Impacted by this Moratorium

- A. Any CARBON SEQUESTRATION ACTIVITY, as defined in this moratorium, that is proposed after the effective date of this moratorium will not be approved by Champaign County until the expiration or revocation of this temporary moratorium.
- B. Any CARBON SEQUESTRATION ACTIVITY that is pending, as of the effective date of this moratorium, will be held in abeyance until the ~~12~~ six month-long moratorium has expired or been revoked.

SUMMARY FINDING OF FACT

From the documents of record and the testimony and exhibits received at the public hearing conducted on **April 30, 2026**, the Zoning Board of Appeals of Champaign County finds that:

1. The proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment ***IS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE*** the Land Resource Management Plan because:
 - A. The proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment will ***IS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE*** LRMP Goal 8.
 - B. The proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment WILL NOT IMPEDE the achievement of LRMP Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9.
 - C. The proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment is NOT RELEVANT to LRMP Goal 10.

2. The proposed text amendment ***IS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE*** the Zoning Ordinance because it will:
 - A. ***IS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE*** the purpose of the Zoning Ordinance (see Item 16).



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Division of Water Pollution Control ANNUAL FACILITY INSPECTION REPORT

for NPDES Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4)

This fillable form may be completed online, a copy saved locally, printed and signed before it is submitted to the Compliance Assurance Section at the above address. Complete each section of this report.

Report Period: From March, 31, 2024 To March, 31, 2025

Permit No. ILR40 00256

MS4 OPERATOR INFORMATION: (As it appears on the current permit)

Name: County of Champaign, Illinois Mailing Address 1: 1776 East Washington Street

Mailing Address 2: _____ County: Champaign

City: Urbana State: IL Zip: 61802 Telephone: 217-384-3708

Contact Person: John Hall Email Address: jhall@co.champaign.il.us
(Person responsible for Annual Report)

Name(s) of governmental entity(ies) in which MS4 is located: (As it appears on the current permit)

Champaign County

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE ADDRESSED.

A. Changes to best management practices (check appropriate BMP change(s) and attach information regarding change(s) to BMP and measurable goals.)

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|---|--|
| 1. Public Education and Outreach <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Construction Site Runoff Control <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Public Participation/Involvement <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Post-Construction Runoff Control <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping <input type="checkbox"/> |

B. Attach the status of compliance with permit conditions, an assessment of the appropriateness of your identified best management practices and progress towards achieving the statutory goal of reducing the discharge of pollutants to the MEP, and your identified measurable goals for each of the minimum control measures.

C. Attach results of information collected and analyzed, including monitoring data, if any during the reporting period.

D. Attach a summary of the storm water activities you plan to undertake during the next reporting cycle (including an implementation schedule.)

E. Attach notice that you are relying on another government entity to satisfy some of your permit obligations (if applicable).

F. Attach a list of construction projects that your entity has paid for during the reporting period.

Any person who knowingly makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent material statement, orally or in writing, to the Illinois EPA commits a Class 4 felony. A second or subsequent offense after conviction is a Class 3 felony. (415 ILCS 5/44(h))

Owner Signature:
Steve Summers

Printed Name:

Date:
Champaign County Executive

Title:

EMAIL COMPLETED FORM TO: epa.ms4annualinsp@illinois.gov

or Mail to: ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE SECTION #19
1021 NORTH GRAND AVENUE EAST
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WPC 691 Rev 6/10
This Agency is authorized to require this information under Section 4 and Title X of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/4, 5/39). Failure to disclose this information may result in: a civil penalty of not to exceed \$50,000 for the violation and an additional civil penalty of not to exceed \$10,000 for each day during which the violation continues (415 ILCS 5/42) and may also prevent this form from being processed and could result in your application being denied. This form has been approved by the Forms Management Center.

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April 1, 2026

N.P.D.E.S. PHASE II PERMIT FOR STORMWATER DISCHARGES

from

MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS

Champaign County, Illinois
NPDES Permit No. ILR40 00256

REPORTING PERIOD:

Year 1 is April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026

MS4 OPERATOR INFORMATION:

County of Champaign, Illinois
Bennett Administrative Center
102 East Main Street
Urbana, IL, 61801
Contact person: John Hall, Director of Planning and Zoning

GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY IN WHICH MS4 IS LOCATED:

Champaign County, Illinois

INTRODUCTION

Champaign County was identified as a small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) in March 2003 as part of the expanded Phase II of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water Program.

Mandated by Congress under the Clean Water Act, the NPDES Storm Water Program is a comprehensive two-phased national program for addressing the non-agricultural sources of storm water discharges which adversely affect the quality of our nation's waters. The Clean Water Act prohibits anybody from discharging pollutants through a point source into a water of the United States unless they have an NPDES permit. A point source is any discernible, confined, and discrete conveyance, such as a pipe, ditch, channel, or container.

Phase II required small MS4s in urbanized areas to obtain NPDES permits and implement six minimum control measures by using selected best management practices (BMPs).

Urban areas are delineated by the Census Bureau and are defined as a central place or places and the adjacent densely settled surrounding area, that has either a residential population of at least 5,000 people or encompasses at least 2,000 housing units. About 47 square miles (4.7%) of the approximately 1,000 square miles that make up Champaign County are included in the Champaign-Urbana urbanized area (see the attached map).

Champaign County is not a municipality but the regulatory definition of MS4 also includes any County owned roads with a drainage system. County Highway roadside ditches are currently the only point source discharges in the urbanized area maintained by Champaign County.

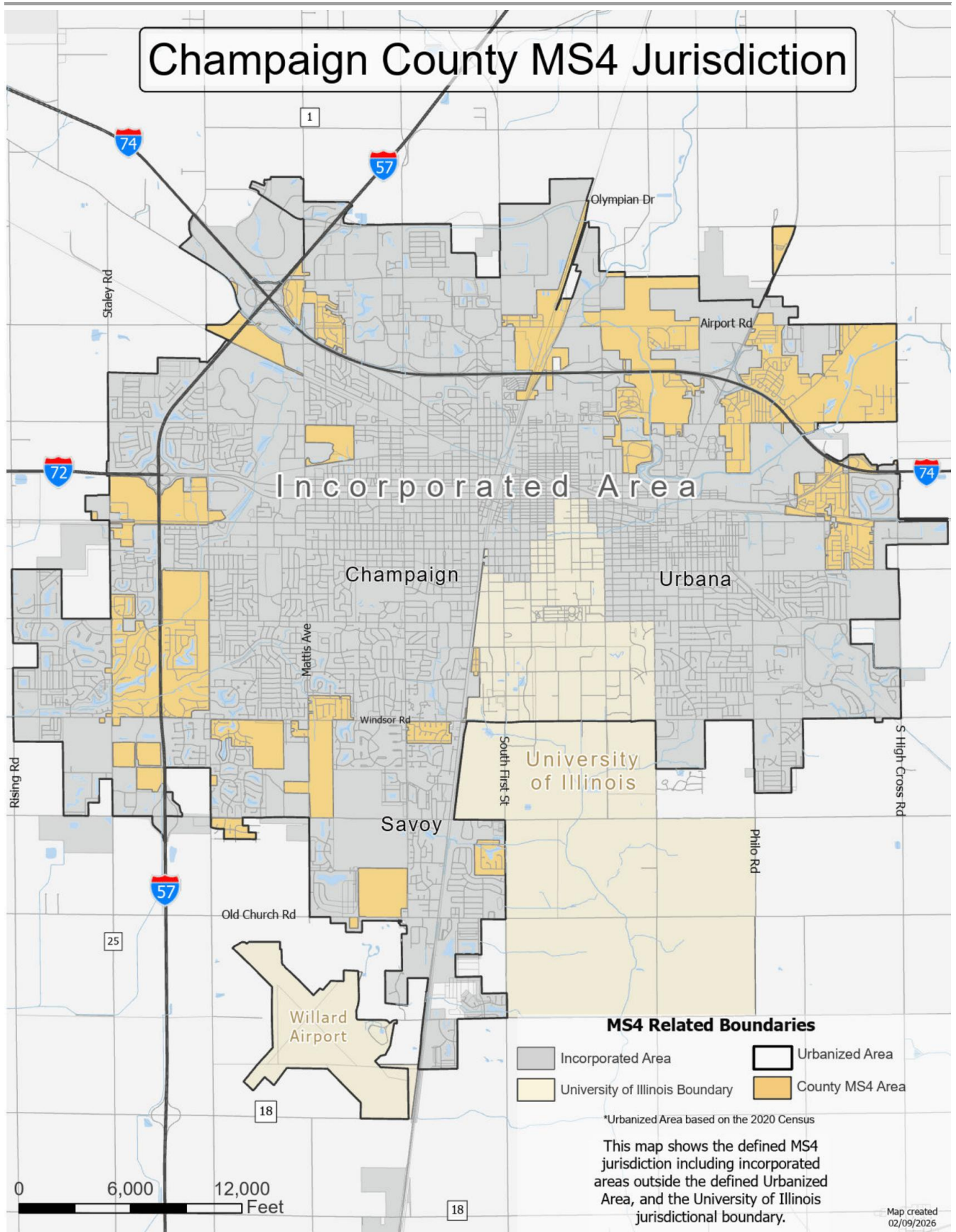
Champaign County must maintain compliance with the MS4 requirements of the NPDES Storm Water Program. MS4 compliance requires that an updated Notice of Intent (NOI) be on file at all times with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The NOI must explain which best management practices Champaign County will use to implement the six required minimum control measures. The six required minimum control measures are the following:

- **Public Education and Outreach.** Selected BMPs should educate the public on the various ways to reduce storm water pollution.
- **Public Participation and Involvement.** Selected BMPs should involve the public in developing, implementing, and reviewing MS4 best management practices.
- **Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination.** Selected BMPs should identify improper discharges and spills to drainage systems and include enforcement mechanisms.
- **Construction Site Runoff Control.** Selected BMPs should enable construction site operators (builders and MS4s) to manage storm water runoff to reduce pollution.
- **Post-Construction Runoff Control.** Selected BMPs should enable property owners (developers and MS4s) to manage storm water runoff to reduce pollution from a site after construction activities have ended.
- **Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping.** Selected BMPs should enable the MS4 entity to minimize pollution from its own property and facilities by reducing pollution from streets, parking lots, open spaces and storage and vehicle maintenance areas and is discharged into local waterways or that results poor maintenance of storm sewer systems.

Champaign County has worked in cooperation with the other MS4s in the Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area to share costs and expertise and common efforts to develop a regional consistency towards fulfilling the NPDES Phase II MS4 requirements.

Champaign County has sought to develop a plan suited to the MS4 requirements but also tailored to the abilities of an Illinois county. The NPDES Phase II MS4 requirements were included as a formal County land use policy in the Champaign County Land Resource Management Plan that was adopted in April 2010.

Champaign County filed a sixth NOI with IEPA to include the five-year period of April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2030. This document serves as the annual report for Year 1 activities.



B.M.P. MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Effective 3/1/16, each Small MS4 is required to implement a monitoring and assessment program to evaluate the effectiveness of selected best management practices (BMPs) at reducing pollutant loadings and water quality impacts. The monitoring and assessment program may include evaluation of BMPs and/or direct water quality monitoring, at the discretion of each Small MS4, but the program should be tailored to the size and characteristics of the Small MS4 and the relevant watersheds.

Outfall/Discharge Monitoring and Physical Stream Assessment

The Champaign County Unincorporated MS4 will collaborate with the municipal MS4 jurisdictions in Champaign County in developing a monitoring and assessment program for the Champaign County Unincorporated MS4 that matches as closely as possible the municipal MS4 monitoring and assessment programs. Municipal MS4 agencies in the Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area rely on a combination of outfall/discharge monitoring and assessment of physical/habitat characteristics such as stream bank erosion caused by storm water discharges.

Methods and practices used for the Champaign County Unincorporated MS4 Monitoring and Assessment program will be based on municipal MS4 practices and methods as much as possible and will be supplemented as necessary by practices described in the following documents:

- *Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination A Guidance Manual for Program Development and Technical Assessments*, published by the Center for Watershed Protection and Robert Pitt, University of Alabama, October 2004.
- *UNIFIED STREAM ASSESSMENT: A USER'S MANUAL Version 2.0, Urban Subwatershed Restoration Manual No. 10*, published by the Center for Watershed Protection, February 2005.
- *Stream Visual Assessment Protocol*, published by the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service National Water and Climate Center, Technical Note 99-1, December 1998.

Justification

The unincorporated Champaign County MS4 Area is highly interconnected with the municipal MS4 Area and using the same (or nearly the same) monitoring and assessment (M&A) methods to evaluate the effectiveness of storm water best management practices (BMPs) in the unincorporated MS4 Area may help minimize the overall costs of implementing and conducting the M&A program in the unincorporated MS4 Area; and should eliminate confusion that could otherwise result if a different approach were used than is used in the municipal MS4s; and may provide a more accurate overall understanding of the effectiveness of BMPs for the entire Champaign County urbanized area.

The *Unified Stream Assessment* (USA) is a continuous stream walk method that systematically evaluates stream conditions and that can be applied to both rural and urban streams. Staff can perform the USA with relatively minimal training. USA protocols should be adapted to meet agency needs and skills and to address regional stream conditions.

The USA includes specific protocols and model forms for documenting the assessments of Storm Water Outfalls and Severe Bank Erosion. The USA assessment for Storm Water Outfalls is very similar to the Outfall Reconnaissance Inventory (ORI) used in *Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination*. Including ORI methods in

the USA Storm Water Outfall assessments can improve the overall assessment of storm water outfalls and discharges.

Severe bank erosion caused by storm water discharges can be accurately assessed only after identifying the average erosion condition for a particular stream reach. The USA includes a Reach Level Assessment to characterize overall conditions within each reach of the stream. Guidance is included in the USA assessment of Severe Bank Erosion to help identify locations with more severe erosion. The *Stream Visual Assessment Protocol* (SVAP) also provides useful additional guidance for making the assessment of Severe Bank Erosion.

The USA protocols assume identification of uniform stream reaches. Stream reaches will be identified and mapped prior to actual field investigations. During the field investigation the various stream reaches will be identified using GIS locators. Standard worksheets will be completed for each reach for the entire length of stream in the MS4 Area. Streams (miles) to be assessed are as follows:

- Vermilion Watershed:
 - Saline Branch Drainage Ditch (3.0 miles)
- Upper Kaskaskia Watershed:
 - Copper Slough (2.0 miles)
 - Phinney Branch (1.7 miles)
- Upper Embarras Watershed
 - Unnamed tributaries of the Embarras River (0.6 miles)

Gaining access to streams in the unincorporated MS4 Area will be a significant challenge because all the streams are on private property.

Annual monitoring is planned to occur during June through October. Annual monitoring will note the conditions for the current year and identify changes from previous years. The results will be reported in the Annual Update.

Follow up investigations may be necessary based on observed changes.

Outfalls were identified per the IEPA 4/22/16 Acceptance of Response to Noncompliance Advisory Letter.

SELF-ASSESSMENT OF PERMIT COMPLIANCE

Tables 1 through 6 summarize Champaign County Unincorporated MS4 Storm Water Program activities from April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026. Table 7 identifies BMPs that were started and still in progress.

Table 1: Public Education and Outreach Activities 4/1/25 – 3/31/26

BMP ID	Activities
A.1.1. – Prepare handouts containing stormwater quality information and present them at permit counter.	Handouts are displayed and available at Planning and Zoning permit counter.
A.2.1. - Inform business groups about MS4, NPDES and BMPs.	Champaign County collaborated with the Champaign County Stormwater Partnership to host the Illinois Green Infrastructure & Erosion Control Conference on October 28 th , 2025.
A.2.2. - Inform developer, contractor, engineering, and architecture groups about MS4, NPDES and BMPs.	Champaign County collaborated with the Champaign County Stormwater Partnership to host the Illinois Green Infrastructure & Erosion Control Conference on October 28 th , 2025.
A.2.3. - Inform environmental groups about MS4, NPDES and BMPs.	Champaign County collaborated with the Champaign County Stormwater Partnership to host the Illinois Green Infrastructure & Erosion Control Conference on October 28 th , 2025.

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A.6.1. - Educational and informational material on County web page.	The MS4 Annual Facility Inspection Report was posted to the County website and to the collaborative MS4 website; the Champaign County Stormwater Partnership (www.ccstormwater.org). The Champaign County Department of Planning and Zoning Storm Water Program webpage is updated with information regarding the program and other useful resources (Planning and Zoning Champaign County Illinois).
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Table 2: Public Participation and Involvement Activities 4/1/25 – 3/31/26

BMP ID	Activities
B.3.1. – Attend Salt Fork Watershed quarterly meetings.	Staff from the Champaign County Department of Planning & Zoning attended Salt Fork Watershed meetings on 12/4/25 and 3/5/26.
B.4.1. - Comply with applicable state and local public notice requirements.	All public hearings and meetings are noticed as required by state law and local ordinances and policies.
B.6.1. - Intergovernmental Storm Water Management group meetings (coordination meeting for all Champaign County MS4 jurisdictions).	During the program year County staff attended and participated in meetings with other MS4 jurisdictions on 6/10/2025; 8/1/2025; 9/9/2025; 10/6/2025; 10/16/2025; 10/28/2025; 12/9/2025; 3/10/2026.
B.6.2. - Prepare a storm water survey that can be used annually to capture public comments on the MS4 Storm Water Program.	The Champaign County Department of Planning & Zoning distributed the annual stormwater survey in early 2026. The MS4 Storm Water Survey is on the County website at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd5hbzMASGpKgPWU3kr8gmQJ-w0ZorXoCFWUddjbMyI8P3Mg/viewform?c=0&w=1
B.6.3. - Hold Annual Public Storm Water Meeting at the Champaign County Board’s Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC) Meeting to receive public comments regarding the Champaign County Unincorporated MS4 Area Storm Water Program.	There was an Annual Public Storm Water Meeting at the Champaign County Board’s Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC) in the reporting period year on May 8 th , 2025.
B.6.4. - Identify Environmental Justice areas within the Unincorporated Champaign County MS4 Area and provide appropriate public participation.	Completed the mapping of Environmental Justice Areas for Program Year 1. See Attachment E. Completed the MS4 Storm Water Survey for Program Year 1. See Attachment F.
B.7.1. – Fund aspects of NPDES MS4 implementation in the County’s Land Resource Management Plan implementation budget including public involvement when appropriate.	Funding for MS4 projects was included in the Work Plan for 2025.

Table 3: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Activities 4/1/25 – 3/31/26

BMP ID	Activities
C.1.1. - Map drainage system outfalls into streams and rivers.	The up-to-date storm sewer system map for the unincorporated Champaign County MS4 Area is mapped to completion including the storm sewer system map for County Highways outside the MS4 Area.
C.1.2 – Map priority areas in Champaign County MS4 jurisdiction likely to have illicit discharges.	The priority areas map for illicit discharges is up to date and kept on file.
C.3.1. - Establish and maintain citizen complaint phone line for illegal dumping and illicit discharges into drainage systems.	The Department of Planning and Zoning phone line is maintained for citizen complaints regarding illegal dumping and illicit discharges.

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C.3.2. - Establish citizen complaint phone line for non-complying and/or non-functioning private sewage treatment systems.	The Department of Planning and Zoning phone line is maintained for citizen complaints regarding non-complying and/or non-functioning private sewage treatment systems.
C.6.1. - Annual Report to the Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC) of the Champaign County Board.	The MS4 Annual Report was prepared and presented to the Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC) on May 8th, 2025 and approved by the Champaign County Board on May 22nd, 2025.

Table 4: Construction Site Runoff Control Activities 4/1/25 – 3/31/26

BMP ID	Activities
D.1.1. - Soil erosion and sediment control regulations.	Soil erosion and sediment control regulations in the Champaign County Storm Water Management and Erosion Control Ordinance were enforced for all Land Disturbance Erosion Control (LDEC) Permits.
D.2.1. - Erosion and sediment control BMPs.	All Land Disturbance Erosion Control (LDEC) Permits were reviewed for use of appropriate BMPs.
D.4.1. - Develop processes and procedures to evaluate proposed construction site runoff mechanisms.	Procedures to evaluate proposed construction site runoff mechanisms are refined in the review of LDEC Permits.
D.4.2. - Training class or workshop for evaluating and inspecting construction site runoff control mechanisms.	Staff from the Champaign County Planning and Zoning Department and the Champaign County Highway Department attended the Illinois Green Infrastructure & Erosion Control Conference on 10/28/2025. Staff reviewed procedures outlined in the EPA Construction General Permit (CGP) Site Inspector Training Course.
D.6.1. - Develop procedures and processes to inspect construction sites for compliance with construction site runoff mechanisms.	Procedures and processes to inspect construction sites are conducted by the Director & trained staff.
D.7.1 – Land disturbance and erosion control (LDEC) permit inventory.	The LDEC permit inventory is created and maintained as new developments, inspections & information arise.
E.3.1. - Develop procedures to ensure that storm water management facilities are maintained to function as designed (post-construction).	The Storm Water Management and Erosion Control Ordinance requires ongoing maintenance of storm water management facilities.

Table 5: Post-Construction Runoff Control Activities 4/1/25 – 3/31/26

BMP ID	Activities
E.3.2. - Provide annual training in green infrastructure and/or low impact design techniques for all MS4 employees who manage or are directly involved in (or who retain others who manage or are directly involved in) the routine maintenance, repair, or replacement of public exterior surfaces. Require that contractors who are retained to manage or carry out the kinds of maintenance and relevant contractor employees also have annual training.	Staff from the Champaign County Planning and Zoning Department and the Champaign County Highway Department attended the Illinois Green Infrastructure & Erosion Control Conference on 10/28/2025.
E.4.1. - Training class or workshop for evaluating and inspecting construction site runoff control mechanisms (post-construction).	Staff from the Champaign County Planning and Zoning Department and the Champaign County Highway Department attended the Illinois Green Infrastructure & Erosion Control Conference on 10/28/2025. Staff reviewed procedures outlined in the EPA Construction General Permit (CGP) Site Inspector Training Course.

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E.5.1. - Develop procedures and processes to inspect construction sites for compliance with post-construction runoff control mechanisms.	The Storm Water Management and Erosion Control Ordinance requires “as-built” documentation. Champaign County Planning & Zoning Staff have been trained to inspect post-construction runoff control mechanisms.
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Table 6: Pollution Prevention / Good Housekeeping Activities 4/1/25 – 3/31/26

BMP ID	Activities
F.1.1. - Spill prevention protocol.	<p>The Champaign County Emergency Management Agency (CCEMA) conducted or participated in the following trainings in the program year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting – Jun 24 • Attended Lessons Learned from Montgomery County Dust Storm class – Jul 27 • Hosted Norfolk Southern Safety Train Aug 11th – 14th • Attended Railroad Hazardous Materials Exercise with Champaign Fire Department – Aug 15th • Attended Liberty Virtual Pipeline Safety Program training – Sep 23rd • Hosted the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting – Sep 29th • Hosted the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting – Nov 25th • Attended Paradigm Pipeline Safety Program at the I-Hotel – Jan 21st • Hosted the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting – Feb 24th • Attended Summit of Railroad Hazmat Thought Leaders-United Command Workshop—Pueblo, CO- March 10-12
F.1.2. - Spill Response Protocol.	<p>The Champaign County Emergency Management Agency (CCEMA) conducted or participated in the following trainings in the program year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting – Jun 24 • Attended Lessons Learned from Montgomery County Dust Storm class – Jul 27 • Hosted Norfolk Southern Safety Train Aug 11th – 14th • Attended Railroad Hazardous Materials Exercise with Champaign Fire Department – Aug 15th • Attended Lessons Learned from Teutopolis Anhydrous Incident presentation hosted by the Tolono Fire Protection District – Sep 20th • Attended Liberty Virtual Pipeline Safety Program training – Sep 23rd • Hosted the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting – Sep 29th • Attend Annual University of Illinois Spill Exercise—Sep 30th • Attended Annual Emergency Liaison meeting at Peoples Gas facility, Manlove Field, in Fisher – Nov 21st • Hosted the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting – Nov 25th • Attended Paradigm Pipeline Safety Program at the I-Hotel – Jan 21st

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting – Feb 24th Attended Summit of Railroad Hazmat Thought Leaders- United Command Workshop—Pueblo, CO- March 10-12
F.1.3. - Hazardous material and storage management training.	All relevant hazardous materials storage and handling training reviewed with Facilities Director and CCEMA coordinator.
F.2.2 – Municipal facility and stormwater control inventory.	An inventory of all County owned facilities and storm water controls is on file and is to be updated as needed.

Table 7: BMPs in Progress

BMP ID	Status
A.6.2. – Annually assess Champaign County education and outreach programs for modifications when needed.	The procedures for the annual assessment of the education and outreach program are being developed.
C.2.1. - Prohibit illegal dumping and illicit discharges into drainage system through Nuisance Ordinance.	Preliminary Ordinance language has been drafted regarding illegal dumping and illicit discharges into drainage systems but was not adopted in the program year.
C.3.3. - Create a database of existing private sewage treatment systems and develop management plans to bring non-compliant systems into compliance.	Records of private sewage treatment systems obtained from Public Health Department and are on file. A management plan is not currently implemented but is in development.
C.7.1 – Annual inspections of storm sewer outfalls in dry weather.	Inspections of dry weather outfalls are underway. Not all outfalls were inspected in the program year. An inspection plan is in development.
C.10.1 – Develop and implement procedures to detect, trace and remove illicit discharges.	Relevant maps, report documents, and useful information have been drafted and are kept on file. Procedures on the detection, tracing and removing of illicit discharges are under development.
D.3.1. - Prohibit illegal dumping and illicit discharges into storm drainage system from construction activities.	The Storm Water Management and Erosion Control Ordinance includes a prohibition of illegal dumping and illicit discharges from construction activities. Preliminary Nuisance Ordinance language has been drafted regarding illegal dumping and illicit discharges into drainage systems but has not yet been adopted.
E.1.1. - Implement a public education program about the benefits of green infrastructure and green housekeeping in minimizing the volume of storm water runoff and pollutants from privately-owned developed property.	Development of a Green Infrastructure & Green Housekeeping web page has begun by department staff. A draft is complete and is awaiting publishment on the Champaign County Department of Planning & Zoning website.
E.1.2. - Implement a public education program about the water quality impacts of overuse of fertilizers and pesticides in non-agricultural uses.	Development of a Sustainable Lawn Care web page has begun by department staff. A draft is complete and is awaiting publishment on the Champaign County Department of Planning & Zoning website.
E.2.1 – Require annual inspections of publicly owned storm water management facilities (post-construction)	Inspection procedures and schedules are being developed.
E.7.1 – Develop a program to minimize storm water runoff and pollutants from privately owned developed property within the Champaign County MS4 jurisdiction.	Programs and procedures to minimize runoff and pollutants from privately owned developed property are in development.
F.2.1 – Inspections of County owned facilities. Track and log inspections and corrective actions if necessary.	Inspections were not conducted in the program year. Relevant logs and documents were drafted, and an inspection schedule is in development.
F.6.1 – Catch basin monitoring and cleaning schedule.	Catch basins are maintained and cleaned on an as-needed basis. A schedule to clean catch basins is currently in development.

CHANGES TO BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Attachment A summarizes the changes that were made to the BMPs in the reporting year.

STATUS OF COMPLIANCE

Attachment B reviews the status of compliance for all BMPs.

INFORMATION COLLECTED AND ANALYZED IN YEAR 1

Attachment C summarizes the reports made during the reporting year.

STORMWATER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES PROPOSED FOR NEXT PROGRAM YEAR APRIL 1, 2026 – MARCH 31, 2027

The activities proposed for next Program Year April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027, are summarized in Attachment D.

RELIANCE ON OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY

Champaign County does and will continue to participate in and share resources with the Cooperative MS4 Group, the Champaign County Stormwater Partnership; however, it does not rely on another governmental entity to satisfy its permit obligations.

YEAR 1 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Champaign County construction projects may be authorized under the Facilities Department or the Highway Department.

Projects and details of Highway Construction Projects in the program year are provided in Table 9. There were no land disturbing construction projects by the Facilities Department in the program year.

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- A Changes to Best Management Practices
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- D Proposed NPDES Permit Activities for next Program Year April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027
- E Champaign County Unincorporated MS4 Area Environmental Justice Areas January 09, 2026
- F Champaign County Unincorporated MS4 Area Storm Water Survey Results April 2026

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Table 9: Highway Construction Projects¹ from April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026

Section Number	Road District	Project Type	Area of Disturbance	Status
21-17459-00-SP	Ogden Township	Railroad Grade Crossing Protection	<1 acre	Completed in 2025
21-17461-00-SP	Ogden Township	Railroad Grade Crossing Protection	<1 acre	Completed in 2025
23-17471-00-SP	Ogden Township	Railroad Grade Crossing Protection	<1 acre	Completed in 2025
22-08462-00-SP	Crittenden Township	Railroad Grade Crossing Protection	<1 acre	Completed in 2025
22-08463-00-SP	Crittenden Township	Railroad Grade Crossing Protection	<1 acre	Completed in 2025
22-24464-00-SP	Sidney Township	Railroad Grade Crossing Protection	<1 acre	Completed in 2025
22-27465-00-SP	St. Joseph Township	Railroad Grade Crossing Protection	<1 acre	Completed in 2025
24-03000-00-PV	Champaign Township	Roadway Reconstruction	<1 acre	Completed in 2025
24-00472-00-RS	Champaign County	Roadway Rehabilitation and Shoulder Repair (No Ditch Work)	7.5 miles	Completed in 2025
24-27148-00-BR	St. Joseph / Urbana Townships	Structural Bank Repair – Riprap	<1 acre	Completed in 2025
24-21147-00-BR	Raymond Township	Structural Bank Repair – Riprap	<1 acre	Completed in 2025
22-14129-00-BR	Ludlow Township	Bridge Deck Replacement	<1 acre	Completed in 2025
23-28130-00-BR	Rantoul / Stanton Townships	Bridge Deck Replacement	<1 acre	Completed in 2025
24-06141-00-BR	Compromise Township	Culvert Reconstruction	<1 acre	Completed in 2025
24-00001-00-BR	Village of Savoy	Bridge Replacement	<1 acre	Completed in 2025
25-12152-00-BR	Hensley Township	Bridge Deck Replacement	<1 acre	To be completed in 2026
25-00156-00-BR	Champaign County	Culvert Extensions	<1 acre	To be completed in 2026
26-12157-00-BR	Hensley Township	Culvert Replacement	<1 acre	To be completed in 2026
	Champaign County	Guardrail Maintenance	<1 acre	Completed in 2025
	Champaign County	Address Sign Maintenance	<1 acre	Completed in 2025
	Champaign County	Tile Repair and Ditch Maintenance	<1 acre	Completed in 2025

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1. All construction projects during this period were roadway projects.

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Champaign County submitted a new Notice of Intent (NOI) effective November 1st, 2025. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency updated the ILR40 General NPDES Permit which introduced additional requirements. Champaign County must comply with the new permit provisions within 12 months from the date a letter of Notice of Coverage is received.

Champaign County introduced ten new Best Management Practices to meet the new standards outlined in the updated ILR40.

Table 10: New Best Management Practices introduced from April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026

	BMP No.	Brief Description of New Best Management Practice (BMP)
1	A.6.2	Annually assess the Champaign County education and outreach program for changes in behavior and public awareness.
2	B.3.1	Attend Salt Fork Watershed quarterly meetings.
3	C.1.2	Map priority areas in Champaign County MS4 jurisdiction likely to have illicit discharges.
4	C.7.1	Inspect storm sewer outfalls for non-storm water discharges and illegal dumping.
5	C.10.1	Develop and implement procedures to detect, trace and remove illicit discharge.
6	D.7.1	Land Disturbance and Erosion Control (LDEC) permit inventory.
7	E.7.1	Develop a program to minimize storm water runoff and pollutants from privately owned developed property within the Champaign County MS4 jurisdiction.
8	F.2.1	Inspections of County owned facilities. Track and log inspections and corrective actions if necessary.
9	F.2.2	Municipal Facility and Stormwater Control Inventory.
10	F.6.1	Catch basin monitoring and cleaning schedule.

Champaign County made changes to the following Best Management Practices.

Table 11: Previous Descriptions of Best Management Practices changed from April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026

	BMP No.	Description of previous Best Management Practices (BMPs)
1	A.1.1	Description: Flyers and information sheets at permit counter. Measurable Goals: Develop and distribute one new educational material handout. Milestones: Distribute handout.
2	A.6.1	Measurable Goals: Develop webpage with annual updates on informational and educational materials. Milestones: Update webpage.
3	C.1.1	Measurable Goals: Complete a system wide update every three years. Milestones: System wide update of Champaign County Unincorporated MS4 Area storm sewer system map.
4	C.2.1	Milestones: Amend Nuisance Ordinance with new language prohibiting illegal dumping and illicit discharges into drainage system.
5	D.1.1	Measurable Goals. Review existing erosion and sediment control regulations. Prepare draft regulations for County Board adoption and enforce adopted regulations.
6	E.2.1	Measurable Goals: Establish procedures for maintenance of publicly owned storm water management facilities (post-construction) should be established in the SWPPP. Milestones: Develop and implement procedures for maintenance of publicly owned storm water management facilities (post-construction) in the Champaign County SWPPP.
7	E.5.1	Measurable Goals: Develop procedures and processes to inspect construction sites for compliance with approved post-construction site runoff control mechanisms. Milestones: Develop and implement procedures to inspect construction sites for compliance with post-construction runoff control mechanisms.
8	F.2.1	Description: Prepare a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for County owned facilities. Measurable Goals: Prepare SWPPP for all County owned facilities. Milestones: Begin developing the Draft SWPPP for all County owned facilities.

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	BMP No.	Brief Description of Best Management Practice (BMP)	Status	Measurable Goal	Year 1 Milestone	Description of Activities
1	A.1.1	Prepare handouts containing storm water quality information and present them at permit counter.	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Develop and distribute educational material handouts.	Distribute and maintain handouts.	Handouts are displayed and available at the service counter.
2	A.2.1	Inform business groups about MS4, NPDES and BMPs.	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Conduct one presentation per year upon request.	Conduct one presentation upon request.	Champaign County collaborated with the Champaign County Stormwater Partnership to host the Illinois Green Infrastructure & Erosion Control Conference on October 28th, 2025.
3	A.2.2	Inform developers, contractors, engineering, and architecture groups about MS4, NPDES and BMPs.	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Conduct one presentation per year upon request.	Conduct one presentation upon request.	Champaign County collaborated with the Champaign County Stormwater Partnership to host the Illinois Green Infrastructure & Erosion Control Conference on October 28th, 2025.
4	A.2.3	Inform environmental groups about MS4, NPDES and BMPs.	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Conduct one presentation per year upon request.	Conduct one presentation upon request.	Champaign County collaborated with the Champaign County Stormwater Partnership to host the Illinois Green Infrastructure & Erosion Control Conference on October 28th, 2025.
5	A.6.1	Educational and informational material on web page.	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Update web pages with annual reports and informational materials on pollution reduction for targeted residential and commercial uses.	Update and maintain web page.	The MS4 Annual Facility Inspection Report was posted to the County website and to the collaborative MS4 website the Champaign County Stormwater Partnership (www.ccstormwater.org). The Champaign County Department of Planning and Zoning Storm Water Program webpage is updated with information regarding the program

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BMP No.	Brief Description of Best Management Practice (BMP)	Status	Measurable Goal	Year 1 Milestone	Description of Activities
					and other useful resources. (Planning and Zoning Champaign County Illinois).
6	A.6.2 Annually assess Champaign County education and outreach programs for changes in behavior and public awareness	<i>IN PROGRESS</i>	Annually assess education and outreach programs for modifications when needed.	Assess education and outreach program.	Comments were received from the annual storm water survey. Additional assessment procedures are in development.
7	B.3.1 Attend Salt Fork Watershed quarterly meetings.	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Attend quarterly meetings.	Attend quarterly meetings.	During the program year County staff attended and participated in meetings on 12/4/25 and 3/5/26.
8	B.4.1 Comply with applicable state and local public notice requirements.	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Annual number of meetings with MS4 related topics. Maintain electronic records of notices, agendas, and public participation.	Provide notice of MS4 related meetings and provide opportunities for public input.	All public hearings and meetings are noticed as required by state law and local ordinances and policies.
9	B.6.1 Intergovernmental Storm Water Management group meetings (coordination meeting for all Champaign County MS4 jurisdictions).	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Hold at least 4 coordination meetings each year.	Attend meetings.	During the program year County staff attended and participated in meetings with other MS4 jurisdictions on 6/10/2025; 8/21/25; 9/9/25; 10/6/25; 10/15/25; 10/28/25; 12/9/25; 3/10/26.
10	B.6.2 Prepare a storm water survey that can be used annually to capture public comments on the MS4 Storm Water Program.	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Conduct the annual MS4 Storm Water Survey on the County website.	Make the MS4 Area Storm Water Survey available on the County website.	The MS4 Storm Water Survey is on the Champaign County Department of Planning & Zoning website.
11	B.6.3 Hold Annual Public Storm Water Meeting at the Champaign County Board's Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC) to receive public comments	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Have the Champaign County Unincorporated MS4 Area Storm Water Program as an Agenda item at one ELUC	Have the Champaign County Unincorporated MS4 Area Storm Water Program as an Agenda	The Storm Water Meeting at the Champaign County Board's Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC) in the

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	BMP No.	Brief Description of Best Management Practice (BMP)	Status	Measurable Goal	Year 1 Milestone	Description of Activities
		regarding the Champaign County Unincorporated MS4 Area Stormwater Program.		Meeting each year.	item at the May ELUC meeting.	program year occurred on May 8 th , 2025 and was open for public comment.
12	B.6.4	Identify Environmental Justice areas within the Unincorporated Champaign County MS4 Area and provide appropriate public participation.	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Identify Environmental Justice (EJ) areas within the Unincorporated Champaign County MS4 Area based on most current state economic data and randomly sample the EJ area population for storm water concerns via postal mail with prepaid reply envelopes. Review annual survey results at the Annual Public Storm Water Meeting at the Champaign County Board's Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC).	Identify Environmental Justice (EJ) areas within the Unincorporated Champaign County MS4 Area based on most current state economic data and randomly sample the EJ area population for storm water concerns via postal mail with prepaid reply envelopes and review annual survey results at the Annual Public Storm Water Meeting the Champaign County Board's Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC).	Updated the mapping of Environmental Justice Areas for Program Year 1. See Attachment E. Completed the MS4 Storm Water Survey for Program Year 1. See Attachment F.
13	B.7.1	Fund aspects of NPDES MS4 implementation in the County's Land Resource Management Plan implementation budget including public involvement when appropriate.	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Include NPDES MS4 requirements in the County's Land Resource Management Plan and include in annual long-range work plan as required.	Include MS4 in work plan for FY26.	Funding for MS4 projects was included in the Work Plan for 2026.
14	C.1.1	Map drainage system outfalls into streams and rivers.	<i>COMPLETED</i>	Complete a system wide update annually.	Update Champaign County Unincorporated MS4 Area storm sewer system map as new information arises.	The up-to-date storm sewer system map for the unincorporated Champaign County MS4 Area is mapped to completion including the storm sewer system map for County Highways outside the MS4 Area.

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	BMP No.	Brief Description of Best Management Practice (BMP)	Status	Measurable Goal	Year 1 Milestone	Description of Activities
15	C.1.2	Map priority areas in Champaign County MS4 jurisdiction likely to have illicit discharges.	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Annual update of mapped priority areas in the Champaign County MS4 jurisdiction.	Update priority areas map.	The Champaign County MS4 priority areas map has been created.
16	C.2.1	Prohibit illegal dumping and illicit discharges into drainage system through Nuisance Ordinance.	<i>IN PROGRESS</i>	Review existing Nuisance Ordinance and revise to include illegal dumping and illicit discharges into drainage systems.	Amend Nuisance Ordinance with new language prohibiting illegal dumping and illicit discharges into drainage system.	Preliminary Ordinance language regarding illegal dumping and illicit discharges into drainage systems had been previously drafted but has not yet been adopted.
17	C.3.1	Establish and maintain citizen complaint phone line for illegal dumping and illicit discharge into drainage systems.	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Maintain phone line.	Maintain complaint line and record of complaints.	The Department of Planning and Zoning phone line is maintained for citizen complaints regarding illegal dumping and illicit discharges.
18	C.3.2	Establish citizen complaint phone line for non-complying and/or non-functioning private sewage treatment systems.	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Develop and maintain phone line.	Maintain complaint line and record of complaints.	The Department of Planning and Zoning phone line is maintained for citizen complaints regarding non-complying and/or non-functioning private sewage treatment systems.
19	C.3.3	Create a database of existing private sewage treatment systems and develop a management plan to bring non-compliant systems into compliance.	<i>IN PROGRESS</i>	Create database and develop, adopt, and implement management plan.	Create database and develop management plan.	Records of private sewage treatment systems obtained from Public Health Department. GIS databases are near completion. A management plan to bring systems into compliance is in development.
20	C.6.1	Annual Report to the Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC) of the Champaign County Board.	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Present Annual Report and place on file.	Complete Annual Report and place on file.	The MS4 Annual Report was prepared and presented to the Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC) on May 8th, 2025 and approved by the Champaign County Board on May

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					22nd, 2025.
21	C.7.1 Annual inspections of storm sewer outfalls in dry weather.	<i>IN PROGRESS</i>	Inspect storm sewer outfalls for non-storm water discharges and illegal dumping.	Complete annual dry weather inspection.	One storm sewer outfall was inspected in the program year during dry weather. Procedures and scheduling for additional outfall inspections are being developed.
22	C.10.1 Develop and implement procedures to detect, trace and remove illicit discharges	<i>IN PROGRESS</i>	Implement illicit discharge detection and elimination program.	Develop illicit discharge detection and elimination procedures.	Maps, documentation and other information were created under the illicit discharge detection & elimination program. The program is currently being developed further.
23	D.1.1 Soil erosion and sediment control regulations.	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Review existing erosion and sediment control regulations. Prepare draft regulations for County Board adoption and enforce adopted regulations.	Enforce soil erosion and sediment control ordinance (Storm Water Management and Erosion Control Ordinance).	Soil erosion and sediment control regulations in the Champaign County Storm Water Management and Erosion Control Ordinance were enforced for all Land Disturbance Erosion Control (LDEC) Permits.
24	D.2.1 Erosion and sediment control BMPs.	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Review and evaluate existing BMPs to determine which should be included in the erosion and sediment control ordinance. Review existing regulations and develop new regulations for ordinance.	Review plans and development for appropriate use of BMPs as required by adopted ordinance (Storm Water Management and Erosion Control Ordinance).	All Land Disturbance Erosion Control (LDEC) Permits were reviewed for use of appropriate BMPs.
25	D.3.1 Prohibit illegal dumping and illicit discharges into storm drainage system from construction activities.	<i>IN PROGRESS</i>	Enforce Storm Water Management and Erosion Control (SWMEC)	Enforce SWMEC Ordinance prohibition on illegal dumping and	The Storm Water Management and Erosion Control Ordinance includes a prohibition of illegal

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	BMP No.	Brief Description of Best Management Practice (BMP)	Status	Measurable Goal	Year 1 Milestone	Description of Activities
				Ordinance prohibition on illegal dumping and illicit discharge into drainage systems from construction activities. Review existing Nuisance Ordinance and, if needed, revise to prohibit illegal dumping and illicit discharge into drainage systems from construction activities, same as SWMEC Ordinance.	illicit discharge into drainage systems from construction activities.	dumping and illicit discharges from construction activities. Preliminary Nuisance Ordinance language has been drafted regarding illegal dumping and illicit discharges into drainage systems but has not yet been adopted.
26	D.4.1	Develop processes and procedures to evaluate proposed construction site runoff mechanisms.	COMPLETE	Develop procedures and processes to evaluate proposed construction site runoff mechanisms.	Develop, implement, and refine review procedures to evaluate proposed construction site runoff mechanisms.	Procedures to evaluate proposed construction site runoff mechanisms are refined in the review of LDEC Permits.
27	D.4.2	Training class or workshop for evaluating and inspecting construction site runoff control mechanisms.	COMPLETE	Director's designee attendance at training class or workshop for evaluating and inspecting construction site runoff control mechanisms.	Director's designee attends training.	Staff reviewed construction site inspector trainings presented by the EPA. Champaign County staff attended the Champaign County Stormwater Partnership Illinois Green Infrastructure & Erosion Control Conference on October 28 th , 2025.
28	D.6.1	Develop procedures and processes to inspect construction sites for compliance with construction site runoff mechanisms.	COMPLETE	Develop procedures and processes to inspect construction sites for compliance with construction site runoff mechanisms.	Develop and implement procedures and processes to inspect construction sites for compliance with construction site runoff mechanisms.	Procedures were refined as more experience was gained in the review of LDEC.

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29	D.7.1	Land Disturbance and Erosion Control (LDEC) permit inventory.	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Update inventory of all active LDEC permits within Champaign County MS4 jurisdiction/	Update LDEC permit database.	The LDEC permit database was created and is updated as needed.
30	E.1.1	Implement a public education program about the benefits of green infrastructure and green housekeeping in minimizing the volume of storm water runoff and pollutants from privately owned developed property.	<i>IN PROGRESS</i>	Add a Green Infrastructure page to the Champaign County website to educate landowners about the benefits of green infrastructure and green housekeeping in minimizing the volume of storm water runoff and pollutants from privately owned developed property.	Develop, implement, and maintain Champaign County Green Infrastructure & Green Housekeeping web page	Development of a Green Infrastructure & Green Housekeeping web page has begun by department staff. A draft webpage is on file and is awaiting publishment to the Planning & Zoning webpage.
31	E.1.2	Implement a public education program about the water quality impacts of overuse of fertilizers and pesticides in non-agricultural uses.	<i>IN PROGRESS</i>	Add a Sustainable Lawn Care page to the Champaign County website to educate landowners about the water quality impacts of overuse of fertilizers and pesticides in non-agricultural uses.	Develop and implement a Champaign County Sustainable Lawn Care web page.	Development of a Sustainable Lawn Care web page has begun by department staff. A draft webpage is on file and is awaiting publishment to the Planning & Zoning webpage.
32	E.2.1	Require annual inspections of publicly owned storm water management facilities (post-construction).	<i>IN PROGRESS</i>	Establish procedures for maintenance of publicly owned storm water management facilities (post-construction)	Develop and implement procedures for maintenance of publicly owned storm water management facilities (post-construction)	The procedures and inspection logs are currently kept on file. Inspections of County owned facilities did not occur in the program year.
33	E.3.1	Develop procedures to ensure that storm water management facilities are maintained to function as designed (post-construction).	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Develop and implement procedures to ensure that storm water facilities are maintained to function as designed (post-construction).	Develop and implement procedures to ensure that storm water facilities are maintained to function as designed (post-construction).	The Storm Water Management and Erosion Control Ordinance requires ongoing maintenance of storm water management facilities.

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	BMP No.	Brief Description of Best Management Practice (BMP)	Status	Measurable Goal	Year 1 Milestone	Description of Activities
34	E.3.2	Provide annual training in green infrastructure and/or low impact design techniques for all MS4 employees who manage or are directly involved in (or who retain others who manage or are directly involved in) the routine maintenance, repair, or replacement of public exterior surfaces. Require that contractors who are retained to manage or carry out the kinds of maintenance and relevant contractor employees also have annual training.	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Provide annual training in green infrastructure and/or low impact design techniques for all MS4 employees who manage or are directly involved in (or who retain others who manage or are directly involved in) the routine maintenance, repair, or replacement of public exterior surfaces. Require that contractors who are retained to manage or carry out the kinds of maintenance and relevant contractor employees also have annual training.	Provide annual training in green infrastructure and/or low impact design techniques for all relevant managers, employees, and/or contractors and contractor employees.	Staff from the Champaign County Planning and Zoning Department and Highway Department attended the Illinois Green Infrastructure & Erosion Control Conference on October, 28 th 2025.
35	E.4.1	Training class or workshop for evaluating and inspecting construction site runoff control mechanisms (post-construction).	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Director’s designee attendance at training class or workshop for evaluating and inspecting construction site runoff control mechanisms (post-construction).	Director’s designee attends training.	Staff reviewed construction site inspector trainings presented by the EPA. Champaign County staff attended the Champaign County Stormwater Partnership Illinois Green Infrastructure & Erosion Control Conference on October 28 th , 2025.
36	E.5.1	Develop procedures and processes to inspect construction sites for compliance with post-construction runoff control mechanisms.	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Develop procedures and processes to inspect construction sites for compliance with approved post-construction site runoff control mechanisms.	Develop and implement procedures to inspect construction sites for compliance with post-construction runoff control mechanisms.	The Storm Water Management and Erosion Control Ordinance requires “as-built” documentation. Champaign County Planning & Zoning Staff have been trained to inspect post-construction runoff control mechanisms.
37	E.7.1	Develop a program to minimize storm	<i>IN PROGRESS</i>	Implement a program to	Develop storm water	Programs and procedures to

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		water runoff and pollutants from privately owned developed property within the Champaign County MS4 jurisdiction.		minimize storm water runoff and pollutants from privately owned property to the extent allowable under state law.	runoff and pollutant mitigation program from privately owned developed property.	minimize runoff and pollutants from privately owned developed property are in development.
38	F.1.1	Spill prevention protocol.	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Conduct annual spill prevention training with appropriate County staff. Track meeting agenda, materials, and attendee sign-in sheet.	Complete annual spill prevention training with appropriate County staff.	The Champaign County Emergency Management Agency (CCEMA) conducted or participated in the following trainings in the program year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting – Jun 24 • Attended Lessons Learned from Montgomery County Dust Storm class – Jul 27 • Hosted Norfolk Southern Safety Train Aug 11th – 14th • Attended Railroad Hazardous Materials Exercise with Champaign Fire Department – Aug 15th • Attended Liberty Virtual Pipeline Safety Program training – Sep 23rd • Hosted the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting – Sep 29th • Hosted the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting – Nov 25th • Attended Paradigm Pipeline Safety Program at the I-Hotel – Jan 21st • Hosted the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting – Feb 24th

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended Summit of Railroad Hazmat Thought Leaders-United Command Workshop—Pueblo, CO- March 10-12
39	F.1.2	Spill response protocol.	COMPLETE	Conduct annual spill response training with appropriate County staff. Track meeting agenda, materials, and attendee sign-in sheet.	Complete annual spill response training with appropriate County staff.	<p>The Champaign County Emergency Management Agency (CEEMA) conducted or participated in the following trainings in the program year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting – Jun 24 • Attended Lessons Learned from Montgomery County Dust Storm class – Jul 27 • Hosted Norfolk Southern Safety Train Aug 11th – 14th • Attended Railroad Hazardous Materials Exercise with Champaign Fire Department – Aug 15th • Attended Lessons Learned from Teutopolis Anhydrous Incident presentation hosted by the Tolono Fire Protection District – Sep 20th • Attended Liberty Virtual Pipeline Safety Program training – Sep 23rd • Hosted the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting – Sep 29th • Attend Annual University of Illinois Spill Exercise—Sep 30th • Attended Annual Emergency Liaison meeting at Peoples Gas

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					facility, Manlove Field, in Fisher – Nov 21st • Hosted the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting – Nov 25th • Attended Paradigm Pipeline Safety Program at the I-Hotel – Jan 21st • Hosted the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting – Feb 24th • Attended Summit of Railroad Hazmat Thought Leaders-United Command Workshop—Pueblo, CO- March 10-12
40	F.1.3 Hazardous material and storage management training.	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Conduct annual hazardous material and storage management training with appropriate staff. Track meeting agenda, materials, and attendee sign-in sheet.	Complete annual hazardous material and storage management training with appropriate County staff.	All relevant hazardous materials storage and handling training reviewed with Facilities Director.
41	F.2.1 Inspections of County owned facilities. Track and log inspections and corrective actions if necessary.	<i>IN PROGRESS</i>	Quarterly inspections of County owned facilities during wet and dry periods.	Quarterly inspections and observations of County owned facilities.	Inspection logs and documents were drafted in the program year. No inspections occurred in the program year.
42	F.2.2 Municipal facility and stormwater control inventory.	<i>COMPLETE</i>	Develop and maintain inventory of municipally owned or operated facilities and stormwater controls.	Develop and maintain inventory.	The Municipal facility and storm water control inventory is developed and is kept on file.
43	F.6.1 Catch basin monitoring and cleaning schedule	<i>IN PROGRESS</i>	Develop a schedule to inspect municipally owned catch basins and schedule cleanings when appropriate.	Develop catch basin inspection and cleaning schedule.	The Champaign County Highway Department cleans catch basins on an as-needed basis. A schedule for cleanings is in development.

Attachment C. Information Collected for Year 1 (April 1, 2025- March 31, 2026)
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Champaign County collected the following information during the program year.

Table 12: Information Collected during Program Year 1 (April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026)

	Minimum Control Measure (MCM)	Description of Activities
1	Public Education and Outreach on Storm Water Impacts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Champaign County Department of Planning and Zoning distributed 17 handouts during the program year. • There are currently no permanent educational posters in public areas. • Seven educational posters presented at the biennial Green Infrastructure and Erosion Control Conference. • Five presentations made to groups regarding storm water impacts at the Green Infrastructure and Erosion Control Conference. • 370 surveys were distributed to residents of the MS4 jurisdiction within the Environmental Justice areas.
2	Public Involvement/Participation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three public forums took place within the program year. • One stream clean-up event occurred in the program year. • There was no training activities conducted regarding training volunteers on recognizing illicit discharges. • 30 comments about stormwater quality were submitted through the annual stormwater survey.
3	Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five dry weather inspections were made. • One illicit discharge was eliminated. • Seven educational presentations and/or information were presented to commercial groups regarding illicit discharges.

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4	Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four pre-construction meetings and/or reviews were conducted by the Champaign County Department of Planning & Zoning. • Twenty-one site inspections were conducted at current Land Disturbance & Erosion Control permit construction sites. • One violation was found during site inspections. • One corrective action was taken. • There were two training classes held for contractors involved in the construction process. • During the program year, the Department of Planning & Zoning required contractors to install perimeter silt fences, straw berms, stabilized construction entrances & grass buffer strips before and during construction.
5	Post-Construction Storm Water Management in New Development and Redevelopment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were two training classes held for contractors involved in the post-construction process. • During the program year, contractors installed grass buffer strips, vegetative buffers & a wet detention basin.
6	Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 trainings were conducted during the program year. • There were no pollution prevention inspections of County facilities conducted in the program year. • There are currently no street sweeping activities conducted by the Champaign County Highway Department. • Catch basin cleanings are cleaned as needed and there are no reports of cleanings conducted during the program year. • There were no reported landscape material reduction activities during the program year.

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A.1.1	Prepare handouts containing storm water quality information and present them at permit counter.	Develop and distribute educational material handouts.	Distribute and maintain handouts.	Distribute and maintain handouts.
A.2.1	Inform business groups about MS4, NPDES and BMPs.	Conduct one presentation per year upon request.	Conduct one presentation upon request.	Conduct one presentation upon request.
A.2.2	Inform developers, contractors, engineering, and architecture groups about MS4, NPDES and BMPs.	Conduct one presentation per year upon request.	Conduct one presentation upon request.	Conduct one presentation upon request.
A.2.3	Inform environmental groups about MS4, NPDES and BMPs.	Conduct one presentation per year upon request.	Conduct one presentation upon request.	Conduct one presentation upon request.
A.6.1	Educational and informational material on web page.	Update web pages with annual reports and informational materials on pollution reduction for targeted residential and commercial uses.	Update and maintain web page.	Update and maintain web page.
A.6.2	Annually assess Champaign County education and outreach program for change in behavior and public awareness.	Annually assess education and outreach programs for modifications when needed.	Assess education and outreach program.	Assess education and outreach program.
B.3.1	Attend Salt Fork Watershed quarterly meetings.	Champaign County staff will attend quarterly watershed group meetings.	Attend quarterly meetings.	Attend quarterly meetings.
B.4.1	Comply with applicable state and local public notice requirements.	Annual number of meetings with MS4 related topics. Maintain electronic records of notices, agendas, and public participation.	Provide notice of MS4 related meetings and provide opportunities for public input.	Provide notice of MS4 related meetings and provide opportunities for public input.
B.6.1	Intergovernmental Storm Water Management group meetings (coordination meetings for all Champaign County MS4 jurisdictions)	Hold at least 4 coordination meetings each year.	Attend meetings.	Attend meetings.
B.6.2	Prepare a storm water survey that can be used annually to capture public comments on the MS4 Storm Water Program.	Conduct the annual MS4 Storm Water Survey on the County website.	Make the MS4 Storm Water Survey available on the Champaign County website.	Make the MS4 Storm Water Survey available on the Champaign County website.
B.6.3	Hold Annual Public Storm Water Meeting at the Champaign County Board's Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC) Meeting to receive public	Have the Champaign County Unincorporated MS4 Area Storm Water Program as an Agenda item at one ELUC Meeting each year.	Have the Champaign County Unincorporated MS4 Area Storm Water Program as an Agenda	Have the Champaign County Unincorporated MS4 Area Storm Water Program as an Agenda item at the May ELUC Meeting.

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	comments regarding the Champaign County Unincorporated MS4 Area Storm Water Program.		item at the May ELUC Meeting.	
B.6.4	Identify Environmental Justice areas within the Unincorporated Champaign County MS4 Area and provide appropriate public participation.	Identify Environmental Justice (EJ) areas within the Unincorporated Champaign County MS4 Area based on most current state economic data and randomly sample the EJ area population for storm water concerns via postal mail with prepaid reply envelopes. Review annual survey results at the Annual Public Storm Water Meeting at the Champaign County Board’s Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC).	Identify Environmental Justice (EJ) areas within the Unincorporated Champaign County MS4 Area based on most current state economic data and randomly sample the EJ area population for storm water concerns via postal mail with prepaid reply envelopes and review annual survey results at the Annual Public Storm Water Meeting the Champaign County Board’s Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC).	Identify Environmental Justice (EJ) areas within the Unincorporated Champaign County MS4 Area based on most current state economic data and randomly sample the EJ area population for storm water concerns via postal mail with prepaid reply envelopes and review annual survey results at the Annual Public Storm Water Meeting at the Champaign County Board’s Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC).
B.7.1	Fund aspects of NPDES MS4 implementation in the County’s Land Resource Management Plan implementation budget including public involvement when appropriate.	Include NPDES MS4 requirements in the County’s Land Resource Management Plan and include in annual long-range work plan as required.	Include MS4 in work plan for FY25.	Include MS4 in work plan for FY26.
C.1.1	Map drainage system outfalls into streams and rivers.	Complete a system wide update annually.	Update Champaign County Unincorporated MS4 Area storm sewer system map as new information arises.	Update Champaign County Unincorporated MS4 Area storm sewer system map as new information arises.

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C.1.2	Map priority areas in Champaign County MS4 jurisdiction likely to have illicit discharges.	Annual update of mapped priority areas in the Champaign County MS4 jurisdiction.	Update priority areas annually.	Update priority areas annually.
C.2.1	Prohibit illegal dumping and illicit discharges into drainage systems through Nuisance Ordinance.	Review existing Nuisance Ordinance and revise to include illegal dumping and illicit discharges into drainage systems.	Enforce amended Ordinance.	Enforce amended Ordinance.
C.3.1	Maintain citizen complaint phone line for illegal dumping and illicit discharges into drainage systems.	Maintain phone line.	Maintain complaint phone line and record of complaints.	Maintain complaint phone line and record of complaints.
C.3.2	Establish citizen complaint phone line for non-complying and/or non-functioning private sewage treatment systems.	Develop and maintain phone line.	Maintain complaint phone line and record of complaints.	Maintain complaint phone line and record of complaints.
C.3.3	Create a database of existing private sewage treatments systems and develop a management plan to bring non-compliant systems into compliance.	Create database and develop, adopt and implement management plan.	Create database and develop management plan.	Create database and develop management plan.
C.6.1	Annual report to the Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC) of the Champaign County Board.	Present annual report and place on file.	Complete annual report and place on file.	Complete annual report and place on file.
C.7.1	Annual inspections of storm sewer outfalls in dry weather.	Inspect storm sewer outfalls for non-storm water discharges and illegal dumping.	Complete annual dry weather inspection.	Complete annual dry weather inspection.
C.10.1	Develop and implement procedures to detect, trace and remove illicit discharge.	Implement illicit discharge detection and elimination program.	Develop illicit discharge detection and elimination procedures.	Develop and implement illicit discharge detection and elimination procedures.
D.1.1	Soil erosion and sediment control regulations.	Review existing erosion and sediment control regulations. Prepare draft regulations for County Board adoption and enforce adopted regulations.	Enforce Storm Water Management and Erosion Control Ordinance.	Enforce Storm Water Management and Erosion Control Ordinance.
D.2.1	Erosion and sediment control BMPs.	Review and evaluate existing BMPs to determine which should be included in the erosion and sediment control ordinance. Review existing	Review plans and development for appropriate use of BMPs as required by adopted	Review plans and development for appropriate use of BMPs as required by adopted ordinance (Storm Water

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		regulations and develop new regulations for the ordinance.	ordinance (Storm Water Management and Erosion Control Ordinance).	Management and Erosion Control Ordinance).
D.3.1	Prohibit illegal dumping and illicit discharges into storm drainage system from construction activities.	Enforce Storm Water Management and Erosion Control (SWMEC) Ordinance prohibition on illegal dumping and illicit discharge into drainage systems from construction activities. Review existing Nuisance Ordinance and, if needed, revise to prohibit illegal dumping and illicit discharge into drainage systems from construction activities, same as SWMEC Ordinance.	Enforce SWMEC Ordinance prohibition on illegal dumping and illicit discharges into drainage systems from construction activities..	Enforce SWMEC Ordinance prohibition on illegal dumping and illicit discharges into drainage systems from construction activities.
D.4.1	Develop procedures and processes to evaluate proposed construction site runoff mechanisms.	Develop procedures and processes to evaluate proposed construction site runoff mechanisms.	Develop, implement, and refine review procedures to evaluate proposed construction site runoff mechanisms.	Develop, implement, and refine review procedures to evaluate proposed construction site runoff mechanisms.
D.4.2	Training class/workshop for evaluating and inspecting construction site runoff control mechanism.	Director’s designee attendance at training class or workshop for evaluating and inspecting construction site runoff control mechanisms.	Director’s designee attends training.	Director’s designee attends training.
D.6.1	Develop procedures and processes to inspect construction sites for compliance with construction site runoff mechanisms.	Develop procedures and processes to inspect construction sites for compliance with construction site runoff mechanisms.	Develop and implement procedures and processes to inspect construction sites for compliance with construction site runoff mechanisms.	Develop and implement procedures and processes to inspect construction sites for compliance with construction site runoff mechanisms.
D.7.1	Land Disturbance and Erosion Control (LDEC) permit inventory.	Update inventory of all active LDEC permits disturbing an acre or greater of land within Champaign County MS4 jurisdiction.	Update LDEC permit database.	Update LDEC permit database.

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E.1.1	Implement a public education program about the benefits of green infrastructure and green housekeeping in minimizing the volume of storm water runoff and pollutants from existing privately owned developed property.	Add a Green Infrastructure page to the Champaign County website to educate landowners about the benefits of green infrastructure and green housekeeping in minimizing the volume of storm water runoff and pollutants from existing privately-owned developed property.	Develop, implement and maintain a Champaign County Green Infrastructure & Green Housekeeping web page.	Maintain the Champaign County Green Infrastructure & Green Housekeeping web page.
E.1.2	Implement a public education program about the water quality impacts of overuse of fertilizers and pesticides in non-agricultural uses.	Add a Sustainable Lawn Care page to the Champaign County website to educate landowners about the water quality impacts of overuse of fertilizers and pesticides in non-agricultural uses.	Develop, implement and maintain a Champaign County Sustainable Lawn Care web page.	Maintain the Champaign County Sustainable Lawn Care web page.
E.2.1	Require annual inspections of publicly owned storm water management facilities (post-construction).	Establish procedures for maintenance of publicly owned storm water management facilities (post-construction).	Develop and implement procedures for maintenance of publicly owned storm water management facilities (post-construction).	Develop and implement procedures for maintenance of publicly owned storm water management facilities (post-construction).
E.3.1	Develop procedures to ensure that storm water facilities are maintained to function as designed (post- construction).	Develop and implement procedures to ensure that storm water facilities are maintained to function as designed (post-construction).	Develop and implement procedures to ensure that storm water facilities are maintained to function as designed (post-construction).	Implement procedures to ensure that storm water facilities are maintained to function as designed (post-construction).
E.3.2	Provide annual training in green infrastructure and/or low impact design techniques for all MS4 employees who manage or are directly involved in (or who retain others who manage or are directly involved in) the routine maintenance, repair, or replacement of public exterior surfaces. Require that contractors who are retained to manage or carry out the kinds of maintenance and relevant contractor employees also have annual training.	Provide annual training in green infrastructure and/or low impact design techniques for all MS4 employees who manage or are directly involved in (or who retain others who manage or are directly involved in) the routine maintenance, repair, or replacement of public exterior surfaces. Require that contractors who are retained to manage or carry out the kinds of	Provide annual training in green infrastructure and/or low impact design techniques for all relevant managers, employees, and/or contractors and contractor employees.	Provide annual training in green infrastructure and/or low impact design techniques for all relevant managers, employees, and/or contractors and contractor employees.

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		maintenance and relevant contractor employees also have annual training.		
E.4.1	Training class or workshop for evaluating and inspecting construction site runoff control mechanisms.	Director’s designee attendance at training class or workshop for evaluating and inspecting construction site runoff control mechanisms.	Director’s designee attends training.	Director’s designee attends training.
E.5.1	Develop procedures and processes to inspect construction sites for compliance with ongoing construction runoff control mechanisms.	Implement procedures to inspect construction sites for compliance with approved runoff control mechanisms during and after construction.	Develop and implement procedures to inspect construction sites for compliance with approved runoff control mechanisms during and after construction.	Develop and implement procedures to inspect construction sites for compliance with approved runoff control mechanisms during and after construction.
E.7.1	Develop a program to minimize storm water runoff and pollutants from privately owned developed property within the Champaign County MS4 jurisdiction.	Implement a program to minimize storm water runoff and pollutants from privately owned property to the extent allowable under state law.	Develop storm water runoff and pollutant mitigation program from privately owned developed property.	Implement storm water runoff and pollutant mitigation program from privately owned developed property.
F.1.1	Spill prevention protocol.	Conduct annual spill prevention training with appropriate County staff. Track meeting agenda, materials, and attendee sign-in sheet.	Complete annual spill prevention training with appropriate County staff.	Complete annual spill prevention training with appropriate County staff.
F.1.2	Spill response protocol.	Conduct annual spill response training with appropriate County staff. Track meeting agenda, materials and attendee sign-in sheet.	Complete annual spill response training with appropriate County staff.	Complete annual spill response training with appropriate County staff.
F.1.3	Hazardous material and storage management training.	Conduct annual hazardous material and storage management training with appropriate County staff. Track meeting agenda, materials and attendee sign-in sheet.	Complete annual hazardous material and storage management training with appropriate County staff.	Complete annual hazardous material and storage management training with appropriate County staff.
F.2.1	Inspections of County owned facilities. Track and log inspections and corrective actions if necessary.	Quarterly inspections of County owned facilities during wet and dry periods.	Quarterly inspections and observations of County owned facilities.	Quarterly inspections and observations of County owned facilities.

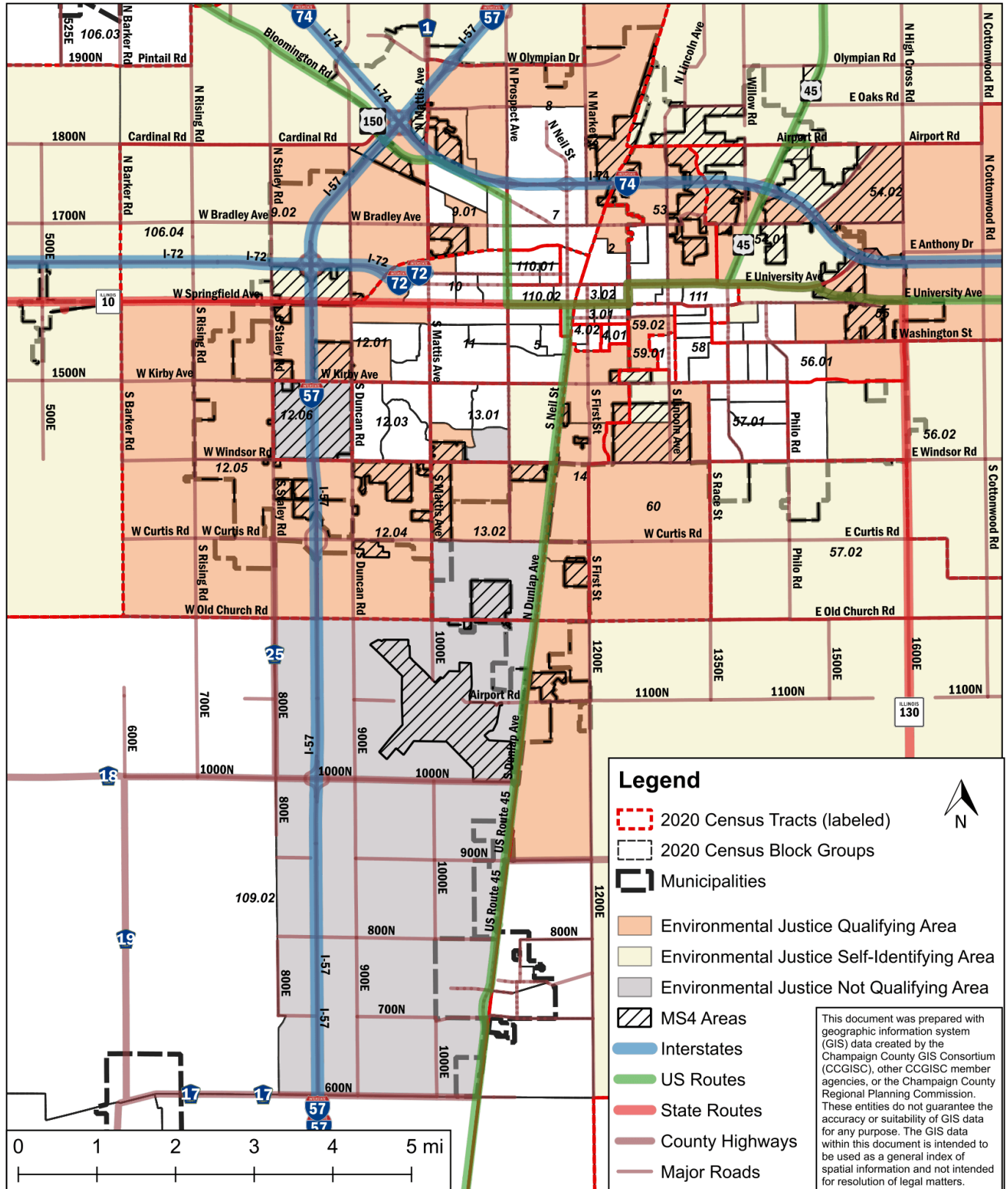
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F.2.2	Municipal facility and storm water control inventory.	Develop and maintain inventory of municipally owned or operated facilities and storm water controls.	Develop and maintain inventory.	Maintain inventory.
F.6.1	Catch basin monitoring and cleaning schedule.	Develop a schedule to inspect municipally owned catch basins and schedule cleanings when appropriate.	Develop catch basin inspection and cleaning schedule.	Implement catch basin inspection and cleaning schedule.

MS4 Environmental Justice (EJ) Areas: Champaign-Urbana Urban Area

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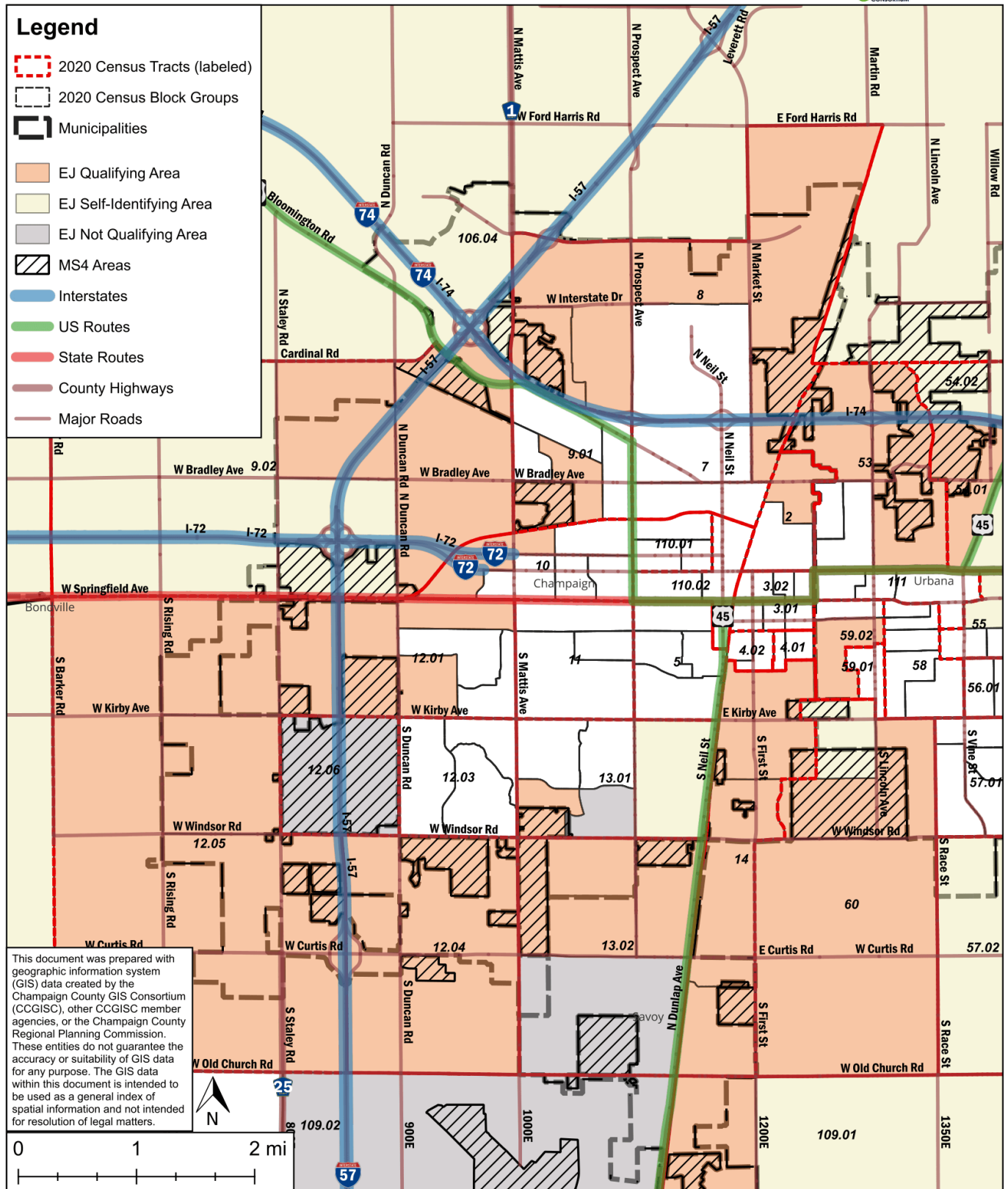
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MS4 Environmental Justice (EJ) Areas: Champaign Area Detailed Map

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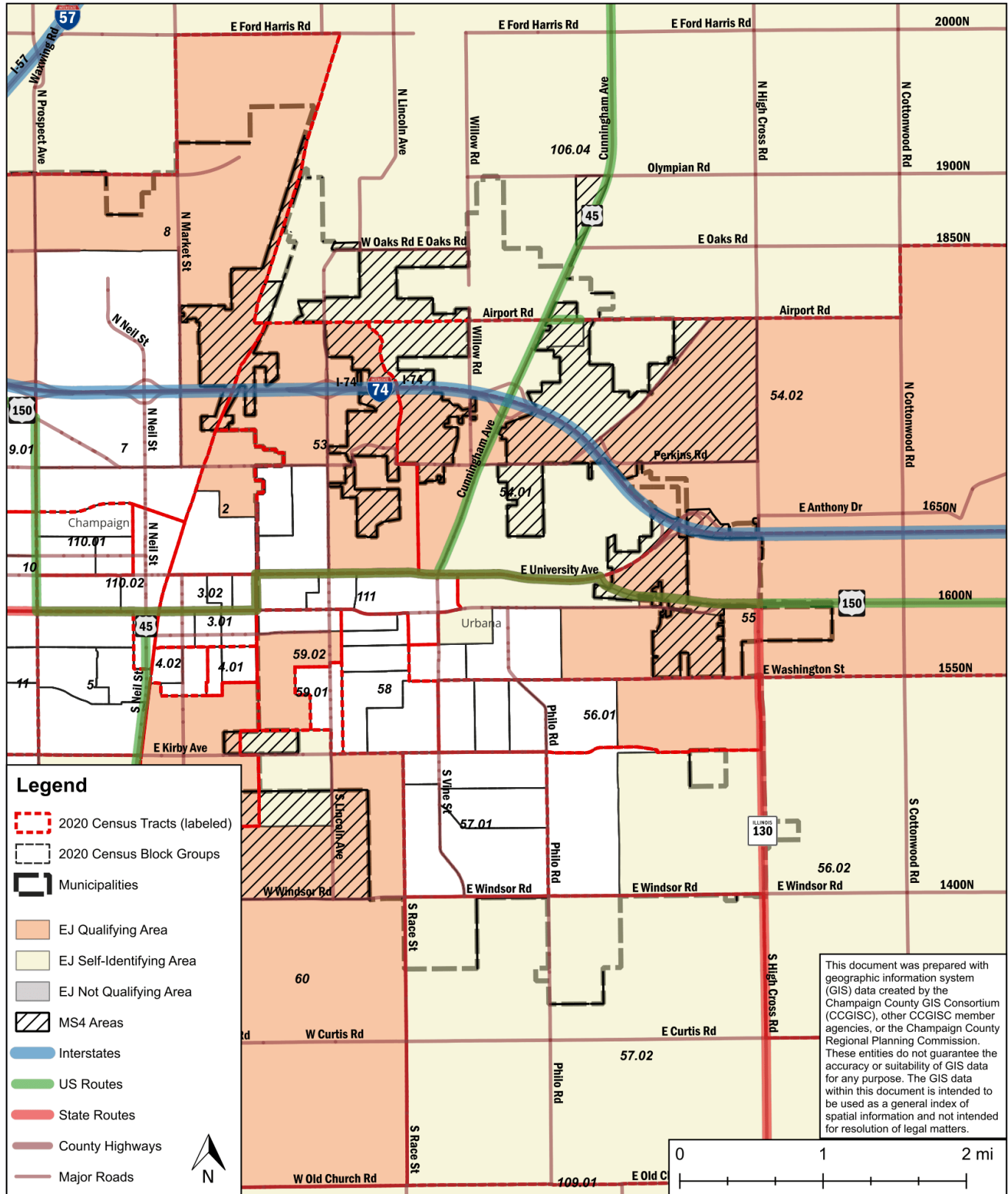
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MS4 Environmental Justice (EJ) Areas: Urbana Area Detailed Map

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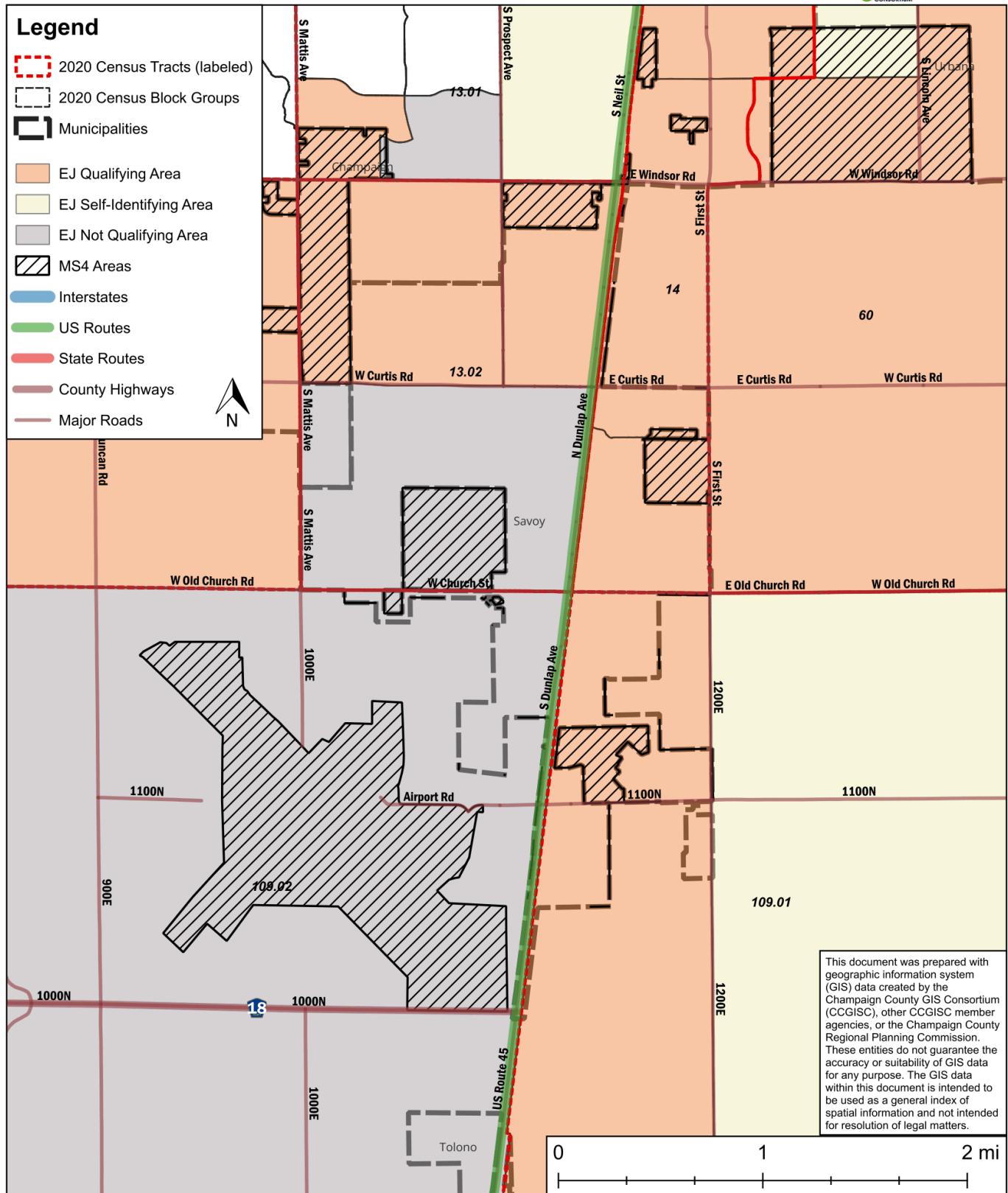
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MS4 Environmental Justice (EJ) Areas: Savoy Area Detailed Map

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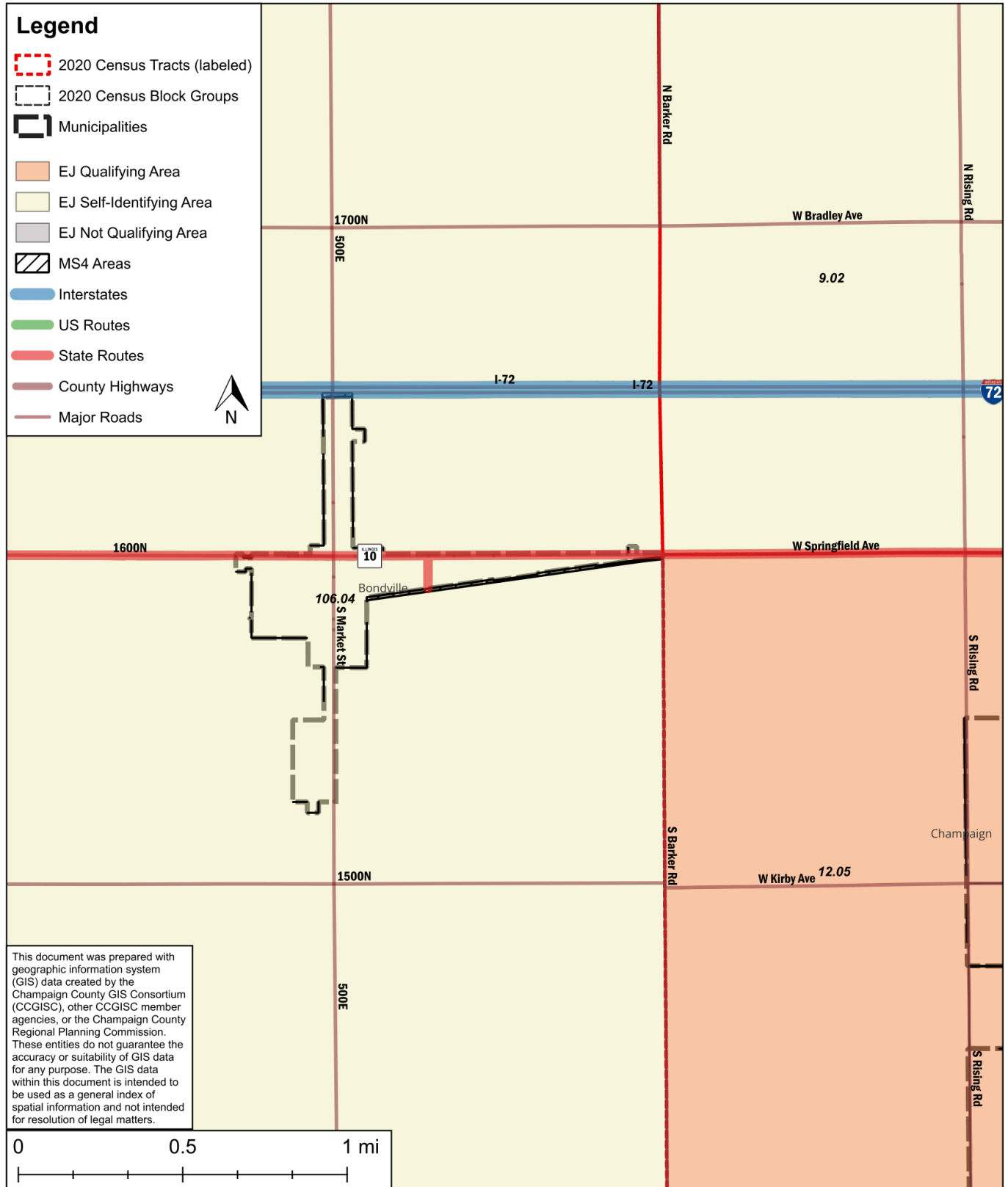
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MS4 Environmental Justice (EJ) Areas: Bondville Area Detailed Map

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Survey Intent

The Champaign County MS4 Area Storm Water Survey is administered to identify citizen concerns related to storm water within the Champaign County Urbanized Area. The Champaign County Urbanized Area includes Champaign, Urbana, Savoy and Bondville.

The annual survey is conducted to satisfy the Champaign County MS4 Storm Water National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Annual Facility Report identified best management practice requirement regarding Public Involvement and Participation of Environmental Justice (EJ) Areas within the Unincorporated MS4 Area.

MS4 Environmental Justice Areas with the unincorporated portion of the Champaign County Urbanized Area are updated every year. The Storm Water Survey is a sampling of those MS4 Environmental Justice Areas within the Unincorporated Area.

The MS4 Survey is also available to anyone on the Champaign County website. Results from the online Survey are combined with the MS4 Survey of Environmental Justice Areas.

The results of the MS4 Survey are reported in the Annual MS4 Facility Inspection Report for the reporting period in which the MS4 Survey was conducted.

Study Area

Attachment E are maps of the Champaign County Unincorporated Area MS4 Environmental Justice Areas as of January 9th 2026.

Study Area Population

In 2026, Champaign County's MS4 qualifying EJ Jurisdiction population is roughly 7,200 people.

Sample Size and Survey Distribution

In February of 2026, a total of 370 surveys were mailed to a randomly selected sample of recipients residing within qualifying Environmental Justice areas of the Champaign County MS4 Area. A Spanish copy of the survey is available upon request. The survey is also available on the Champaign County Department of Planning and Zoning Storm Water Program webpage.

Response Rate

A total of 44 mailed survey responses and 2 online survey responses were received for a response rate of 13.8%. A 10%-15% response rate for a survey distributed by mail is considered an average.

Follow-up Contact regarding County Board Review

A total of 11 respondents indicated they wanted to be notified about the Environment and Land Use Committee review of survey results; 2 of these respondents did not list contact information.

Survey Results

The Survey questions are numbered below as they appear on the Survey. A blank copy of the survey is attached immediately following the results. The survey results are below:

Attachment F. Champaign County Unincorporated MS4 Area Storm Water Survey Results April, 2026
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS MS4 ANNUAL FACILITY INSPECTION REPORT
 REPORTING PERIOD YEAR 1 (4/1/25 – 3/31/26) APRIL 1, 2026

1. Is there a location in the Champaign County MS4 Area or Urbanized Area where you believe storm water drainage causes a problem during or after a rain event?

43% Yes 57% No 0% No Response

	Location	Within Champaign County MS4 Area?	Type of Problem caused by Storm Water Drainage
1	Smith Rd & Washington St	No	Stormwater in the street that seems to interfere with traffic during large rain events.
2	Slayback St	Yes	Stormwater in the street that seems to interfere with traffic during large rain events.
3	Dobbins Dr & Welland Dr	Yes	Stormwater in the street that seems to interfere with traffic during large rain events. Stormwater so deep that it may be a safety concern during large rain events.
4	Berkley Ave & Thompson St	Yes	Stormwater in the street that seems to interfere with traffic during large rain events.
5	Vine St Under RR Crossing	No	Stormwater in the street that seems to interfere with traffic during large rain events. Stormwater so deep that it may be a safety concern during large rain events
6	Roland Dr & Dobbins Dr	Yes	Stormwater in the street that seems to interfere with traffic during large rain events.
7	Cherry Hills Dr & Windsor Rd	No	Stormwater in the street that seems to interfere with traffic during large rain events.
8	In front of Jefferson Middle School	No	Stormwater in the street that seems to interfere with traffic during large rain events.
9	Drain in front of 121 Scottswood	Yes	Stormwater in the street that seems to interfere with traffic during any rain event. Stormwater so deep that it may be a safety concern during any rain event
10	South of my Property	?	Stormwater in the street that seems to interfere with traffic during large rain events. In 24 years living here have had several instances of water backing near house – Grate is not centered so it is not adequately draining.
11	Hagan Blvd & E Kenyon	No	Stormwater in the street that seems to interfere with traffic during large rain events. Stormwater so deep that it may be a safety concern during large rain events

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	Location	Within Champaign County MS4 Area?	Type of Problem caused by Storm Water Drainage
12	4 th & Church	No	Stormwater in the street that seems to interfere with traffic during large rain events. Stormwater so deep that it may be a safety concern during large rain events.
13	Open Park area SW of Park Lane Dr & Lyndhurst Dr. in area called The Arbours.	No	Stormwater that causes property damage by flooding a building(s) during large rain events. Stormwater so deep that it seems to interfere with traffic during large rain events.
14	Dobbins Dr & Roland Dr extending towards Campbell Dr	Yes	Stormwater in the street that seems to interfere with traffic during large rain events.
15	E. Perkins Rd in Urbana, across from Tatman's Towing	?	Stormwater in the street that seems to interfere with traffic during large rain events. Stormwater so deep that it may be a safety concern during large rain events.
16	Viaduct on E Washington St	No	Stormwater in the street that seems to interfere with traffic during large rain events. Stormwater so deep that it may be a safety concern during large rain events.
17	Cove Creek Pl & Coppertree Rd	Yes	Stormwater in the street that seems to interfere with traffic during large rain events. Enough to attract waterfowl & mosquitos.
18	Mattis Ave & St. Mary's Rd	No	Stormwater in the street that seems to interfere with traffic during large events.
19	Amherst Dr between Glenshire Dr & Danbury Dr	Yes	Storm water in the street that seems to interfere with traffic during any rain. Storm water in the street that seems to interfere with traffic during large rain events. Storm water so deep that it may be a safety concern during large rain events. The pipes from the storm drains are heavily clogged with debris. During heavy rains the street completely floods with 1-2 feet of water, overflowing the curbs into the parkways and up driveways, but not to houses. Cars have a very hard time going down the street and create large waves and flying water as they go through the flood. The drains are NOT clogged. It takes about an hour for the water to recede down the drains, leaving behind large amounts of dirt in the street. I have pictures and video of the events when they occur. I suspect a good hydro flush would help!
20	Georgetown Circle & Harrington Drive	Yes	Stormwater that collects on the corner and in the winter freezes, so makes a large icy area that is hard to treat with salting trucks; water gets several inches deep.

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2. Is there any location in the Champaign County MS4 Area or Urbanized Area where you believe storm water gets polluted?

7% Yes 93% No 0% No Response

	Location	Within Champaign County MS4 Area?	Pollution concerns
1	Dobbins Dr & Welland Dr	Yes	Trash on the ground or in the street that may wash into the storm sewer system. Trash in the water that is unpleasant to see.
2	Hagan Blvd & E Kenyon Rd	No	Trash on the ground or in the street that may wash into the storm sewer system.
3	Washington St & Market St	No	Trash on the ground or in the street that may wash into the storm sewer system.

3. Do you recreate at any location in the Champaign County MS4 Area or Urbanized Area where water is a prominent feature?

15% Yes 85% No 0% No Response

	Location	Within Champaign County MS4?	Type of Recreation	Water quality concerns
1	Crystal Lake Park	No	Walking along or near the shore.	
2	Crystal Lake Park	No	Fishing from the shore. Boating.	
3	Boneyard Creek.	No	Walking along or near the shore. Events, Movies, Music.	
4	Ponds in Robeson Meadows	No	Overrun w/ aquatic plants & too much goose poop.	
5	Danbury Dr & Englewood Dr	Yes	Walking along or near the shore. Fishing. Watching Wildlife.	
6	Water's Edge Rd & Crail Rd	No	Walking along or near the shore. Fishing from the shore.	

4. Please feel free to add any other comments you may have regarding storm water in the Champaign County MS4 Area or Urbanized Area:

Washington St by the Dart Factory has flooding issues
The circle in front of 121 Scottswood Dr Urbana floods, Random cars that don't even belong to any of the houses are parked in the circle. They block street cleaners. Please make it no parking so the circle can be cleaned. These cars block snow removal as well.
Don't think storm drain is adequate* (<i>*Undisclosed location</i>).
My lots flood with standing water - then storm drain floods Hagan Blvd and the water backs up from Kenyon drain to my backyard. The Hagan Blvd storm drain back up floods my driveway and alley near as well.
Area on 4th between University and Bradley floods heavily during heavy rain.
I believe the water retention pond in my backyard is healthy and supports a variety of wildlife.
<p>Dear Steve, and to All Whom This May Concern,</p> <p>Thank You for sending out the Storm Water Survey this past month, January 26, 2026. We did not get to your survey but would like to pass along some thoughts and how we feel about stormwater runoff in our area.</p> <p>Mostly having worked in Nature Education, Gardening including for Ecological Restoration and Permaculture, and Wetland Ecology in our family, along with supporting education in watershed groups, when we see a good deal of water temporarily built up in our ditches, along our road, and in retention areas, we would love to see a great deal more of this managed into Raingardens, using native local genotype plants, like ephemerally wet prairie plantings, to support from there other interdependent species. Too often, when stormwater runoff detention basins are put in they could actually operate more as ephemeral wetlands to raingardens. Only a few years ago we had many more frogs and toads as the most obvious members of such, coming to our home by the closest retention basin, until redone. There are great studies now on how healthy wetlands support predators of mosquito larvae to adults, like of our dragonflies and damselflies, who are shown to actually greatly reduce mosquito populations that may occur from gutters and other less manageable and less natural standing water sources.</p> <p>The Prairie habitats of this general regions are understood to have long been 40 - 60% ephemeral wetlands before Euro-American acquisition. Some of these would be wooded as well. So much of this has been shunted off for fear of mosquitoes, while we were contaminating wetlands, so species dependent on healthier organisms could not survive.</p> <p>As climate changes bear less frequent while stronger storm flows - anywhere we can temporarily hold back runoff reduces erosion of soils into our streams, reducing stream entrenchment away from flood plains, and allows for water recharge into soils and plants, including trees, more commonly suffering increasing drought, just as this short term retention of storm waters may recharge into aquifers.</p> <p>We appreciate any education you can provide and support to others, locally, regarding such restorative solutions, especially as we are in mass extinction, and can afford all the restoration we can manage, also by growing cultural awareness and relatedness, and celebration of regional ecology.</p> <p>We are seeing increasing droughts, while living in the 'Midwest breadbasket' means losing all but .1 to .01% of critical habitat, so heading toward losing corresponding numbers of species; making this area, according to Restoration Ecology guru Bill Jordan, 'Where ecological restoration began, as we had so little left to preserve.'</p> <p>We are grateful to have been able to restore native plants from our raingardens into wetlands in our local parks, working closely and enjoyably with local Park staff, and their students, including our daughter - from our little home - along with volunteering to survey amphibians for such support, with those who hold a passion and delight for healing the wondrous life of our region.</p>

Optional Section

1. Age:

0% 16-19

2% 20-29

4% 30-39

7% 40-49

4% 50-59

30% 60-69

22% 70-79

24% 80-89

0% 90+

7% No Response

2. Gender:

56% Male

33% Female

9% No Response

2% Prefer not to Respond

3. Ethnic/Race groups you most identify with (check all that apply):

4% African American/Black

0% American Indian or Alaska Native

0% Asian

0% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

87% White/Caucasian

2% Hispanic/Latino

0% two or more races

0% Other

7% No Response

4. Please indicate the nearest street intersection to your home:

80% In the CC MS4 area

9% Out of the CC MS4 area

2% Not specific enough

9% No response

5. Please indicate the major watershed that you live in:

54% Vermilion Watershed

24% Upper Kaskaskia Watershed

9% Embarras Watershed

13% No Response

6. Would you like to receive notice of the meeting of the Champaign County Board at which the results of this survey will be considered?

20% Yes, gave contact information

4% Yes, gave no contact information

76% No response

Champaign County MS4 Area Storm Water Survey

The purpose of this survey is to identify citizen concerns related to storm water within the Champaign County MS4 Area. The map provided on page 2 identifies the Champaign County MS4 Area and the larger Urbanized Area.

This survey is conducted as part of the Champaign County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Storm Water Program, as required by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water Program administered by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Any resident of Champaign County may participate in this survey. However, we ask that you submit only one completed survey.

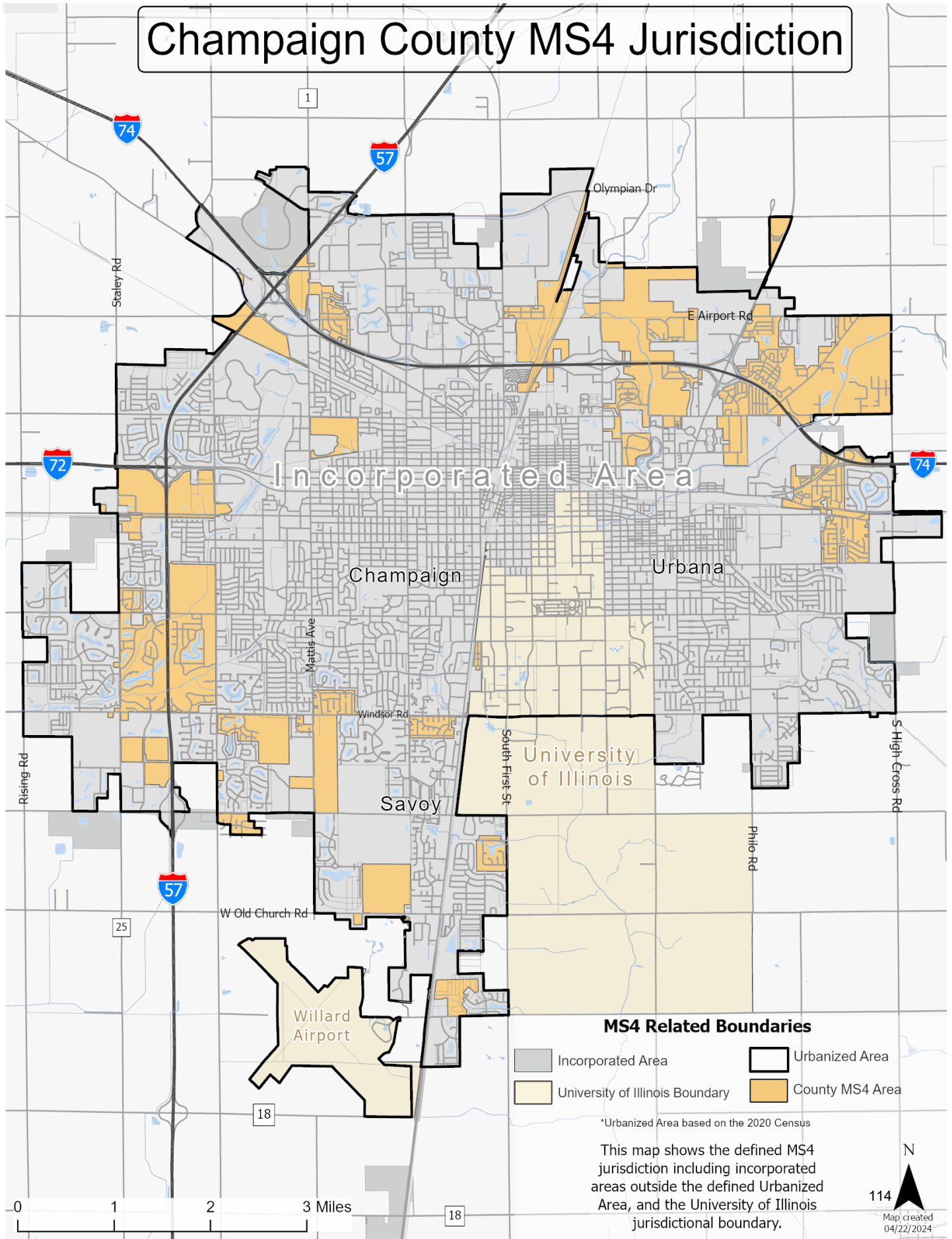
Please complete and return the survey as soon as possible. For your convenience, we include a postage-paid return envelope.

If you have a question about the Champaign County MS4 Storm Water Program or this survey, please contact the Department of Planning and Zoning at 217-384-3708 or zoningdept@champaigncountyil.gov

Si desea recibir una copia en Español de esta misma encuesta, por favor póngase en contacto con el Departamento de Planificación y Zonificación (teléfono 217-384-3708 o correo electrónico: zoningdept@champaigncountyil.gov).

Please proceed to the Survey on the following pages.

Champaign County MS4 Jurisdiction



MS4 Related Boundaries

Incorporated Area	Urbanized Area
University of Illinois Boundary	County MS4 Area

*Urbanized Area based on the 2020 Census

This map shows the defined MS4 jurisdiction including incorporated areas outside the defined Urbanized Area, and the University of Illinois jurisdictional boundary.



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Map created 04/22/2024

1. a. **Is there a location in the Champaign County MS4 Area or Urbanized Area where you believe storm water drainage causes a problem during or after a rain event?** Yes No

b. If you answered 'YES,' please describe that location or indicate the nearest street intersection: _____

c. If you answered 'YES,' please indicate the type of problem caused by storm water drainage at the location above. Check all that apply:

Storm water that causes property damage by flooding a building(s) during: any rain large rain events

Storm water in the street that seems to interfere with traffic during: any rain large rain events

Storm water so deep that it may be a safety concern during: any rain large rain events

Other (please explain):

2. a. **Is there any location in the Champaign County MS4 Area or Urbanized Area where you believe storm water gets polluted?** Yes No

b. If you answered 'YES,' please describe that location or indicate the nearest street intersection: _____

c. If you answered 'YES,' please indicate the type of pollution you believe occurs at the location above. Check all that apply:

Trash on the ground or in the street that may wash into the storm sewer system

Washing of business vehicles in other than in a car wash facility

Septic system release of sewage (septage) onto the ground or into a stream

A sanitary sewer that overflows onto the surface of the ground and/or empties into a stream

Dumping of motor oil into a storm drain or onto the surface of the ground

Dumping of unknown liquids into a storm drain or other part of the storm sewer system

A liquid other than water that drains out of a pipe even during dry periods

Other: (please explain):

continued on next page

3. a. Do you recreate at any location in the Champaign County MS4 Area or Urbanized Area where water is a prominent feature? Yes No

b. If you answered 'YES,' please describe that location or indicate the nearest street intersection: _____

c. If you answered 'YES,' please indicate the type of recreation you take part in at this location. Check all that apply:

- Walking along or near the shore
- Fishing: from the shore from a boat
- Boating
- Wading and/or swimming
- Other (please explain):

d. If you indicated 'YES' above, do you have concerns about water quality at this location? Yes No
If so, please indicate your water quality concern(s) below. Check all that apply.

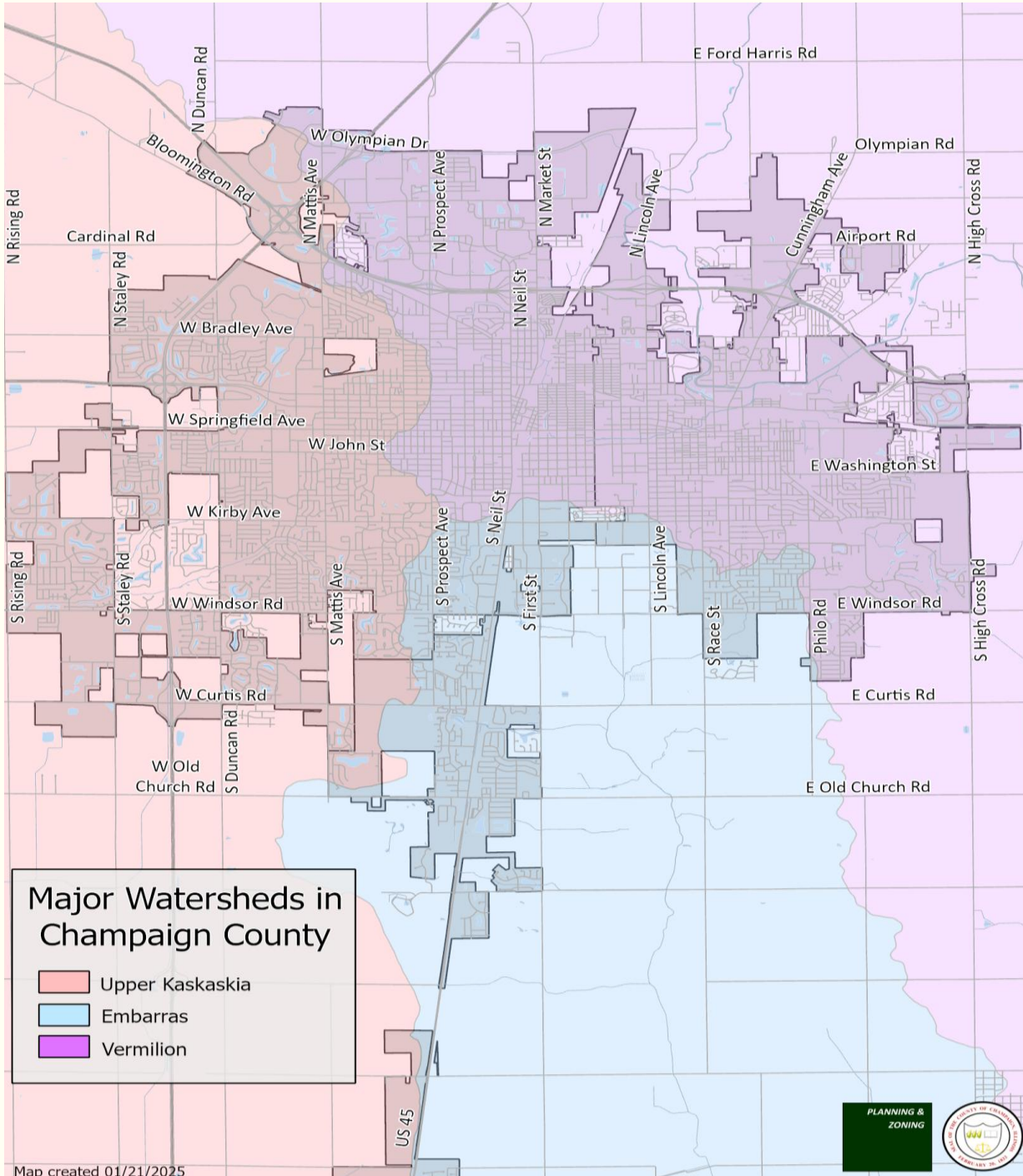
- Trash in the water that is unpleasant to see
- Trash in the water that causes pollution
- Bank or shore erosion that harms the quality of the aquatic environment
- Other pollution that is visible in the water and that harms the quality of the aquatic environment
- Other pollution in the water that may harm either myself or others who may come into contact with the pollution
- Catching fish that may be unsafe to eat due to pollution
- Other (please explain):

4. Please feel free to add any other comments you may have regarding storm water in the Champaign County MS4 Area or Urbanized Area:

5. Please indicate the nearest street intersection to your home: _____

The nearest intersection location will be used only to provide a general context for your survey responses. Please be assured that your contact information will continue to remain anonymous.

6. Please indicate the major watershed that you live in: _____



7. Responses to this survey will be reported anonymously to the Champaign County Board. If you would like to receive notice of the meeting of the Champaign County Board at which the results of this survey will be considered please indicate below:

- YES**, I would like to be included on the mailing list for the County Board review of the *Champaign County MS4 Area Storm Water Survey*.

If you'd like to be notified about the County Board review of survey results, please indicate your email, phone number, or home address here:

This final section of the survey will help us make sure that we are collecting input from a representative sample of the population. This section is optional, and all responses are anonymous.

1) Age:

- 16-19
 20-29
 30-39
 40-49
 50-59
 60-69
 70-79
 80-89
 90 +

2) Gender:

- Male Female Prefer not to respond

3) Ethnic/Race groups you most identify with (check all that apply):

- African American/Black
 American Indian or Alaska Native
 Asian
 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
 White/Caucasian
 Hispanic/Latino
 Other: _____

Thank you for completing this survey!

Please return the completed survey in the postage-paid return envelope provided.