



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**®
Rock Island District

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Galena Road Gravel, Inc.

Date: December 17, 2021

Expires: January 17, 2022

CEMVR-RD-2021-1463

Section 404

**Joint Public Notice
US Army Corps of Engineers
Illinois Department of Natural Resources**

1. **Applicant:** Galena Road Gravel Inc., Rich Lucas, 5129 East Truitt, Chillicothe, 61523.

2. **Project Location:** The proposed project is located on the western edge of the Galena Road Gravel facility at 5129 East Truitt, Chillicothe, Illinois. The project is in Peoria County, Section 24, Township 11 North, Range 8 East. Datum NAD-83. UTM Zone 16. Latitude: 40.924112, Longitude: -89.529786.

3. **Project Description and Purpose.** The applicant is seeking after-the-fact authorization for relocation of Hallock Creek approximately 150 feet to the west of the original alignment. Hallock Creek broke out of its banks on July 15, 2021, due to extreme rainfall and caused flooding in the area. The bank failed on the east side and flowed directly into the gravel pit. As an emergency measure a new channel was dug to the west of the old channel following approximately the same flow path. The replaced channel was approximately 1,030 feet long, the newly created channel is approximately 1,090 feet long has 5:1 slope and is 5-6 feet wide at base. The primary purpose of the emergency project was to stop continual flow of water into the gravel pit.

4. **Avoidance and Minimization Statement.** The applicant will provide an alternatives analysis for this project. Multiple alternatives, which include avoidance and minimization measures, will be considered including a no action alternative. The alternatives analysis will be limited to a range of reasonable alternatives that meet the purpose and need for the project which was to stop continual flow of water into the gravel pit. Due to the need for a new channel during an emergency situation and creation of a longer channel, no compensatory mitigation is proposed. Further minimization includes creation of a 75' buffer on both sides of the channel with approved grasses and forbs. The newly created channel and buffer will be protected with a site protection instrument.

5. **Agency Review.**

a. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers. The Department of the Army application is being processed under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

b. State of Illinois.

(1) The project plans will be submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for review.

(2) The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources (IDNR/OWR) is a participant in the joint application process and requires that IDNR/OWR permits be obtained for construction within floodways; construction and other activities within public bodies of water; and construction, operation and maintenance of dams pursuant to the State of Illinois Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act (615 ILCS 5).

(3) Inquiries concerning IDNR/OWR jurisdiction and/or review of the activity should be directed to the Office of Water Resources at dnr.dworm@illinois.gov or 217/782-3863. Information on the IDNR/OWR regulatory and other programs can be found at <http://dnr.state.il.us/owr>.

6. **Historical/Archaeological.** This is an after-the-fact permit action. However, the District consulted with the Illinois geographic information systems archeological site and survey databases online and determined the area had been previously surveyed in 2010 (Survey #19329). No historic properties were identified by the survey. As there were no previously identified historic properties in the permit area it is the opinion of the District that there will be no historic properties affected by the issuance of the permit because “the nature, scope, and magnitude of the work, and/or structures to be permitted are such that there is little likelihood that a historic property exists or may be affected” (33 CFR Part 325, Appendix C.3.b).

7. **Endangered Species.** District staff have performed a preliminary review of this application for the potential impact on threatened or endangered species pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended. The following threatened or endangered species are listed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) on the IPaC website as occurring in Peoria County, Illinois: Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*); Northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), Decurrent false aster (*Boltonia decurrens*) and Eastern prairie fringed orchid (*Platanthera leucophaea*). The proposed project is being coordinated with the FWS through this public notice. Any comments concerning Federally-listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat will be considered in the final assessment of the project. The Corps has made the initial determination of **No Effect** for all of the above-mentioned species.

8. **Public Interest Review.** The decision whether to issue the Corps permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

9. **Who Should Reply.** The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. These statements should be submitted on or before the expiration date specified at the top of page 1. These statements should bear upon the adequacy of plans and suitability of locations and should, if appropriate, suggest any changes considered desirable.

10. **Public Hearing Requests.** Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. A request may be denied if substantive reasons for holding a hearing are not provided.

11. **Reply to the Corps of Engineers.** Comments concerning the Corps permit should be addressed to the District Engineer, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, ATTN: RD-E (Wendy Frohlich), Clock Tower Building - Post Office Box 2004, Rock Island, Illinois 61204-2004. For additional information contact Mrs. Wendy Frohlich at 309-794-5674 or email: wendy.m.frohlich@usace.army.mil.

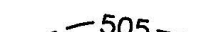


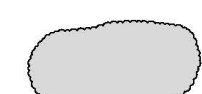
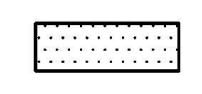


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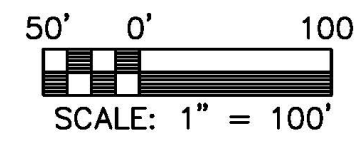
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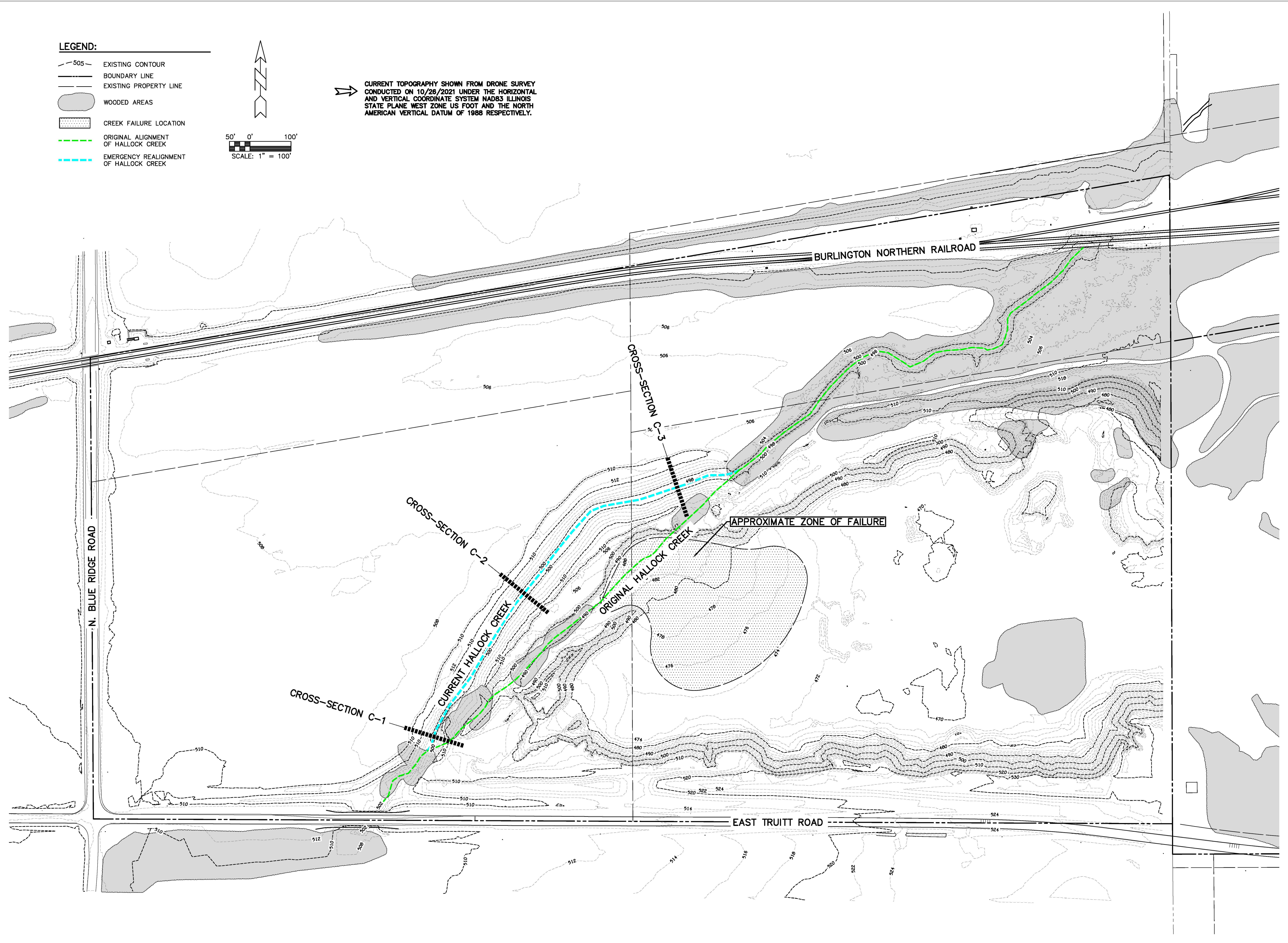
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