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# Public Notice

Reply To:  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Attn: CEMVS-CO-F  
1222 Spruce Street  
St. Louis, MO 63103-2833

Public Notice No.  
**P-2378**  
Public Notice Date  
**June 3, 2003**

Expiration Date  
**June 24, 2003**

**Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:**

File Number: 200300640

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached map.

**COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers File Number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date of the Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
ATTN: CEMVS-CO-F (Susan Horneman)  
1222 Spruce Street  
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

**APPLICANT:** Mr. Michael Towerman, President, TRiSTAR Business Communities, 13397 Lakefront Drive, Suite 200, Earth City, Missouri 63045-1514

**AUTHORIZED AGENT:** Mr. Mark Thompson, Hanson Professional Services, Inc., 4749 Lincoln Mall Drive, Suite 401, Matteson, Illinois 60443

**LOCATION:** County Ditch at IL Route 255 crossing, within the SE quarter of Section 24, Township 04 North, Range 09 West, near Edwardsville, Madison County, Illinois.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant proposes to construct a diamond-shaped interchange connecting IL Route 255 and Gateway Commerce Center Drive at the County Ditch overpass in Edwardsville, Illinois. The project also includes construction of a 3,200-foot extension of Gateway Commerce Center Drive to complete the street from IL Route 255 to IL Route 111. The proposed interchange is located approximately 1.5 miles north of I-270 and approximately 1.5 miles south of the New Poag Road interchange. The purpose of the new interchange and road extension is to provide more efficient access to the Gateway Commerce Center business park. The project

has been coordinated with the City of Edwardsville, the Madison County Highway Department and the Illinois Department of Transportation. Coordination with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources and the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency is underway.

The proposed project would require the filling and relocation of approximately 3,500 feet of County Ditch. The County Ditch drains approximately 3.7 square miles upstream of the proposed project site. A primary function of County Ditch is to provide flood storage during storm events. The existing ditch is a flat bottom channel with bottom widths ranging from 10 to 16 feet. The side slopes range from 2:1 to vertical.

This reach of County Ditch would be relocated to the north edge of the shoulder of the westbound lanes of Gateway Commerce Center Drive. The new ditch would have a consistent 12-foot bottom with 3:1 earthen side slopes, except for a 300-foot reach under the IL Route 255 bridge where a concrete-lined channel will be constructed to protect the existing bridge slope wall. The relocated County Ditch would also include new box culverts measuring 12 feet by 9 feet at the northern ramp crossings. The existing box culvert under IL Route 255 would also be extended to allow construction of the southern ramps.

A man-made borrow pit in the northwest quadrant of the new interchange, measuring approximately 300 feet by 670 feet or 4.6 acres would be filled or re-graded as part of the project. The site meets the criteria for a jurisdictional wetland. The applicant has not submitted a formal mitigation plan, however they have proposed mitigation at a 1:1 ratio within the impact area watershed.

**DRAWINGS:** See Attached

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Additional information may be obtained by telephoning Ms. Susan Horneman, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (314) 331-8185 or at electronic mail address: Susan.L.Horneman@mvs02.usace.army.mil

**AUTHORITY:** This permit will be issued or denied under the following: Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), for discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

**WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:** This public notice also provides documentation to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for water quality certification, or waiver thereof, for the proposed activity in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. Certification or waiver indicates that IEPA believes the activity will not violate applicable water quality standards. The review by the IEPA is conducted in accordance with the Illinois water quality standards under 35 Illinois Administrative Code Subtitle C. The water quality standards provide for the IEPA to review individual projects by providing an antidegradation assessment, which

includes an evaluation of alternatives to any proposed increase in pollutant loading that may result from this activity. The "Fact Sheet" containing the antidegradation assessment for this proposed project may be found on the IEPA's web site, at [www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/](http://www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/). In the event that the IEPA is unable to publish the "Fact Sheet" corresponding to the timeframe of this Joint Public Notice, a separate public notice and "Fact Sheet" will be published by the IEPA at the web site identified above. You may also obtain a copy of the "Fact Sheet" by contacting the IEPA at the address or telephone number shown below.

Written comments specifically concerning possible impacts to water quality should be addressed to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
Bureau of Water  
Watershed Management Section  
1021 N. Grand Avenue East  
P.O. Box 19276  
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

A copy of all written comments should also be provided to the Corps of Engineers. If you have any questions please contact the IEPA at (217) 782-3362.

**SECTION 404 (b)(1) EVALUATION:** The impact of the activity on the public interest will be evaluated in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency guidelines pursuant to Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding the public hearing.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES:** A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, as amended, has been made that these proposed activities would not affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. Therefore, no formal consultation request has been made to the United States Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service. In order to complete our evaluation, comments are solicited by this public notice from the Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

**CULTURAL RESOURCES:** Coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer has begun. Additional information received in response to this public notice and we may require a reconnaissance survey of the project area.

**EVALUATION:** The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which may reasonably be expected to accrue from the described activity must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the described activity

will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion, and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The U.S. Army 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 these proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army 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 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.

*Keith A. McMillen*

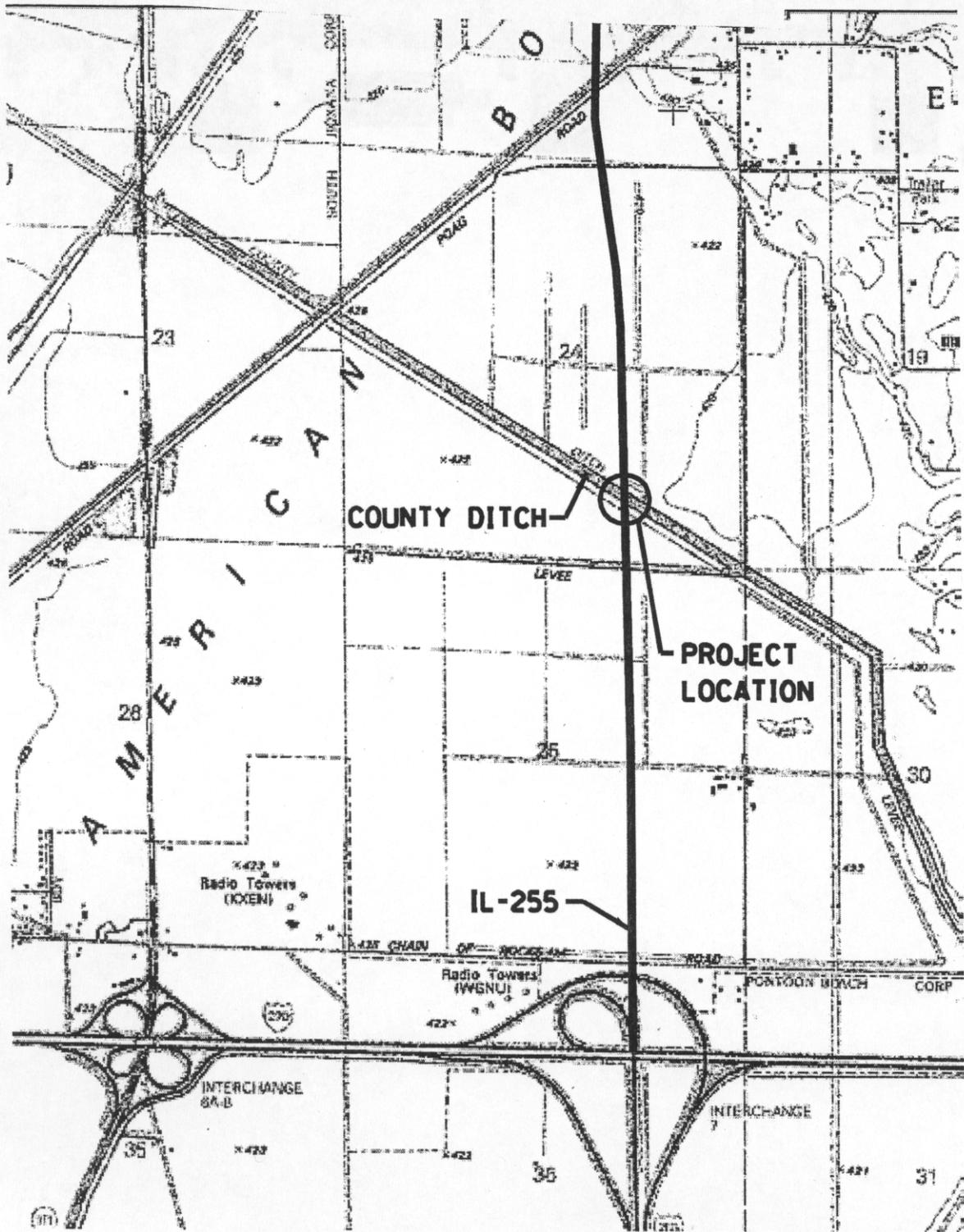
*for* DANNY D. MCCLENDON  
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Attachments: Site Map 1

Attachments: Site Map 2

**NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:**

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 21 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.



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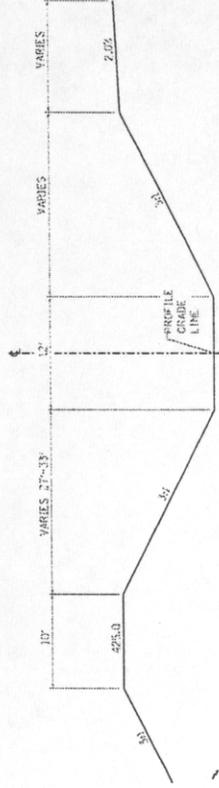
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DATE: FEBRUARY 17, 2003

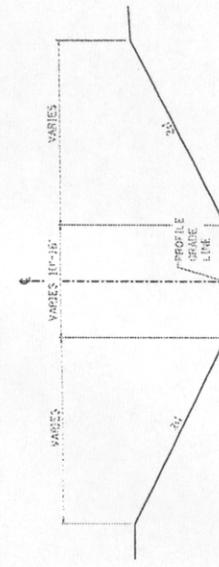
### LOCATION MAP

PROJECT: PROPOSED IL-255 INTERCHANGE  
IMPROVEMENT: COUNTY DITCH IMPROVEMENT  
LOCATION: EDWARDSVILLE, IL  
APPLICATION BY: TRISTAR BUSINESS  
COMMUNITIES

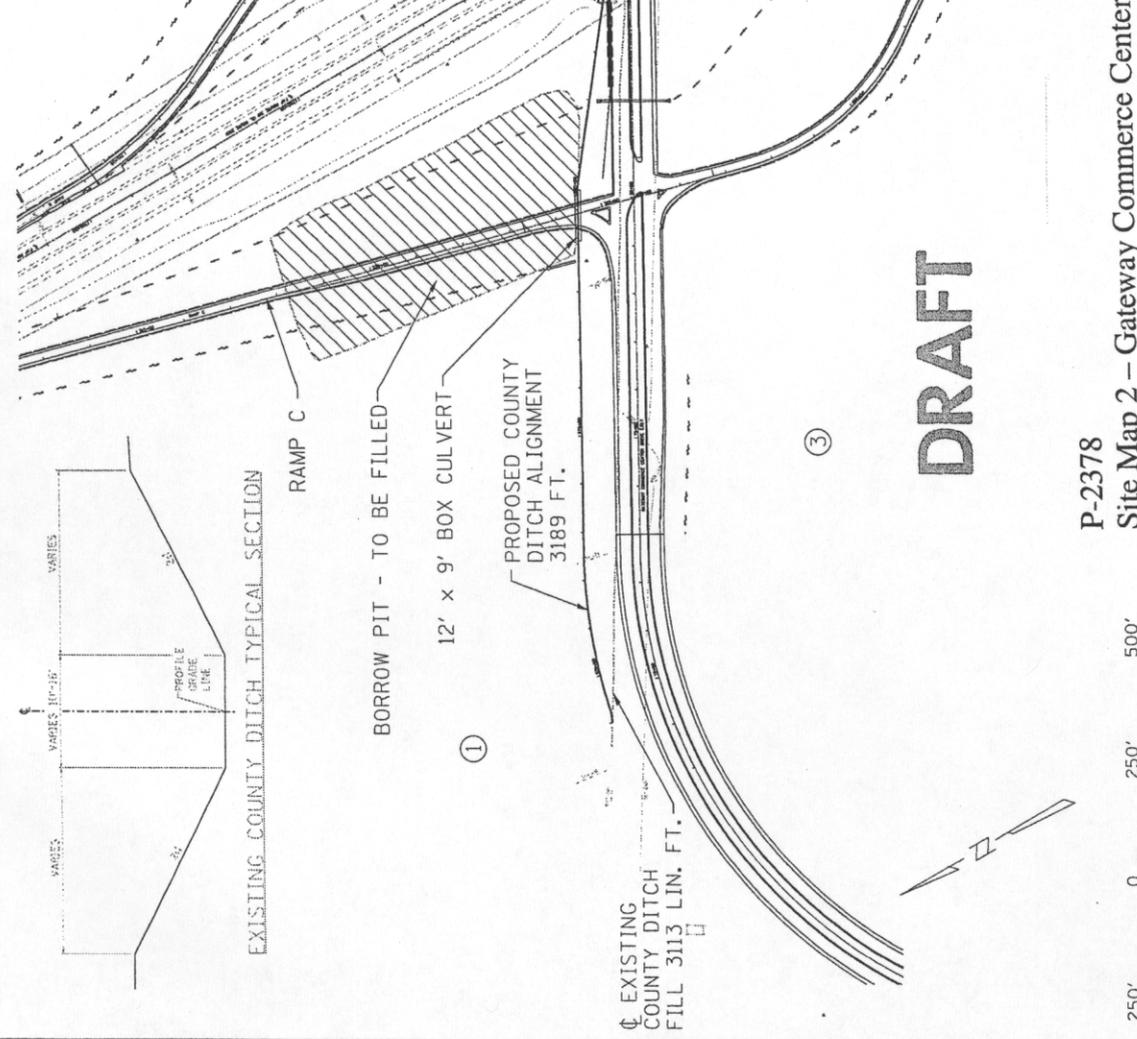
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PROPOSED COUNTY DITCH TYPICAL SECTION



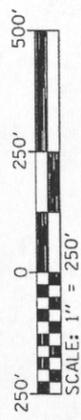
EXISTING COUNTY DITCH TYPICAL SECTION



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 Site Map 2 - Gateway Commerce Center



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