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**Stakeholder Meeting Summary**

Monday, June 08, 2009  
City of Morrison -City Council  
Morrison, Illinois

**Project:** FAP 309 (US 30)  
Section (20-1, 17R, 16, 15, 110) PE 1  
Whiteside County  
Job No. P-92-107-07

**Attendees:**

Roger Drey (Mayor)  
Melanie T. Schroeder (City Clerk)  
Gus Hayenga (Aldermen)  
Pat Zuidema (Aldermen)  
Dave Rose (Aldermen)  
Sarah Thorndike (Aldermen)  
Jim Blakemore (Aldermen)  
Barb Bees (Aldermen)  
Bob Snodgrass (Aldermen)  
Tim Long (City Administrator)  
Lester Weinstine (City Attorney)  
Paul Beck (Police Sergeant)  
Gary Tresenriter (Superintendent of Public Services)  
Robert Wood (Community Development Director)  
Pete Whiting (Code Inspector)

**Project Study Group:**

Dawn Perkins (IDOT)  
Michael Walton (Volkert)  
Jon Estrem (HR Green)

**Handouts (see attachment):**

Power Point –Preliminary Engineering; June 2009 Project Update

**Meeting Purpose**

Members of the US 30 Project study team met with the City of Morrison-City Council to present a project update.

**Study Team Presentation**

Michael Walton opened the presentation by introducing the US 30 study team and thanking the officials for agreeing to meet with the team. He stated the purpose of the meeting was to update the City of Fulton on the project status. Michael and Jon Estrem then gave an overview of the project and a summary of the progress made to date. The City Council members were given a handout highlighting the information covered and questions were taken.

## **Presentation**

- Summary of second Public Informational Open House conducted on January 29, 2009. The open house was attended by 237 people. Presented to the CAG were Environmental Issues, Schedule, CAG corridors & Final Corridors.
- Reviewed the corridors presented to the CAG.
- Shared public informational open house concerns/comments: agricultural land, environmental issues, preference for corridor south of Morrison, development, and what progress has been made.
- Summary of the Illinois NEPA/404 Merger Meeting conducted on February 3, 2009; including the NEPA final corridors
- Reviewed the process of Corridors to Alignments, All Criteria Map, and Example of adjustments of an alignment within a corridor.
- Alternatives evaluated in matrix - Six alignments were screened against 23 factors within four major categories: Traffic & Safety, Social & Economic, Environmental, and Cost.
- These alternatives were then scored and ranked as followed:
  - #1 Alternative 4
  - #2 Alternative 5
  - #3 Alternative 6
  - #4 Alternative 1
  - #5 Alternative 2 & 3
- Next Steps: 1) Begin in-depth study of six (6) alternative alignments  
2) Take alternative alignments west of Morrison to NEPA/404 Merger Meeting in September
- Timeline: DEIS Chapters on affected environment and alternatives to IDOT: July 2009  
NEPA 404/Merger Meeting: September 2009  
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## **Comments/ Issues/ Questions**

**Q:** Mayor Drey asked who has the final say IDOT or the Feds?

**A:** The Feds

**Q:** In 2012 will the route be determined?

**A:** Yes; in 2012 the ROD will be complete and this recommends the final route.

**Q:** What length of time will the project be in design phase?

**A:** Minimum 2-4 years

**Q:** Will any of the bridges be named?

**A:** Undetermined, will be discussed at a later time.

**Q:** How long can the project sit on the shelf before needs to be redone?

**A:** Depending on the time frame, certain environmental testing may have to be redone in an addendum to the EIS.

**Q:** Is this a legislated process?

**A:** Yes, NEPA requires this process is a law.



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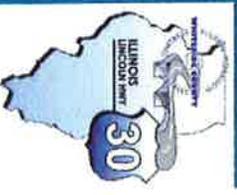
# PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING



June 2009  
Project Update

# AGENDA

- 1) Public Informational Open House
- 2) Illinois NEPA/404 Merger Meeting
- 3) Corridors to Alignments
- 4) Alternatives Evaluated in Matrix
- 5) Rankings
- 6) Next Steps
- 7) Timeline



# Public Informational Open House

- January 29, 2009; 1:00-7:00pm; Morrison
- 237 people attended
- Presented Environmental Issues, Schedule, CAG Corridors & Final Corridors





# Public Informational Open House Concerns/Comments

- Agricultural Land
- Environmental Issues
- Preference for Corridor South of Morrison
- What progress has been made with the project?
- Development



# ILLINOIS NEPA 404 MERGER MEETING



PROJECT UPDATE  
February 3, 2009



# Corridors (1400 feet wide) to Alignments (200 feet wide)

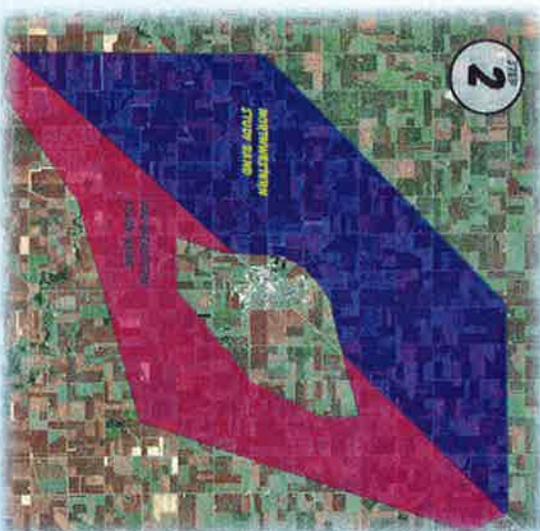
## EXAMPLE OF PROCESS

HOW DOES A HIGHWAY GET FROM PLANNING TO CONSTRUCTION? THE EXAMPLE BELOW ILLUSTRATES THE PROCESS OF SELECTING A FINAL ROADWAY ALIGNMENT ONCE A NEED HAS BEEN SHOWN FOR ITS CONSTRUCTION.



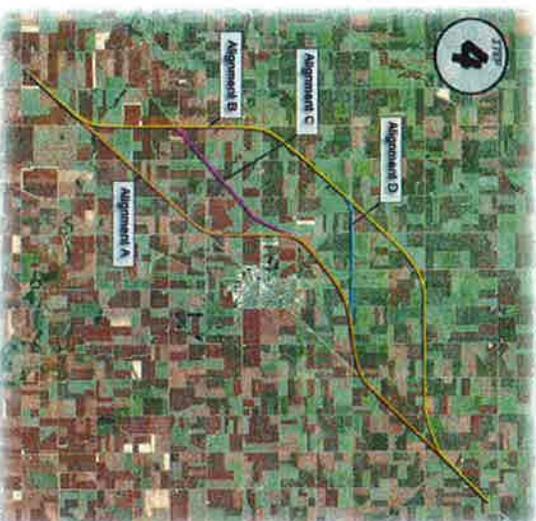
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STEP

Local officials work in coordination with the Illinois Department of Transportation to initiate roadway improvement studies. Traffic congestion and safety concerns for an existing roadway (highlighted with a red dashed line) prompt a need to study alternative transportation improvements.



2  
STEP

The study bands define the outer limits of possible transportation improvement. Based on the information collected, potential transportation corridors can be identified within one or both of these bands.



4  
STEP

Alternative Alignments are developed within the study corridors that offer the least relative impacts while achieving the greatest transportation benefits. The alignments represent the actual location of a proposed roadway. The information is refined further still to determine the specific impacts each roadway could have. Additionally, this phase includes the detailed analysis of construction costs of the highway. From these alignments, one will be selected to move forward to the final design phase for construction.

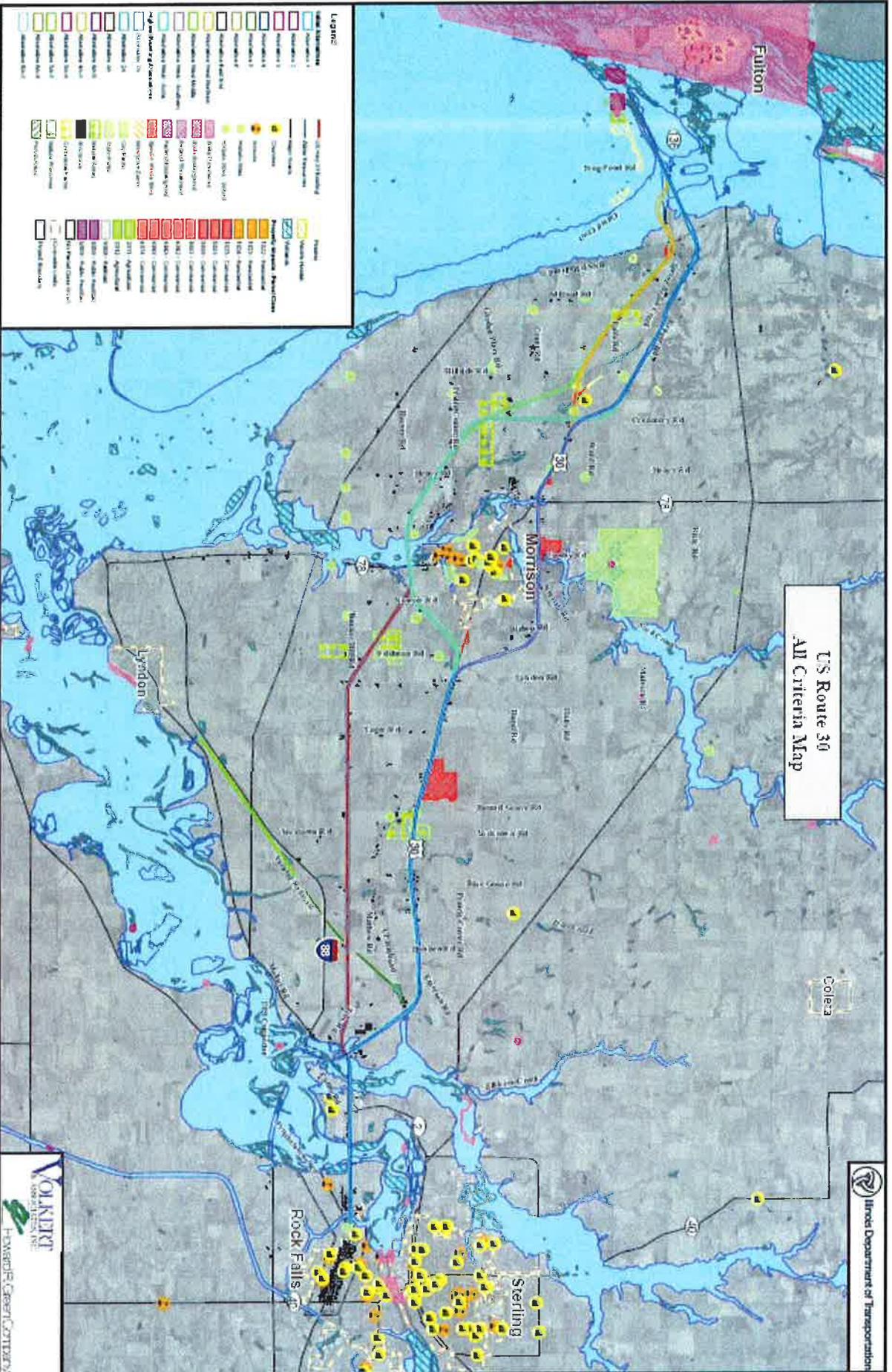


Study Corridors are defined within the study bands. Numerous corridors are studied to define and narrow available options. Information collected for the study bands is further refined at this point. From this, potential impacts of construction of a transportation improvement within each corridor can be determined and compared.



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STEP

# US Route 30 All Criteria Map



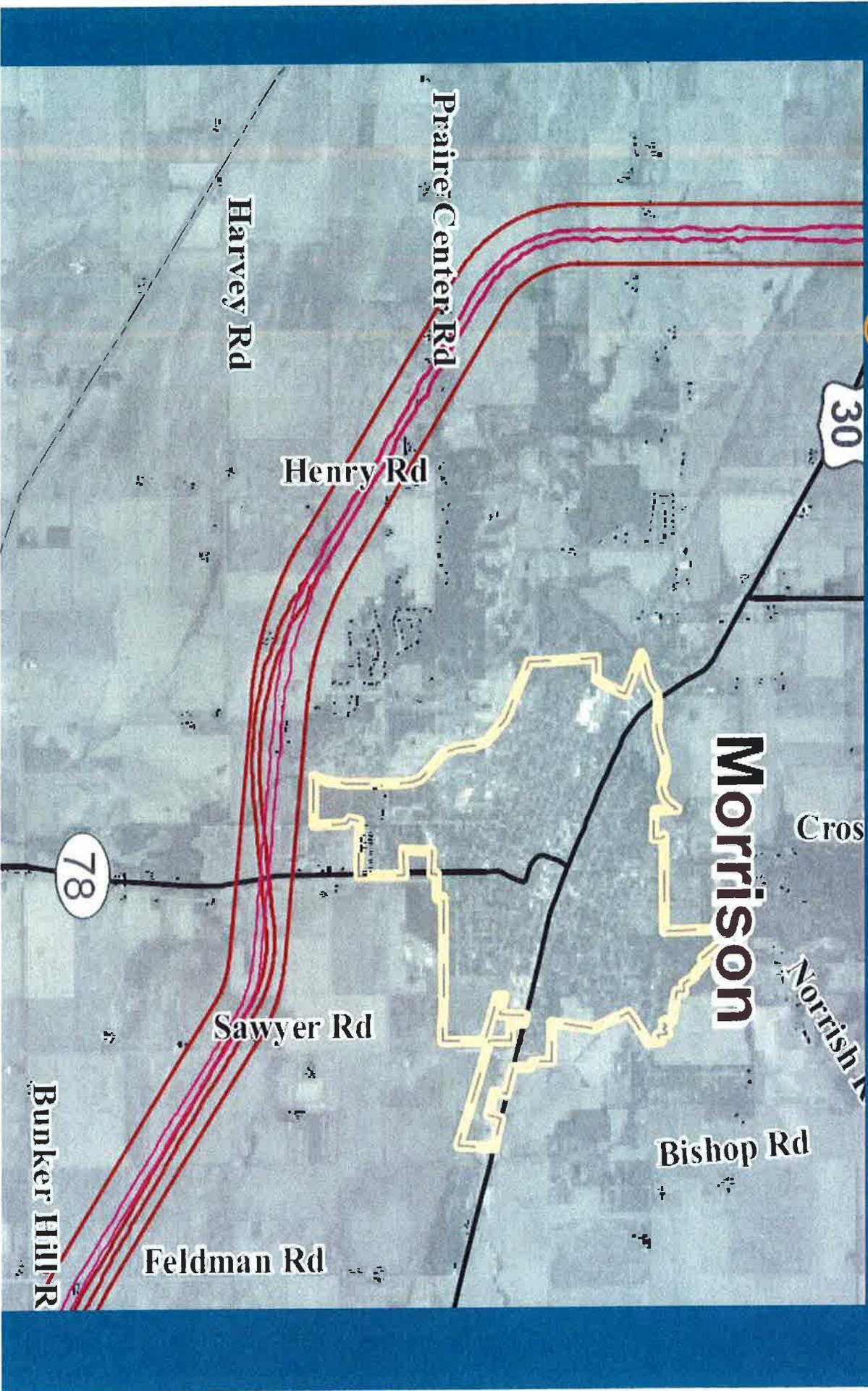
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**LEGEND**

	State of Illinois		US Route 30		Wetlands
	County 1		Other Routes		Wetlands
	County 2		Other Routes		Wetlands
	County 3		Other Routes		Wetlands
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# Example of adjustments of an alignment within a corridor



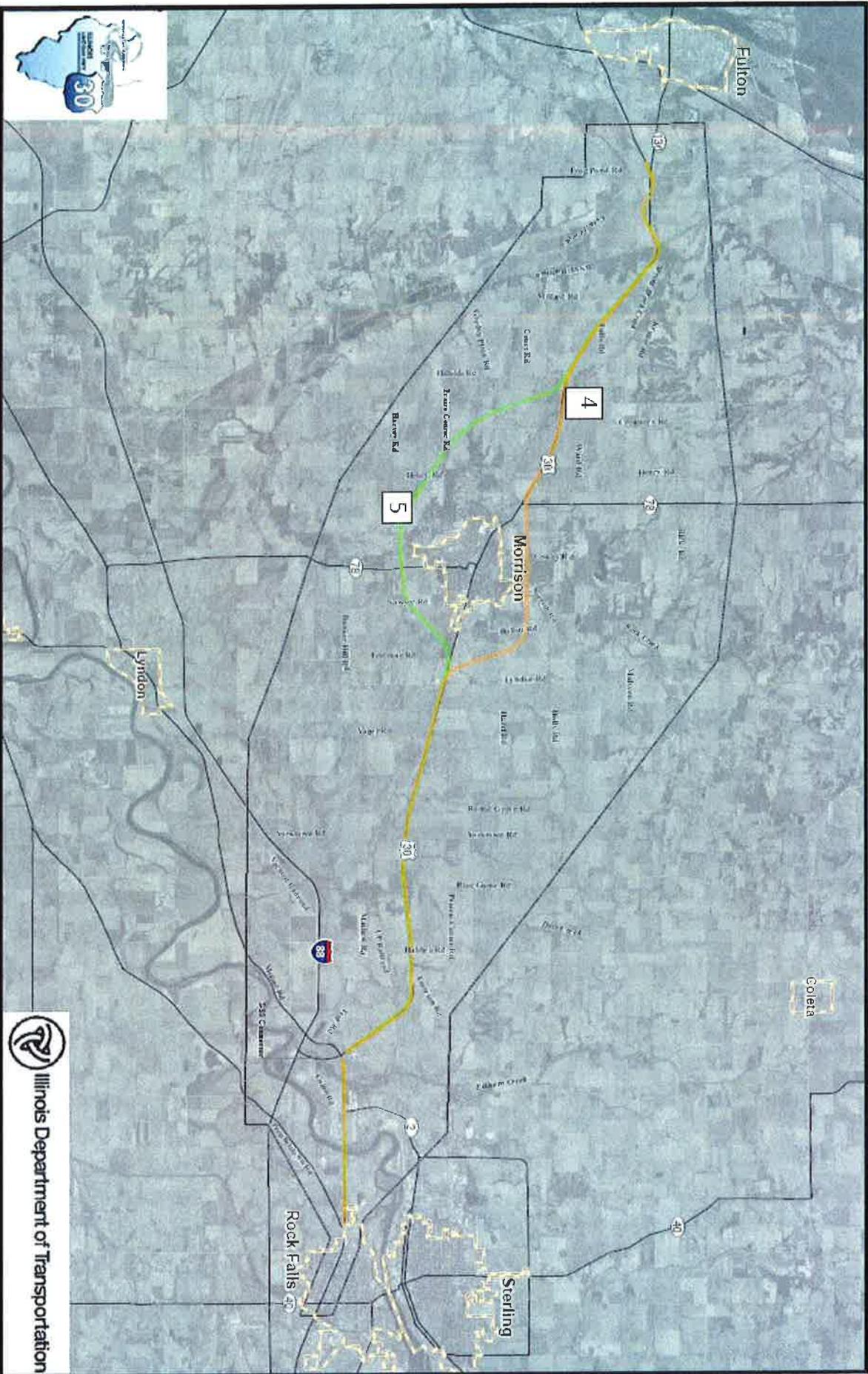
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  - Cost
- The alignments were then scored and ranked



Alternative 4 ranked #1

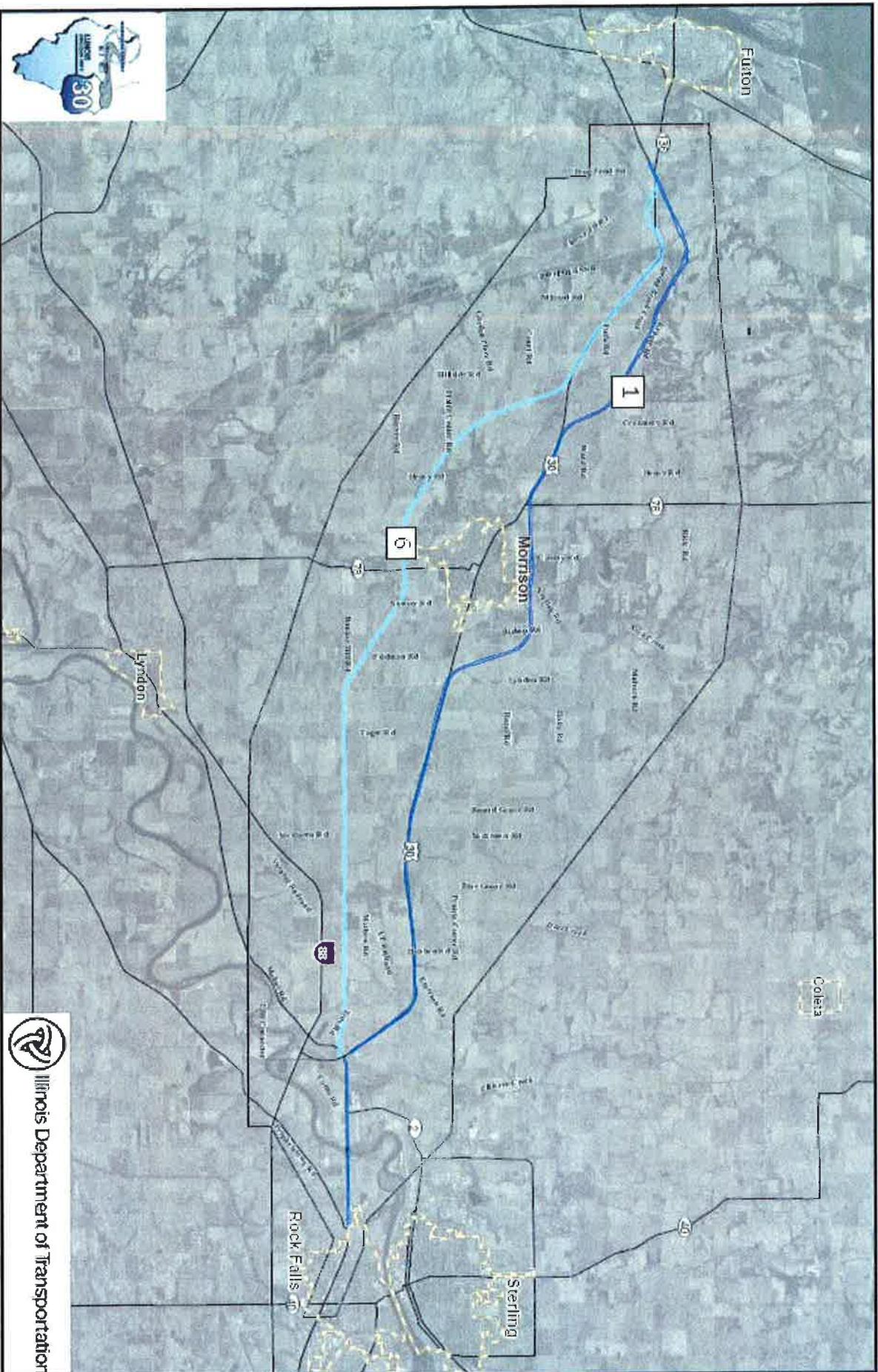
Alternative 5 Ranked #1



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Alternative 6 ranked #3

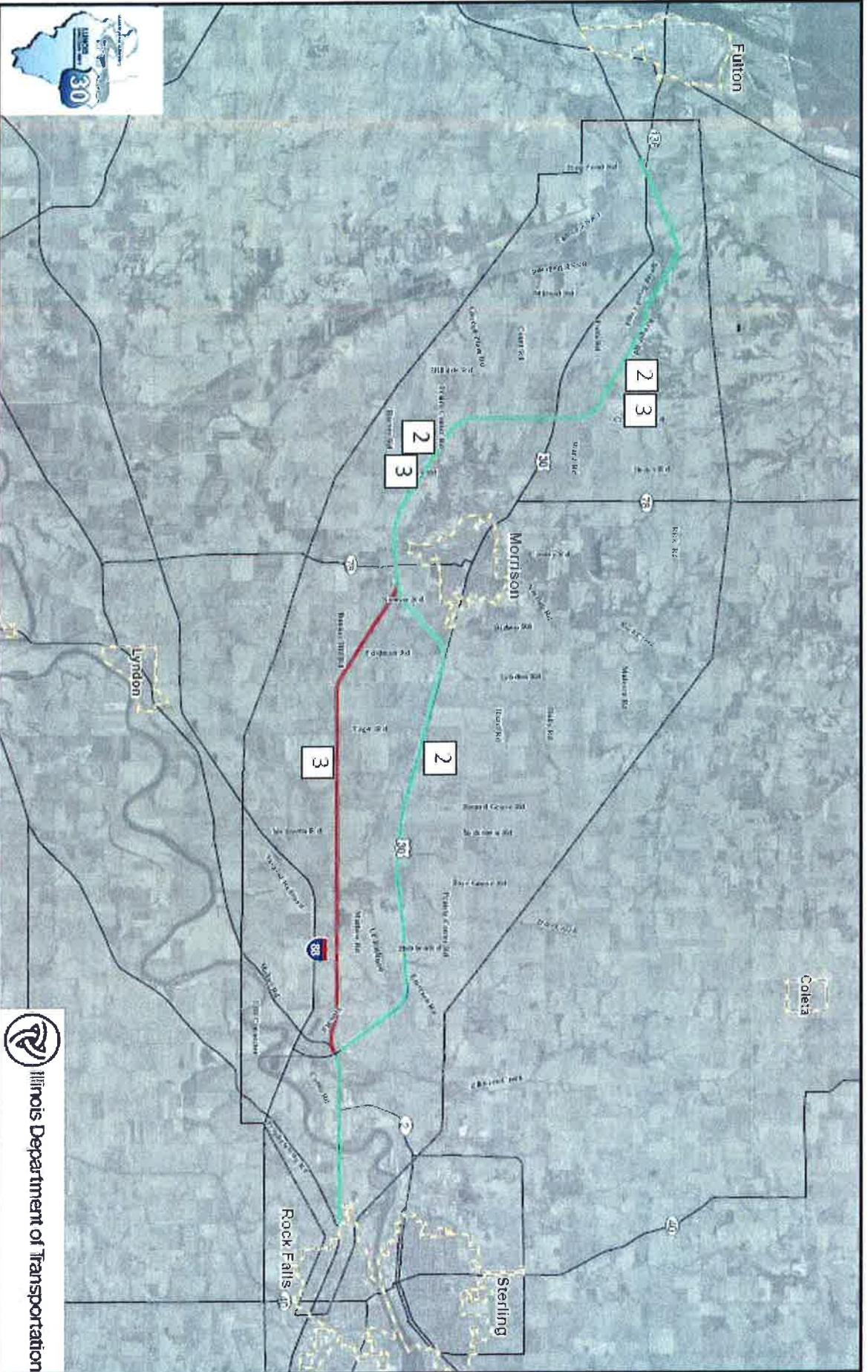
Alternative 1 Ranked #4



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Alternative 2 ranked #5

Alternative 3 ranked #5



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QUESTIONS???