Final Environmental Impact Statement

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Illinois Route 3 Relocation

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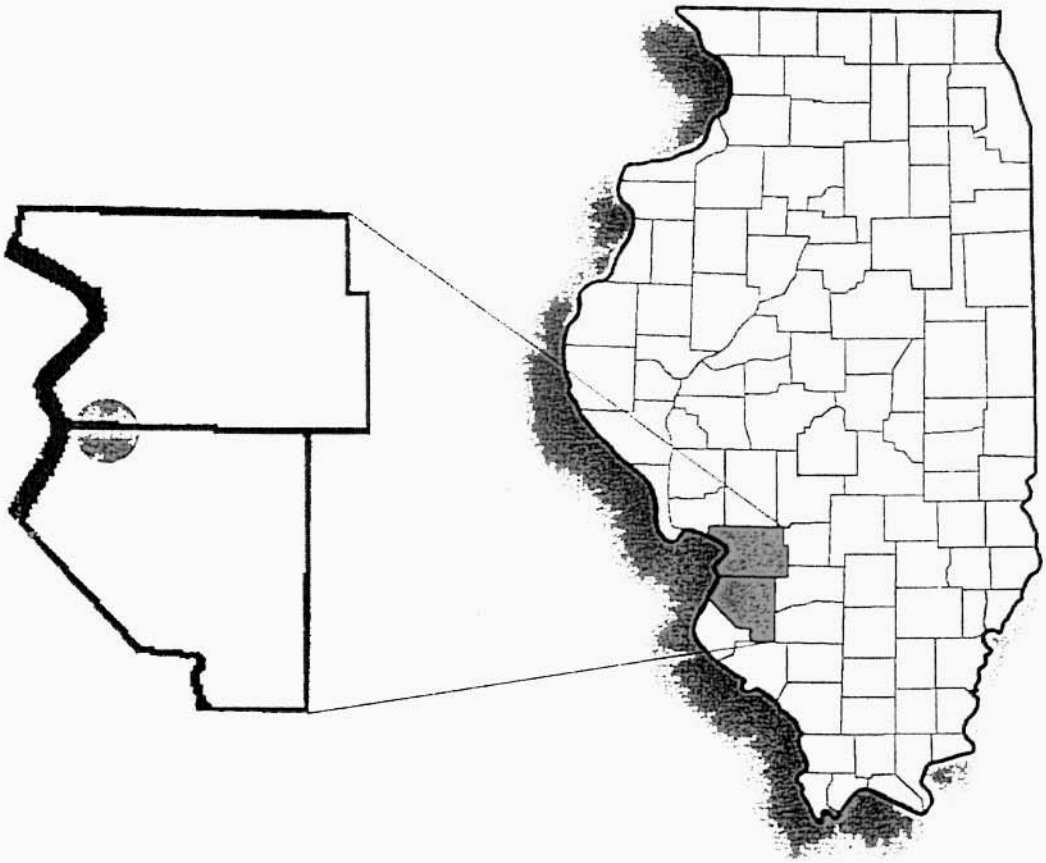

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Abstract: The proposed project involves providing an improved transportation facility for a section of Illinois Route 3 (IL-3) from Sauget to Venice through the Illinois counties of St. Clair and Madison. The selected alternative involves replacing the existing two-lane IL-3 with a four-lane urban major arterial. Total project cost is estimated at $98.6 million. The proposed project would begin at Monsanto and Mississippi Avenues in Sauget and end near the approach to the McKinley Bridge in Venice. Total project length is approximately 8.8 kilometers (5.5 miles). The proposed Highway Build Alternative would provide system continuity, new access to lands along the Mississippi River in East St. Louis and connections to three existing bridges and the proposed New Mississippi River Bridge. The new facility would also improve traffic circulation between communities, improve safety, and decrease travel time within the study corridor, as well as, to and from St. Louis. Primary impacts resulting from the implementation of the preferred alignment would include: the displacement of twenty-two residences, three commercial properties, one warehouse, one place of worship, division of one neighborhood in Venice, the loss of five colonies of the Federally listed plant decurrent false aster (Boltonia decurrens), and the loss of approximately 8.47 hectares (21.11 acres) of wetlands.