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Springfield Water Supply Supplemental EIS Project Update



April 11, 2017

Project Overview

- ▶ Prior Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) issued 2000
 - ▶ Letter from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (2010):
 - ▶ Withdrew Section 404 permit application
 - ▶ Called for preparation of Supplemental EIS
 - ▶ Called for additional requirements:
 - ▶ Wetland delineation study
 - ▶ Bat survey (Indiana and northern long-eared bat)
 - ▶ Updated demand analysis
 - ▶ Programmatic Agreement for archaeology
 - ▶ Updated Wetland Mitigation Plan
 - ▶ Supplemental EIS addresses these issues
 - ▶ Work Order #001 included Phases I and II (June 9, 2016)
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Summary of Work Performed to Date

- ▶ Phase I: Scoping and Preliminary Coordination
 - ▶ Compilation/Review of Prior Reports/Analyses
 - ▶ Agency Coordination/Public Scoping
 - ▶ Public Informational Meeting
 - ▶ 14 External Meetings
 - ▶ Scoping Issues Analysis
 - ▶ Preparation of Chapter 1: Purpose and Need
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Summary of Work Performed to Date

- ▶ Phase II: Alternative Analysis
 - ▶ Verification of City's Water Demand Analysis
 - ▶ Assessment of "Yield"
 - ▶ Alternative development and screening
 - ▶ Additional Services
 - ▶ Bat Netting Survey and coordination with U.S. Fish and Wildlife
 - ▶ Waters of the US Delineation
 - ▶ Hydrologic Investigation/Modeling-ongoing
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Reports Issued to Date

▶ Technical Memoranda

- ▶ Data Gap Analysis
- ▶ Gravel Pit Yield Analysis
- ▶ Water Demand Review
- ▶ Cost Analysis Review
- ▶ Summary of Basis For Water Need
- ▶ Basis of Hunter Lake Control Elevation
- ▶ Level 1 Alternative Screening Analysis

▶ Project Reports

- ▶ Published “Notice of Intent”
- ▶ Public Meeting Scoping Packet
- ▶ Scoping Report
- ▶ Agency Coordination Plan
- ▶ Hunter Lake Bat Survey Report
- ▶ Waters of the US Report
- ▶ Draft Chapter 1: Purpose and Need
- ▶ List of Project Alternatives

Project Challenges

Permitting clarity and direction

- ▶ Section 401 Water Quality Certification (IEPA)
- ▶ Original Hunter Lake configuration—permittability concerns
- ▶ Development of water quality modeling scenarios

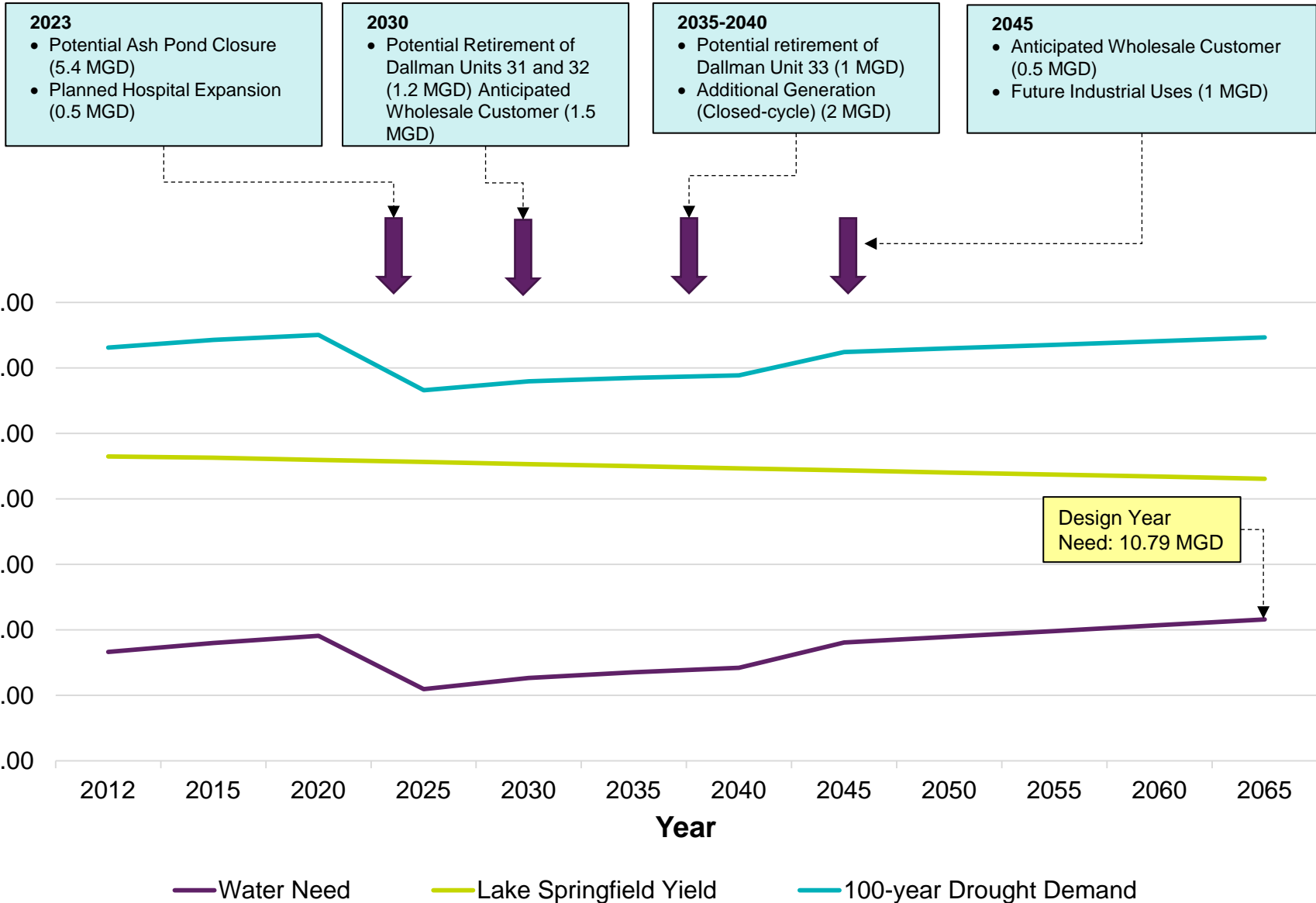
Alternative formulation

- ▶ Revised Hunter Lake alternative
 - ▶ Updated engineering: BMP elements, revised spillway, in-lake dams
 - ▶ Cost estimates
 - ▶ Integrated wetland and stream mitigation plans
- ▶ Sangamon Valley Wells and Hybrid alternatives

Basis of Water Need

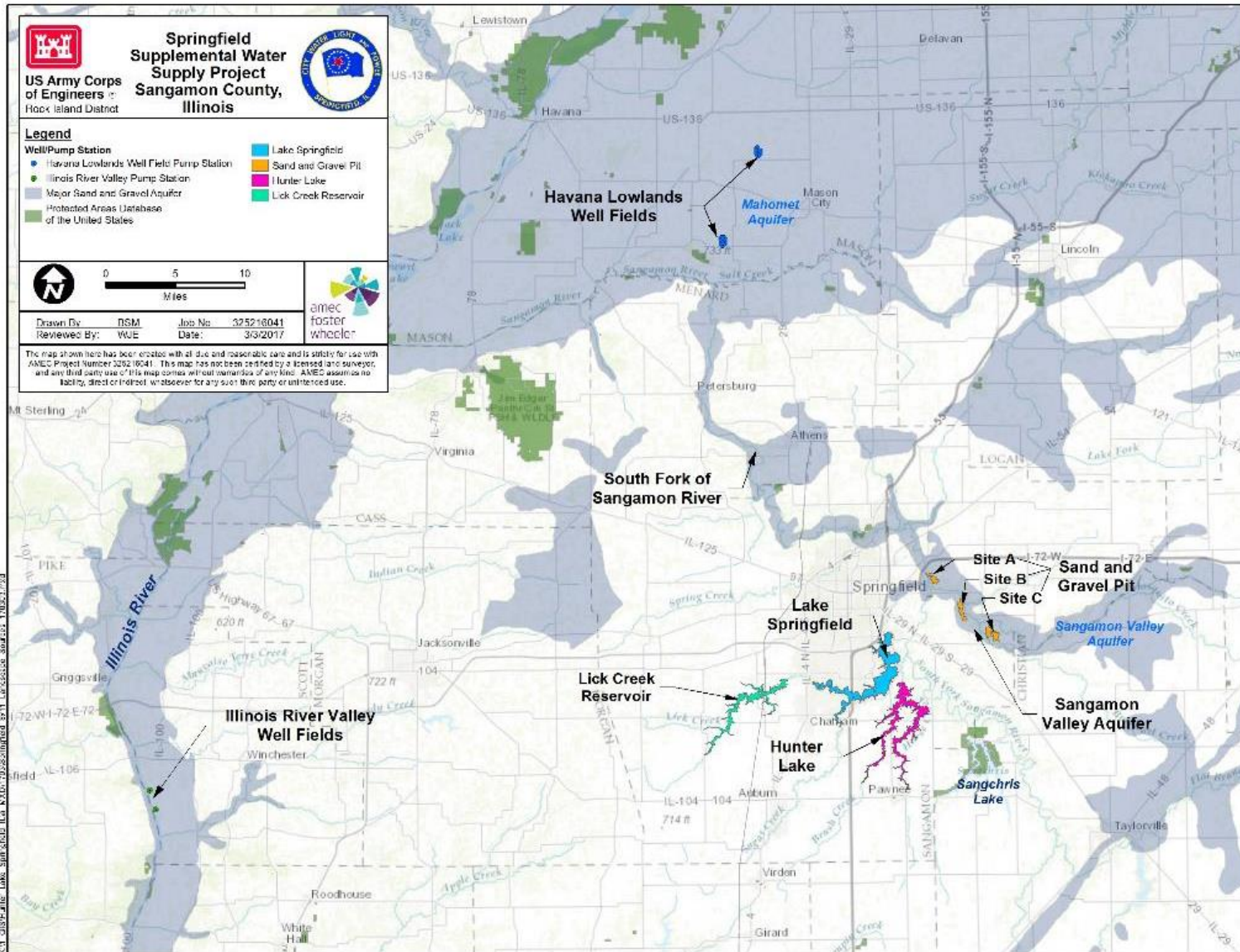
- ▶ Critical Element of SEIS and NEPA Requirement
 - ▶ Re-evaluation of Yield of Existing Supply System
 - ▶ Analysis of Existing and Future Demands
 - ▶ Potable Water
 - ▶ Existing Industrial and Large Commercial Users
 - ▶ Future industrial Water Demand
 - ▶ Contractual Obligations
 - ▶ Benefits/Contributions of Conservation Measures
 - ▶ Benefits and Contributions of Drought-Induced Water Restrictions
 - ▶ Future Wholesale Water Demand
 - ▶ Planning Year Need: 12 million gallons/day (MGD) in 2065
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Springfield Supplemental Water Supply Project SEIS Water Need Analysis--100-year Drought Condition 90 Percent Confidence Level





Supplemental Water Supply Sources



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Alternatives

List of 32 Project Alternatives Developed

- ▶ Reservoir
- ▶ River Surface Water
- ▶ Groundwater
- ▶ Hybrids
- ▶ Other

Level 1 Screening Analysis

- ▶ Factors related to yield, environmental, logistics, cost
- ▶ 21 alternatives eliminated
 - ▶ Inadequate yield/water source unavailable
 - ▶ Excessive environmental impacts
 - ▶ Critical permissibility issues
 - ▶ Excessive cost

Alternatives Retained for Level 2 Analysis

- ▶ Hunter Lake--Revised Configuration
- ▶ Havana Lowland Well Fields (Well Field A) (12 MGD)
- ▶ Havana Lowland Well Fields (Well Field B) + Sangamon River Valley (12.3 MGD)
- ▶ Illinois River Well #1 (12 MGD)
- ▶ Sangamon River Valley Well Fields (12 MGD)
- ▶ Havana Lowland Well Fields (Well Fields A+B) (17.8 MGD)
- ▶ Illinois River Valley Wells (Wells #1+2) (17.8 MGD)
- ▶ Sangamon River Valley Well Fields (10.6 MGD) + Gravel Pit C (1.4 MGD)(12 MGD total)
- ▶ Havana Lowlands Well Fields (Well Field A) + Sangamon Valley Wells (15.3 MGD)
- ▶ Illinois River Valley Well #1 + Sangamon Valley Wells (15.3 MGD)

Phase III: Draft SEIS

- ▶ Description of “Affected Environment” and assessment of environmental impacts
 - ▶ Analysis of 24 environmental resources
 - ▶ Detailed impact assessment of final study alternatives
- ▶ Cumulative Impact Assessment
- ▶ Biological Assessment (endangered species)
- ▶ Section 404(b)(1): “Least Environmentally Damaging and Practicable Alternative”
- ▶ Distribution of Draft SEIS
- ▶ Public Meeting

Phase IV: Final SEIS

- ▶ Analysis of Comments Received on Draft SEIS
- ▶ Responses to Comments
- ▶ Final Supplemental EIS
- ▶ Distribution of Final SEIS

Milestone Schedule

Phase/Task	Status/Start	Finish
Phase II: Alternatives Analysis		
Water Quality Modeling	ongoing	June 9, 2017
Revised Hunter Lake Designs	April 18, 2017	June 29, 2017
Complete Chapter 2: Alternatives	June 12, 2017	August 24, 2017
Phase III: Draft SEIS		
Chapter 3: Affected Environment	April 18, 2017	August 14, 2017
Chapter 4: Environmental Consequences	June 30, 2017	September 24, 2017
City/USACE Review	September 24, 2017	
Notice of Availability		November 30, 2017
Public Hearing		December 14, 2017
Phase IV: Final SEIS		
Final SEIS		March 15, 2018
Record of Decision		March 22, 2018



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