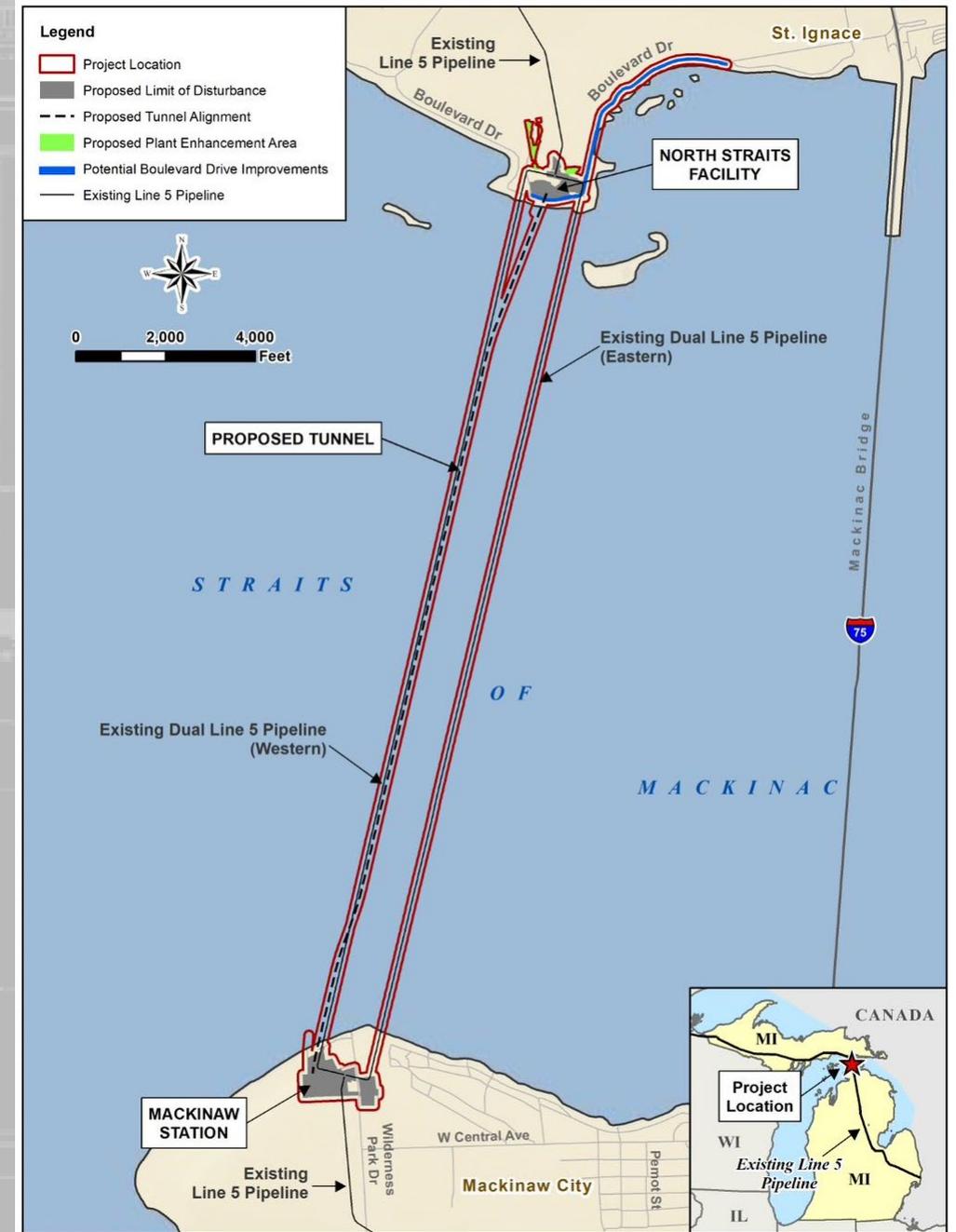


PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING FOR THE LINE 5 TUNNEL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

September 8, 2022
St. Ignace, Michigan



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FACILITATOR INTRODUCTION



Abbey Ness
Facilitator

Methods for providing public comment at tonight's meeting:

- Verbal Comments:
 - To register for verbal public comment, please sign up at the table located to the left as you enter the arena. You will be assigned a group number to help identify when it is near your turn.
 - A stenographer is located in the conference room directly to the left of lobby entrance for individual (private) verbal comment.
- Electronic Comment: Computer stations are also located in the conference room directly to the left of lobby entrance for those wishing to provide comment on the Line 5 Tunnel EIS website (www.Line5TunnelEIS.com).



LINE 5 TUNNEL EIS WEBSITE



WELCOME TO THE LINE 5 TUNNEL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) WEBSITE

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, invites you to participate in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process for the Enbridge Line 5 Tunnel Project. This website provides information about the EIS process, including project background, EIS process timeline, and opportunities for public involvement. Updates to this website will be made throughout the EIS process to keep you informed about the project.

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Announcements



Public Scoping Meeting Dates Announced for the Enbridge Line 5 Tunnel EIS
August 22, 2022



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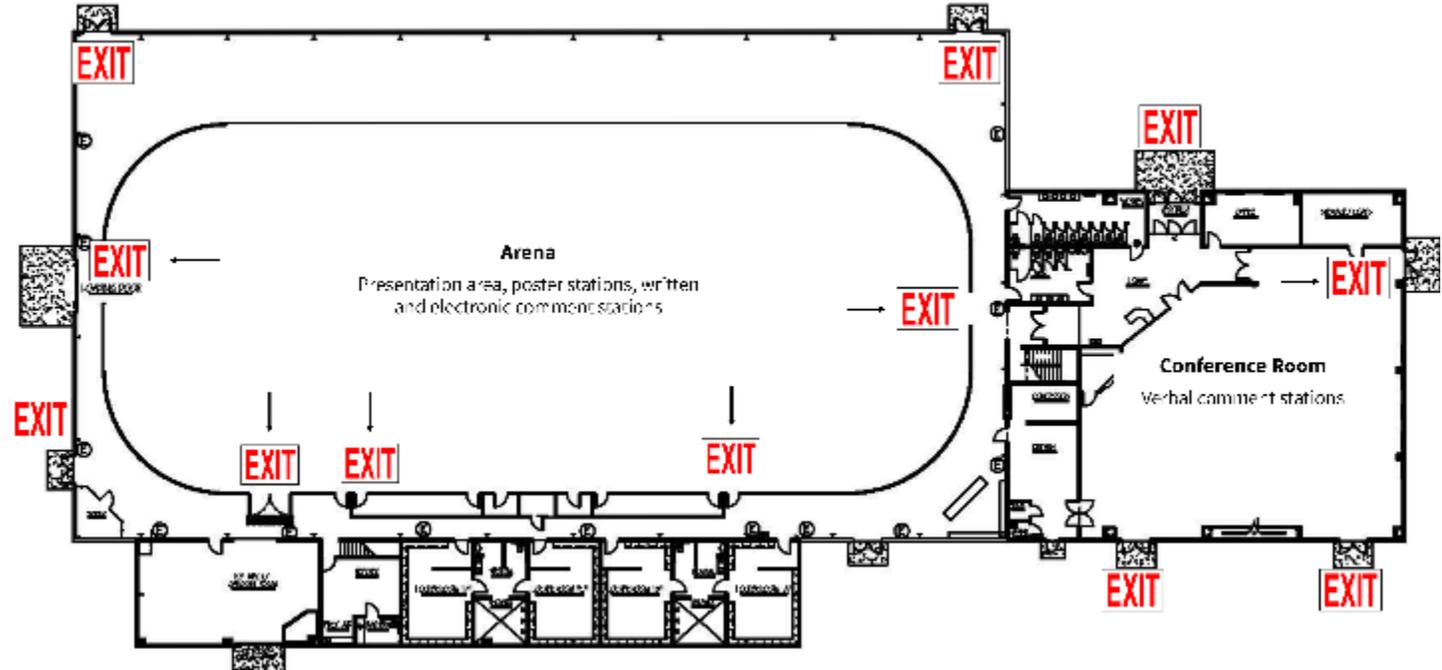
- Please turn cell phones to vibrate or silent
 - Please leave the room if you need to take a call.
- Please allow others to talk
 - Do not interrupt or talk over one another.
 - Refrain from sidebar conversations that may distract others from listening to commenters.
 - Refrain from applause.
- Please treat each other with respect



SAFETY REMINDERS



- Note the nearest emergency exit.
- Notify meeting personnel if you have any security-related concerns during this evening's meeting.
- Keep signs, banners, and posters outside — the facility has established a designated area outside where individuals can safely display signage without impeding the flow and emergency exit procedures.





DETROIT DISTRICT COMMANDER



Lt. Col. Brett Boyle, Commander
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,
Detroit District



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Charles Simon, Chief, Regulatory Office



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Katie Otanez, Regulatory Project Manager



MEETING AGENDA



- Opening Remarks
- Corps of Engineers Permit Review
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Scoping Process
- EIS Process Timeline
- Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
- Proposed Project Overview
- Public Comment Information
- Open for Public Comment
- Closing Remarks



OPENING REMARKS



Lt. Col. Brett Boyle, Commander
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,
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CORPS OF ENGINEERS PERMIT REVIEW



- **Authority:** Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act
- **Regulatory Program Regulations:** Code of Federal Regulations Title 33, Parts 320-332
- **Review Components:**
 - Public Interest Review
 - Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines
 - National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
 - Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act
 - Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
 - Tribal Consultation



NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT



- The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal agencies to take a “hard look” at the potential effects of their actions, including permit decisions, prior to making decisions.
- NEPA ensures that the agency’s decisions are appropriately informed but does not mandate a particular decision.
- NEPA requires agencies to provide opportunities for public review and comment.
- An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is a document prepared under NEPA that provides full and fair discussion of environmental impacts of an action and reasonable alternatives, as well as measures to minimize and mitigate impacts.



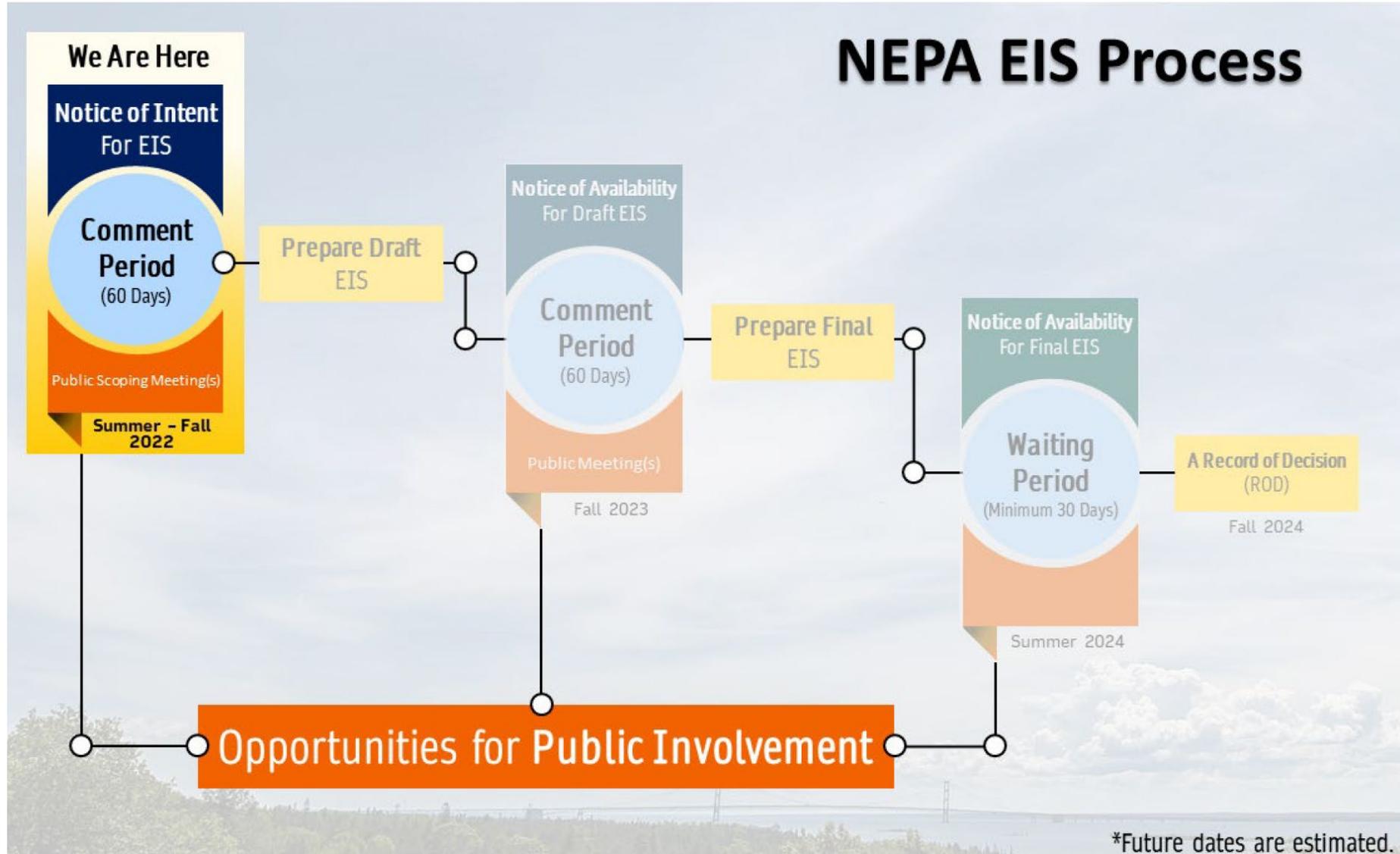
SCOPING



- Scoping provides interested parties an opportunity to provide comments to inform the Draft EIS.
- Comments help to:
 - **Identify issues for in-depth analysis in the EIS**
 - **Identify alternatives to be considered in the EIS**
- The Corps of Engineers will consider all comments received during the EIS scoping period, as well as comments received during the May 2020 public notice and December 2020 public hearing comment periods.



EIS PROCESS TIMELINE





SECTION 106 OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT

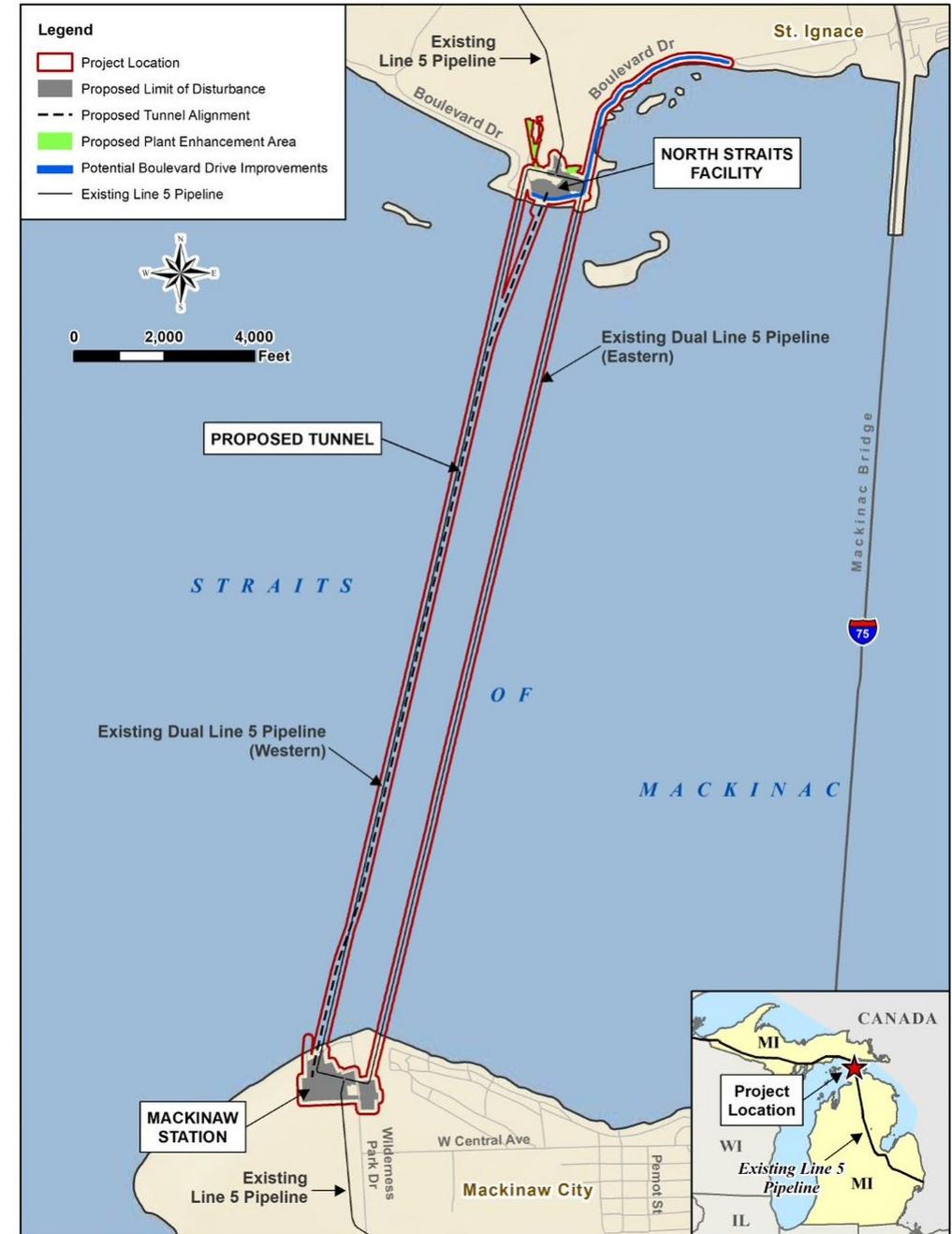


- Section 106 requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of federal actions on historic properties.
- Section 106 review will be coordinated with the NEPA process and will occur concurrently with EIS preparation.
- Public input is important. The Corps of Engineers invites all interested parties to provide input on **identification of and potential impacts to historic properties** during the scoping period.
- Parties with demonstrated interest may request to be consulting parties in the 106 review. The Corps of Engineers will decide whether to grant requests.



PROJECT OVERVIEW

- The Corps of Engineers is reviewing an application for a Department of the Army permit by Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership to construct an approximate 3.6-mile tunnel crossing beneath the Straits of Mackinac (Straits) in Lake Michigan and associated facilities within the North Straits Facility and Mackinaw Station.
- Aside from the entry and exit points, the tunnel would be constructed entirely in bedrock, at depths of 30 feet to 370 feet beneath the lakebed of the Straits, using a tunnel-boring machine.
- The tunnel would house a new 30-inch single pipeline replacement segment of Enbridge's Line 5 pipeline. The Line 5 Straits crossing currently consists of two 20-inch diameter pipelines that rest on or are anchored to the lakebed.





PROJECT OVERVIEW (CONTINUED)

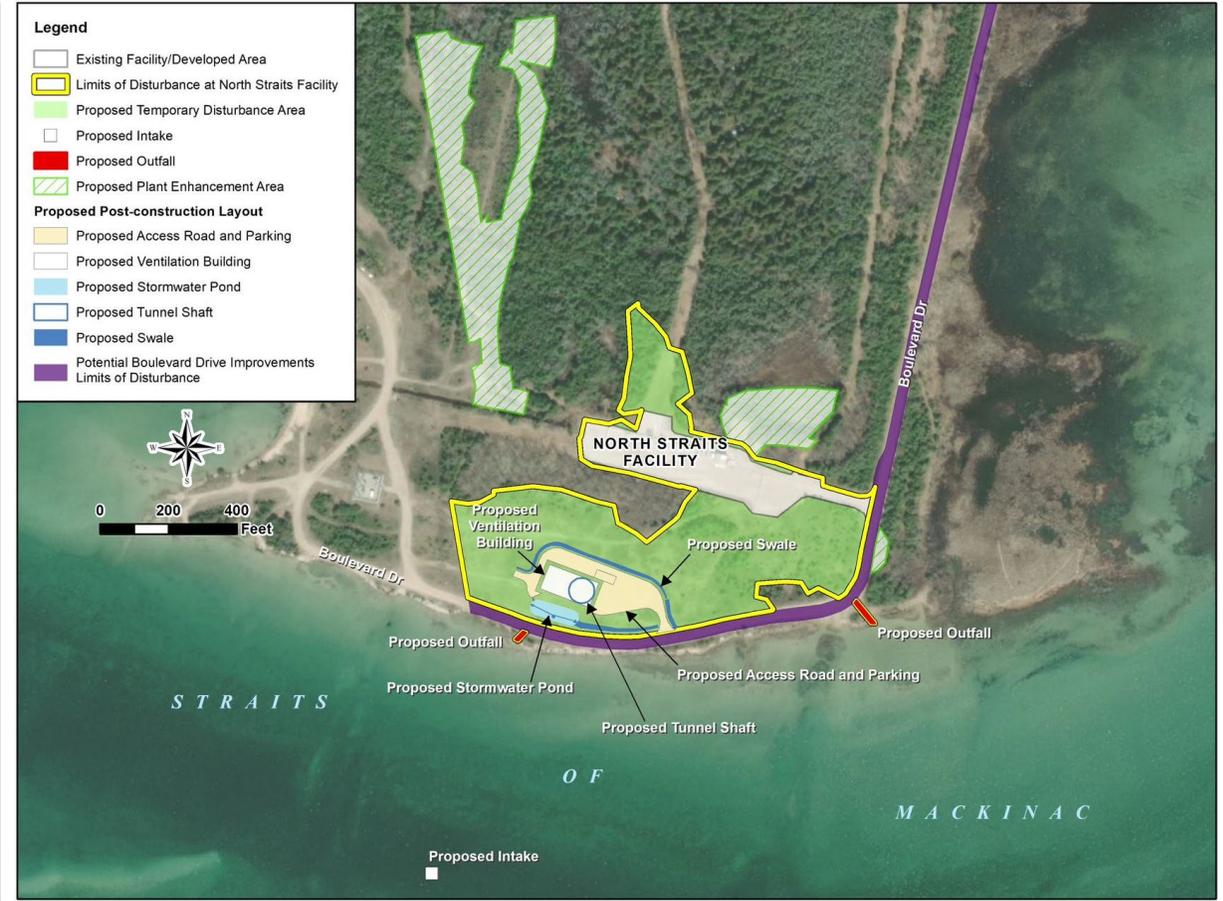


Proposed Construction Area and Post-construction Layout

Southern Work Area



Northern Work Area



- Detailed project information and plan drawings are available at: www.Line5TunnelEIS.com.



HOW TO PROVIDE COMMENTS TONIGHT



Electronic

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Verbally

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**Ends Friday,
October 14,
2022**

Comment Period is open from **August 15 – October 14, 2022**



VERBAL COMMENTING



- Say and spell your first and last name at the start of your comment.
- Speak clearly into the microphone.
- The Corps of Engineers will not respond to comments or questions during the meeting. All comments will be considered during preparation of the EIS.
- Verbal comments will be held to a 3-minute time limit.
- If time allows, participants may be permitted to speak again after all commenters have an initial opportunity to speak.
- This meeting is being transcribed, and all comments will be included in the administrative record.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

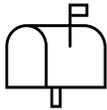


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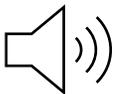
Visit: www.line5tunneleis.com

Go to the “Comment Here” Tab

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Address mail to:

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P.O. Box 10178
Gaithersburg, MD 20898

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Upcoming meeting schedule:

- October 6, 2022, 1:00 – 4:00 PM EDT (virtual). Visit the Line 5 Tunnel EIS website for additional details: www.Line5TunnelEIS.com

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