

SECTION 519 FOX RIVER HABITAT & CONNECTIVITY STUDY – NEXT STEPS

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LOOK AHEAD



- 11/2023 Public comment period closed
 - 12/2023 Develop responses to public/agency comments
 - 12/2023 Distribute FAQ and post to project website
 - 12/2023 Vertical team review
 - 1/2024 Move from TSP to Recommended Plan
 - 4/2024 Seek non-binding letters of intent from non-federal sponsors
 - 1/2025 Report approval
- ***End of Feasibility Phase***
- 4/2025 Execute Project Partnership Agreements
 - 2026 Develop plans and specifications
 - 2027 Construction award



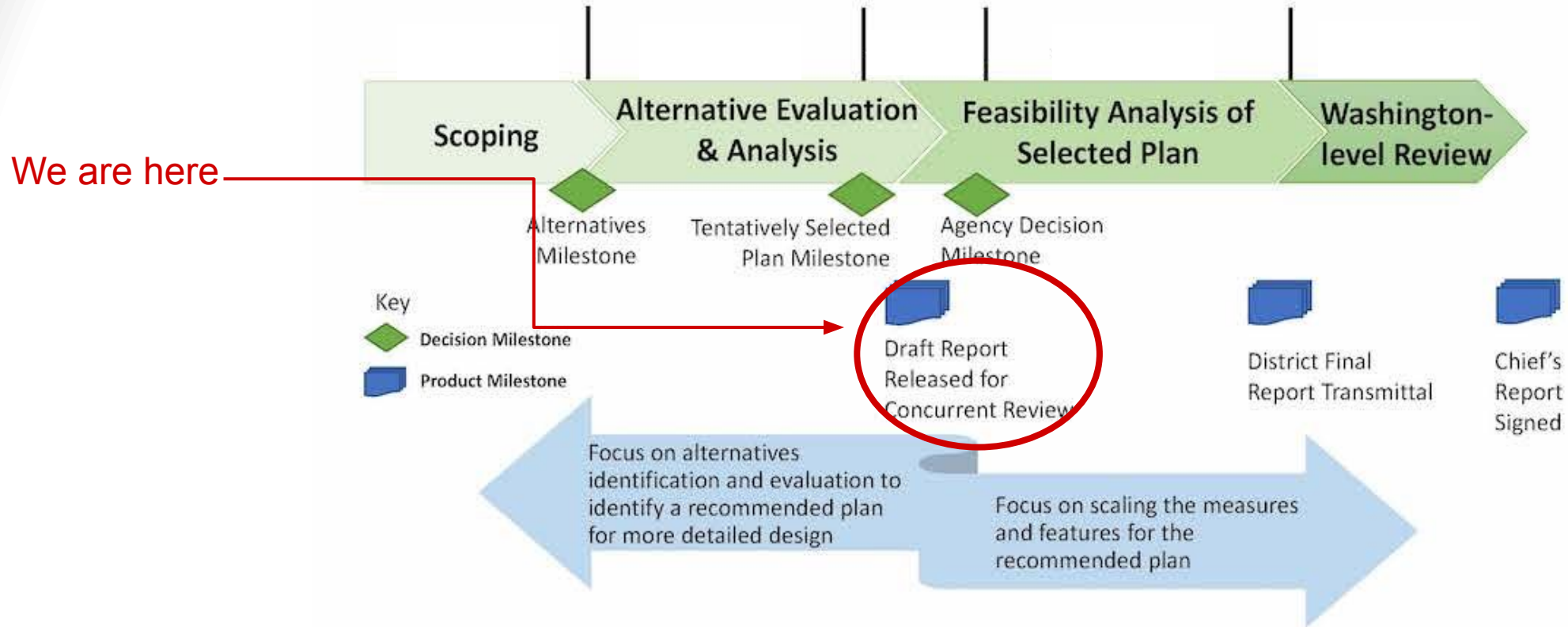


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FEASIBILITY STUDY PROCESS

The Feasibility Study Process: Key Decision & Product Milestones





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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD



- Over 700 in attendance at three public meetings – St. Charles, Elgin, and Aurora
- Received over 1,000 email comments
 - Majority of comments in support of the tentatively selected plan (TSP)
 - Main concerns:
 - Shift/loss in recreational opportunities
 - Decreased property values
 - Impacts to wildlife (fish, eagles)
 - Aesthetics (loss of pool, stinky mud flats)
 - Infrastructure impacts (Elgin/Aurora water intakes, bridge pier impacts)
 - Sediment contaminants
 - Flooding impacts
 - Water level and shoreline changes
 - Economic losses
 - Challenges to NEPA process
 - Decision process
 - Municipal support/involvement