

April CAB meeting minutes

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April 16, 2026

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April 2026 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

5:30 pm

Call to order, introductions
Review of agenda

DOE Comments

Federal Coordinator Comments

Liaison Comments

Administrative Issues

Presentation

Annual Site Environmental Report
Future Use of DOE Paducah Site

Public Comments

Final Comments

Adjourn

DRAFT CAB Recommendation 26-01: CAB input on Budget and Funding Priorities at the DOE Paducah Site

Background: The Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) was established to provide a structured, public forum for stakeholder input into the environmental cleanup of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Paducah Site in Kentucky. Composed of residents, technical experts, and community leaders, the CAB serves as a bridge between DOE, its contractors, regulators, and the public. Its formation reflects DOE's commitment to transparency, accountability, and meaningful public participation in complex environmental management decisions, particularly those involving legacy contamination from uranium enrichment operations conducted during the Cold War.

The Paducah CAB plays a critical role in the cleanup mission by reviewing technical documents, evaluating proposed remediation strategies, and offering consensus-based recommendations to DOE. These recommendations often address priorities such as risk reduction, groundwater protection, waste disposition, and long-term stewardship. Community values such as protection of public health, environmental sustainability, economic stability, and intergenerational responsibility, are central to the CAB's deliberations. By incorporating these values, the CAB ensures local perspectives meaningfully shape cleanup priorities and approaches, which in turn can influence DOE decisions on project sequencing, resource allocation, and risk communication.

Through its advisory function, the Paducah CAB enhances the credibility and responsiveness of the cleanup program by fostering trust and collaboration between DOE and the community it serves. Its input helps DOE better understand local concerns and align technical solutions with community expectations, ultimately contributing to more effective and publicly supported outcomes. The CAB's recommendations can and do inform DOE's decision-making processes, including adjustments to cleanup scope and strategy, demonstrating the tangible impact of community engagement on federal environmental management efforts.

The CAB also provides valuable input to DOE's budget request and formulation processes, helping ensure funding priorities reflect both technical needs and community-driven cleanup objectives.

While economic development and cleanup timelines have variability, the CAB has consistently promoted community values to be considered in the formal decision-making process. To that end, the CAB continues to promote the following community values:

1. Accelerated Environmental Cleanup & Risk Reduction

DOE should continue to place emphasis on environmental remediation, particularly the C-400 groundwater project, while expediting decontamination and decommissioning (D&D) of legacy facilities and promote a more robust cleanup while continuing work to remediate contaminated soil and groundwater. The near- and long-term focus for the CAB remains on reducing long-term environmental and human health risks to stakeholders.

2. Waste Management & On-Site Disposal Solutions

The Board insists waste disposal decisions be based on efficient, cost-effective waste disposition pathways. The CAB supports on-site disposal to reduce costs and accelerate cleanup timelines to promote reindustrialization and best use for the future of the site.

3. Workforce Stability, Recruitment & Economic Transition

The CAB is committed to working alongside DOE to improve workforce recruitment and retention. This approach includes but is not limited to STEM-programs in schools; union-based certifications offered to high school and college students; and internships, externships and workforce pipeline development. The strong ties between a trained, stable workforce, the DOE cleanup mission and regional economic stability make this a high value item for the CAB.

4. Future Land Use & Reindustrialization

With priority on creating a Site Master Plan through a grant administered by the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce, the CAB seeks alignment of cleanup decisions with future industrial or commercial reuse. The integration of cleanup decisions and future use plans with community visioning processes for redevelopment are critical for this project's long-term success and community buy in.

5. Transparency, Public Engagement & Communication

The decades-long relationship between DOE and the CAB has yielded a continued emphasis on clear, accessible communication. Moving forward, an expansion of DOE and contractor public outreach tools (videos, education, engagement platforms) will help DOE maintain public trust through the current phase of the cleanup decisions and reindustrialization projects.

6. Technology & Innovation in Cleanup

Interest in advanced technologies (e.g., AI, innovative remediation methods) puts Paducah at the forefront of the Nuclear Renaissance. A clear focus on improving

efficiency, safety, and cost-effectiveness puts the Paducah Site in a position to be a hub for innovation, product development and design research. The CAB and surrounding communities look forward to partnering with DOE and private industry to make this possibility a reality.

Recommendation: Considering the community values and understanding the current timeline where accelerated cleanup and site reindustrialization are meeting head on, the CAB recommends:

- **Establish and communicate a “cleanup-to-reuse acceleration strategic plan” including:**
 - **Increase funding for continued environmental remediation and D&D activities to accelerate removal of legacy facilities ensuring environmental remediation is completed in phases, matching private-sector redevelopment timelines**
 - **Align cleanup sequencing with redevelopment-ready parcels**
 - **Continue working with community leaders to develop a Comprehensive Site Master Plan for future land use**
 - **Prioritize funding for waste disposition infrastructure to accelerate cleanup while minimizing lifecycle cost**
- **Expand training, apprenticeships, and internships to build, develop and improve workforce**
- **Enhance public engagement and communication efforts through expanded DOE and contractor outreach tools to maintain community trust and transparency.**
- **Emphasize a proactive approach to advance technologies to advance Paducah as an innovation and research hub for the Nuclear Renaissance**

2024 Annual Site Environmental Report

Paducah CAB

April 16, 2026

Mitchell Guthrie

Annual Site Environmental Report (ASER)

- DOE Order 231.1B – Environment, Safety and Health Reporting
- Offers detailed overview of environmental activities at the Paducah Site
- Monitoring conducted to determine if cleanup activities are impacting the workforce, environment or site neighbors

US Department of Energy
Paducah Gaseous
Diffusion Plant

2024



Paducah Site



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Each year
more than
2,000
samples are
collected
from both on
and off-site
sources

Environmental Sampling Includes...



Ambient Air



Surface Water



Groundwater

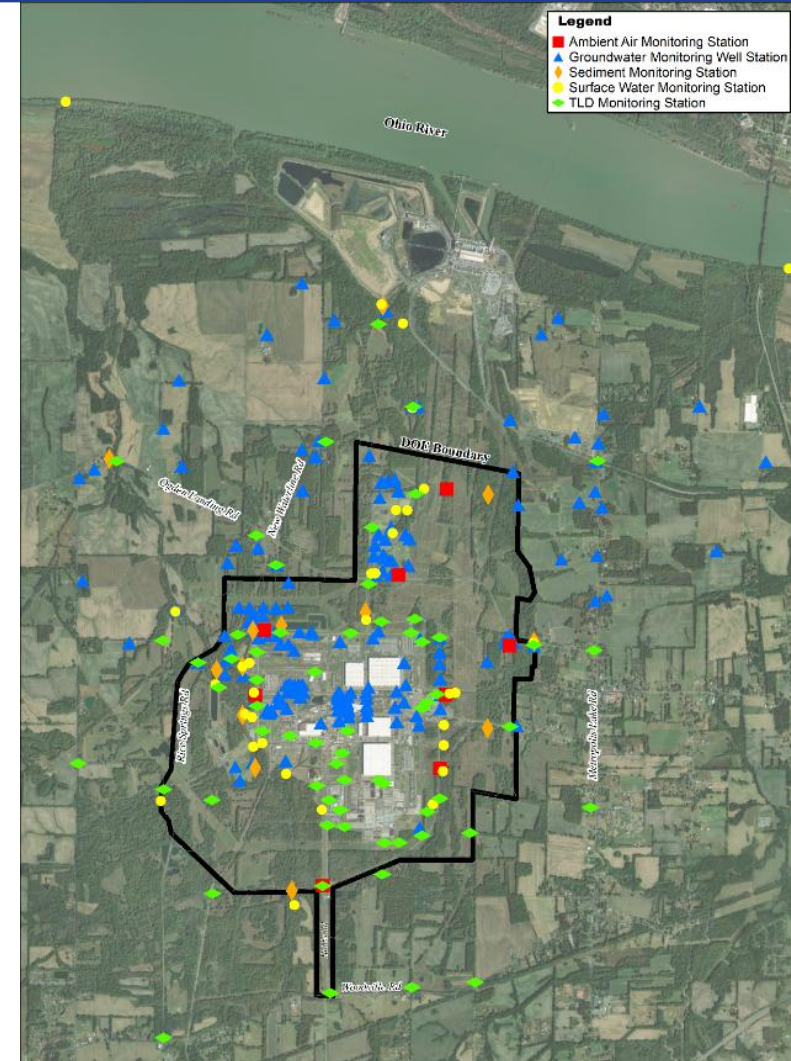


Soil



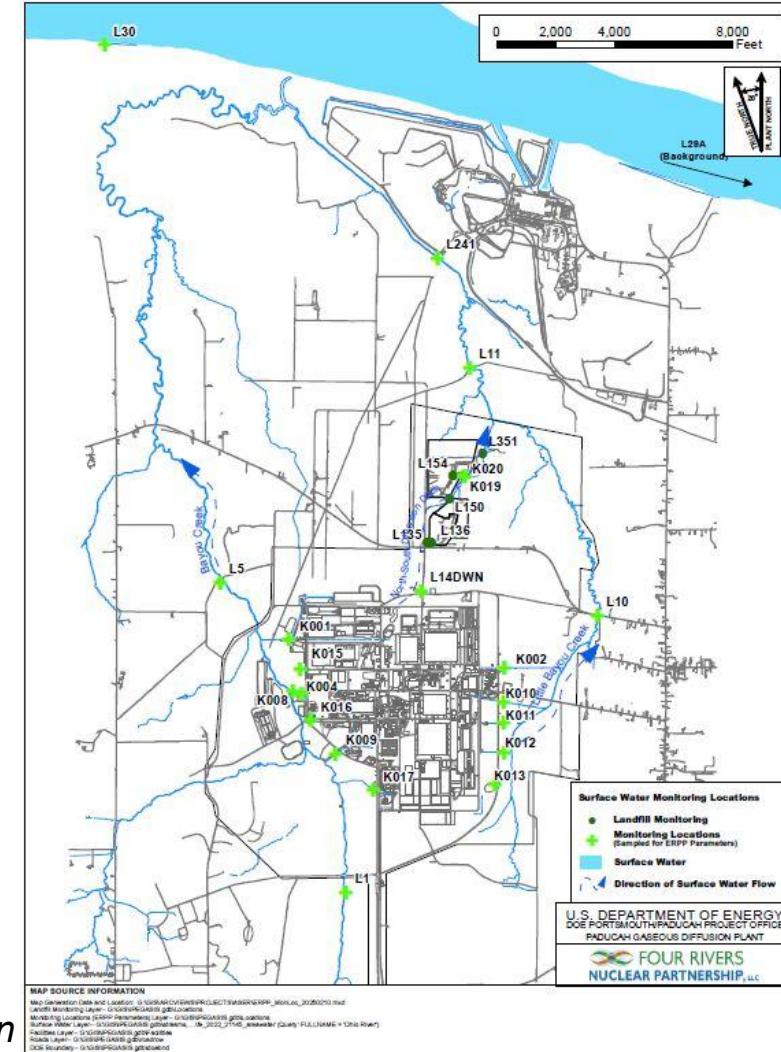
Sampling

- In 2024, more than 2,000 samples of air, sediment, and water collected and analyzed for radioactive and nonradioactive contaminants:
 - Air: 504
 - Sediment: 34
 - Surface Water: 679
 - Groundwater: 879



2024 Major Sampling Efforts – Water Quality

- Monitoring for water quality performed at locations where water flows into the Bayou and Little Bayou creeks
- 277 surface water samples analyzed for multiple parameters as part of Kentucky Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit monitoring during 2024



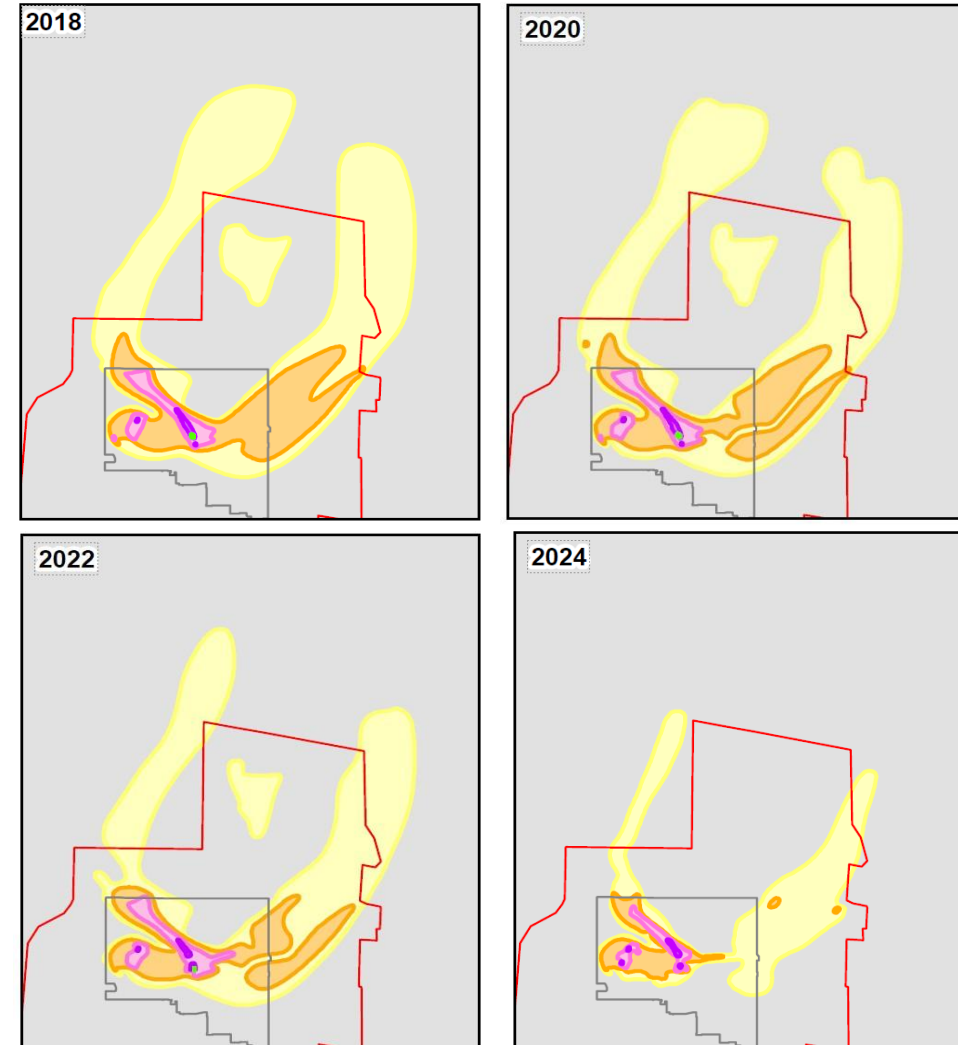
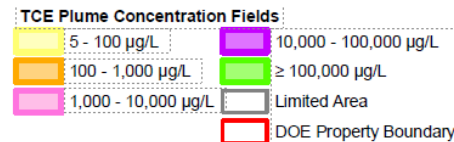
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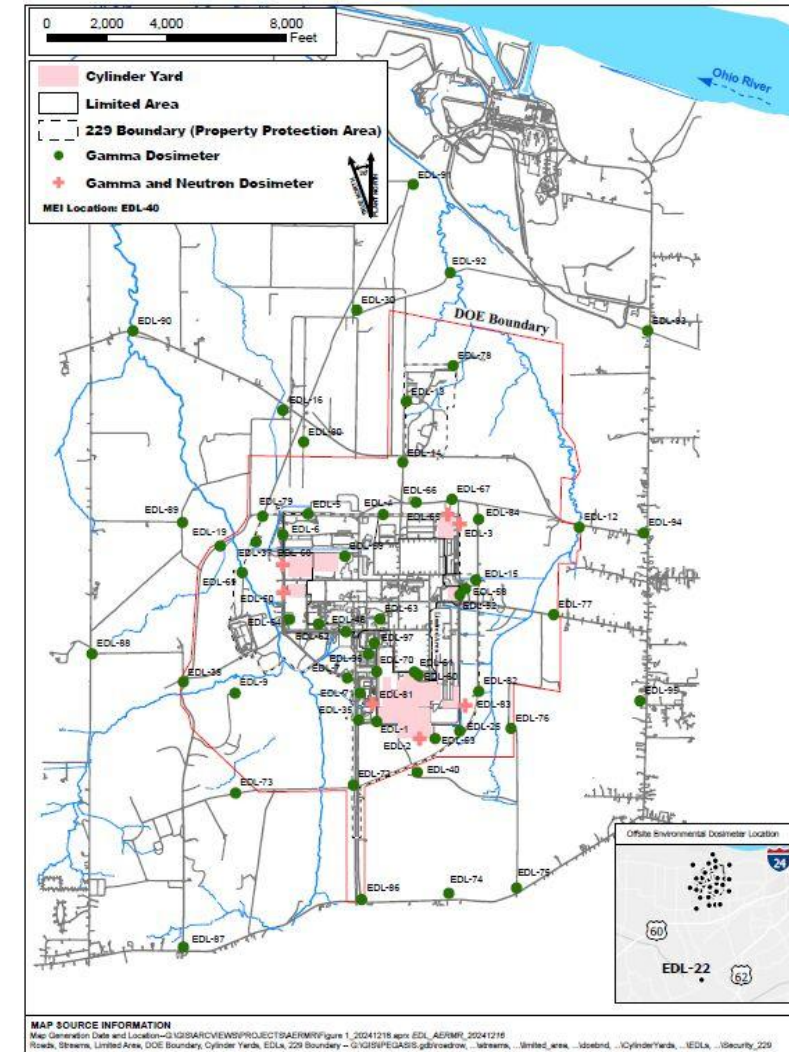
2024 Major Sampling Efforts – Groundwater

- Concentrations of primary contaminants detected in the groundwater plumes at the Paducah Site continued to decrease in 2024
- Plume maps are updated every two years



2024 Major Sampling Efforts – Air Sampling

- External radiation measured continuously at 64 locations
- Ambient air was sampled at nine locations (on-site and off-site) and analyzed for radionuclides



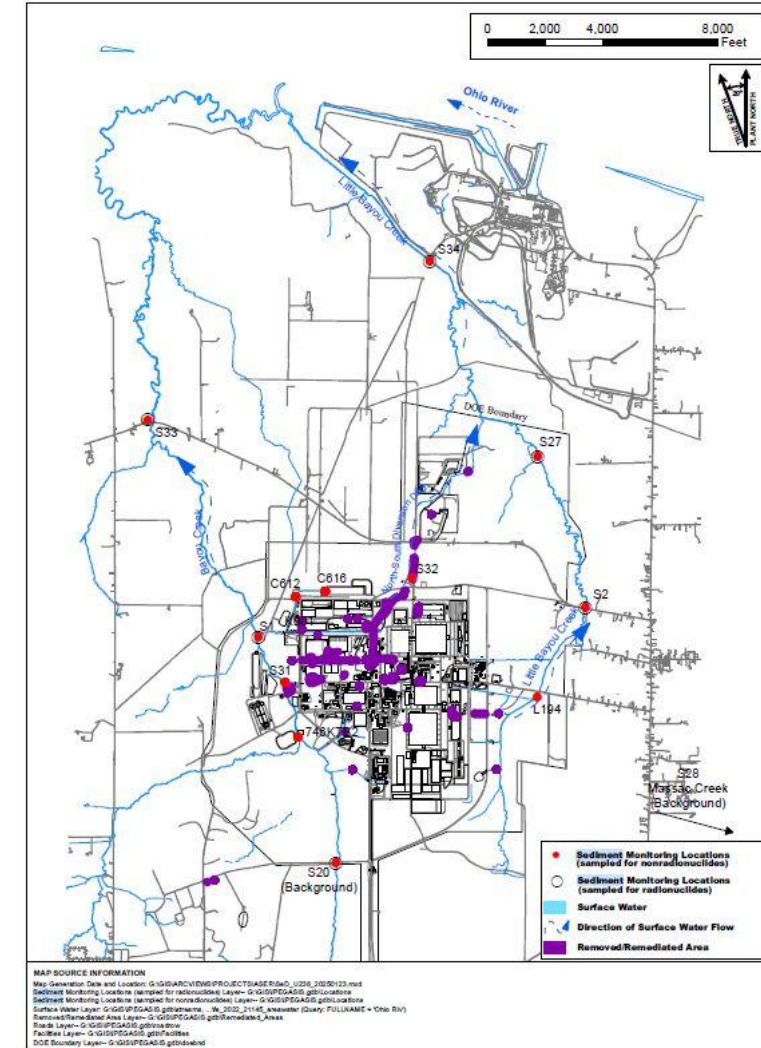
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2024 Major Sampling Efforts – Soil

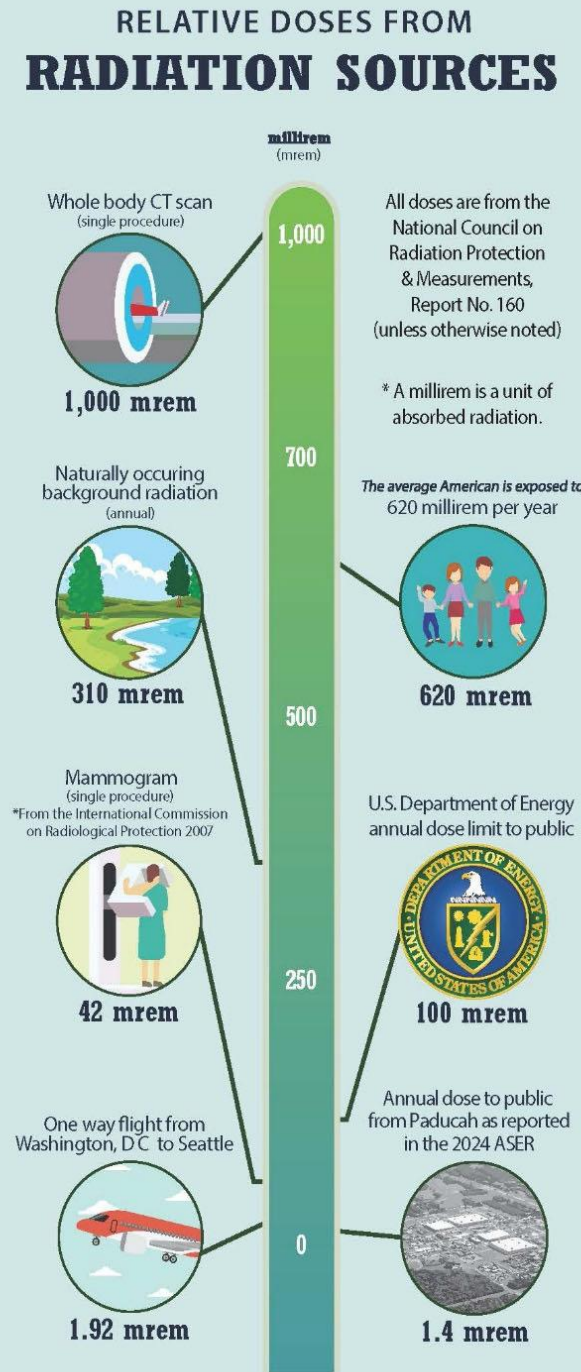
- Samples collected at various locations, on and off-site
- Focus on radiological and non-radiological contaminants
- Analyzed for radionuclides and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)



Not all sampling locations shown

2024 Environmental Risk Summary

- The sampling results are compiled for a dose calculation
- In 2024, The calculated radiation dose that could be received by a member of the public from activities at the Paducah Site was 1.4 millirem (mrem)
 - DOE annual dose limit = 100 mrem



2024 Environmental Summary

- The Paducah Site received two Notices of Violation during 2024
 - NOV ENV20240002 issued for the total recoverable zinc exceedance at KPDES Outfall 013
 - NOV ENV20240001 issued for the total suspended solids exceedance at KPDES Outfall 015
- Environmental monitoring data collected in 2024 similar to data collected in previous years
- Continues to show reduction in contaminants at the site
 - Demonstrates effectiveness of cleanup efforts



ASER Public Outreach

- Key component of DOE's effort to inform the public about environmental conditions at the Paducah Site
- Access the ASER online by visiting
 - <https://www.energy.gov/pppo/articles/paducah-annual-site-environmental-reports>
 - <https://www.fourriversnuclearpartnership.com>
- Mailed to identified stakeholders
- Available online at the Paducah Environmental Information Center
- Printed and distributed to community leaders, the CAB, the McCracken County Library, etc.
- Monitoring results available via PPPO Environmental Geographic Analytical Spatial Information System (PEGASIS) at <https://pegasis.pad.pppo.gov/>



Student ASER

- A partnership with Murray State University
- McCracken County High School selected for 2025-2026 academic year
- Student ASER provides a visual, condensed and non-technical summary of ASER



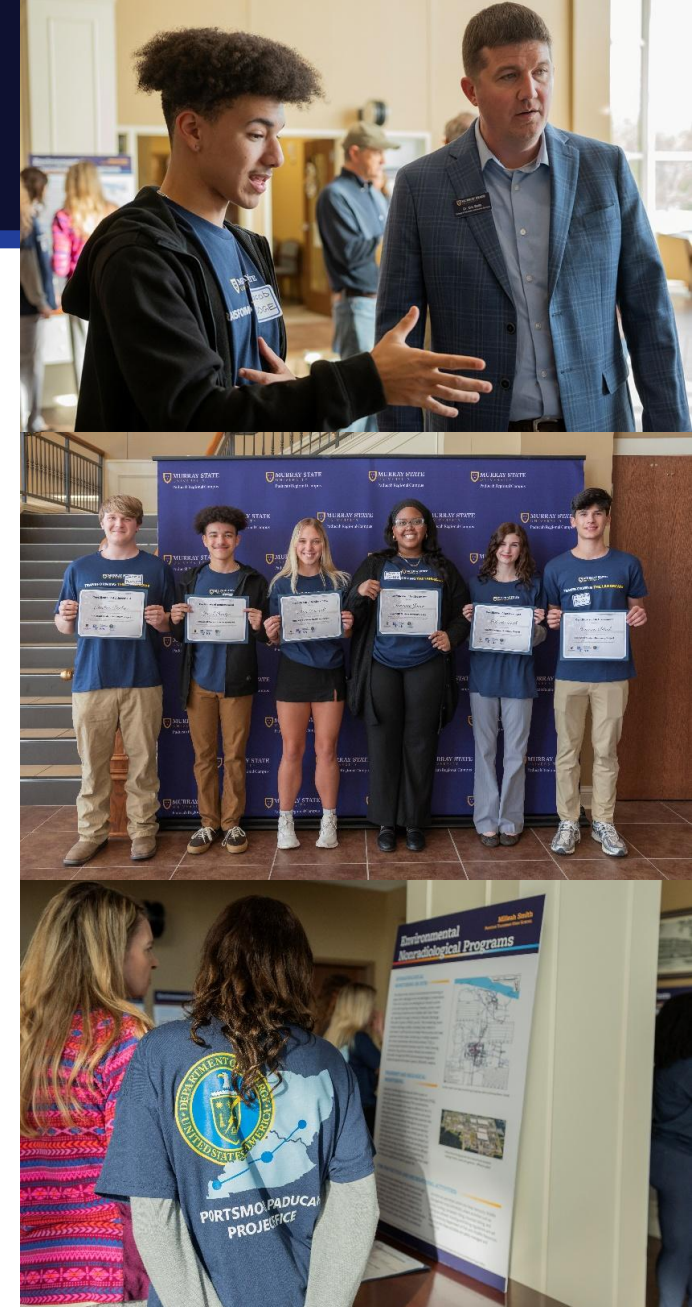
Student ASER

- Goals
 - Educational Outreach
 - Skill Development
 - Environmental Awareness
 - Career Exploration
 - Community Engagement



Student ASER Expo

- Students create academic posters and present to the public
- Showcases students finding and work
- Students receive certificates of achievement
- 2025-2026 Student ASER Presentations
 - Thursday, April 23
 - 4-6 p.m. @ Murray State University – Paducah Campus
 - 4430 Sunset Avenue, Paducah, Ky





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Greater Paducah

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT





Food Prep & Serving Related Industries

"Q2 2025 1.40"

LQ = 1.33

\$30,100



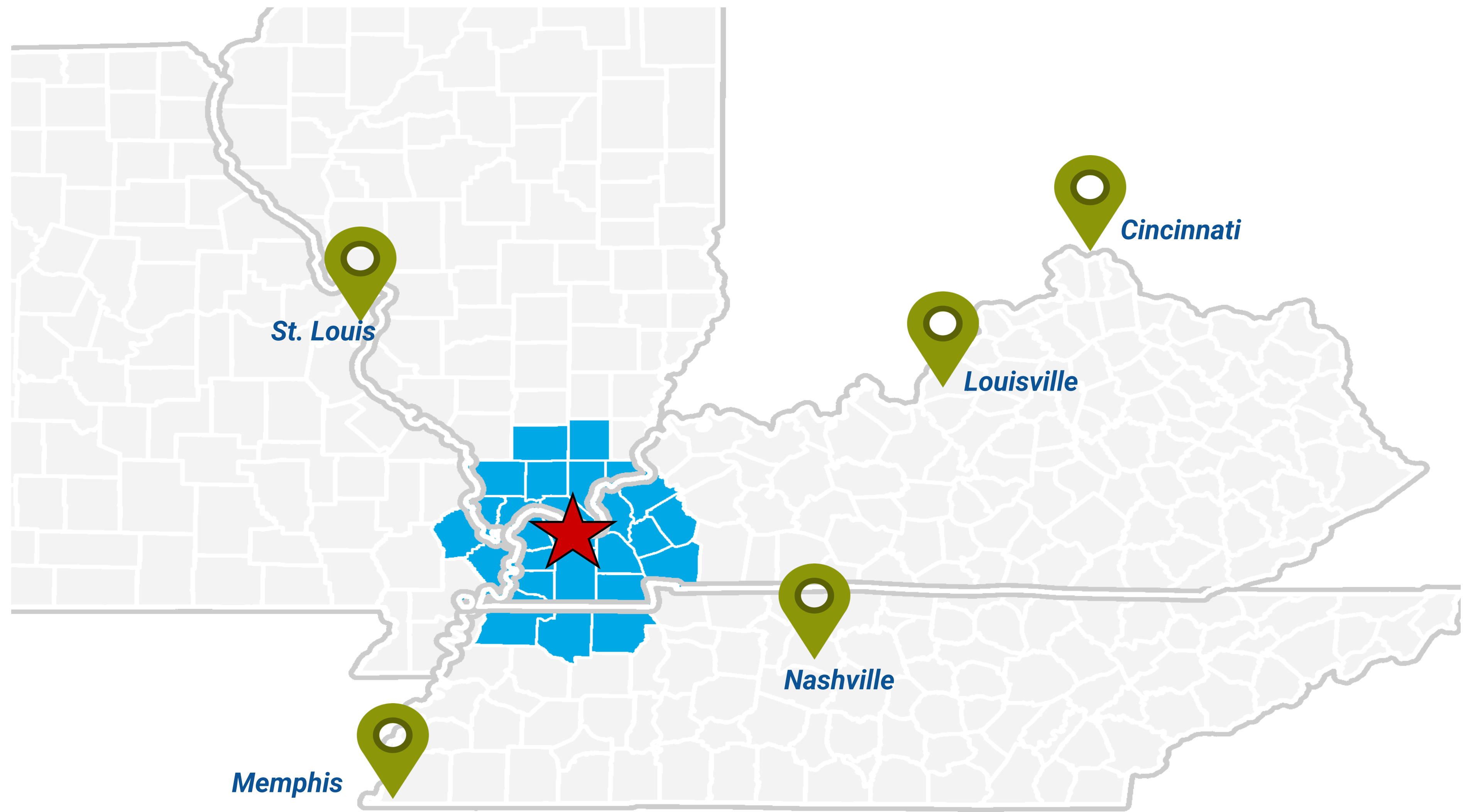
Living Wage

\$40,352 / Year

(Or \$19.40 / Hour)



Greater Paducah Labor Shed



Source: JobsEQ, 2024Q1 Economic Overview for McCracken County, Kentucky
American Community Survey 2018-2022



Labor Shed Poverty Rate

16.6%

Federal Poverty Income Level ~ \$30,000

(11% Nationally)

(15% McCracken County)

(22% within City of Paducah)



43,299

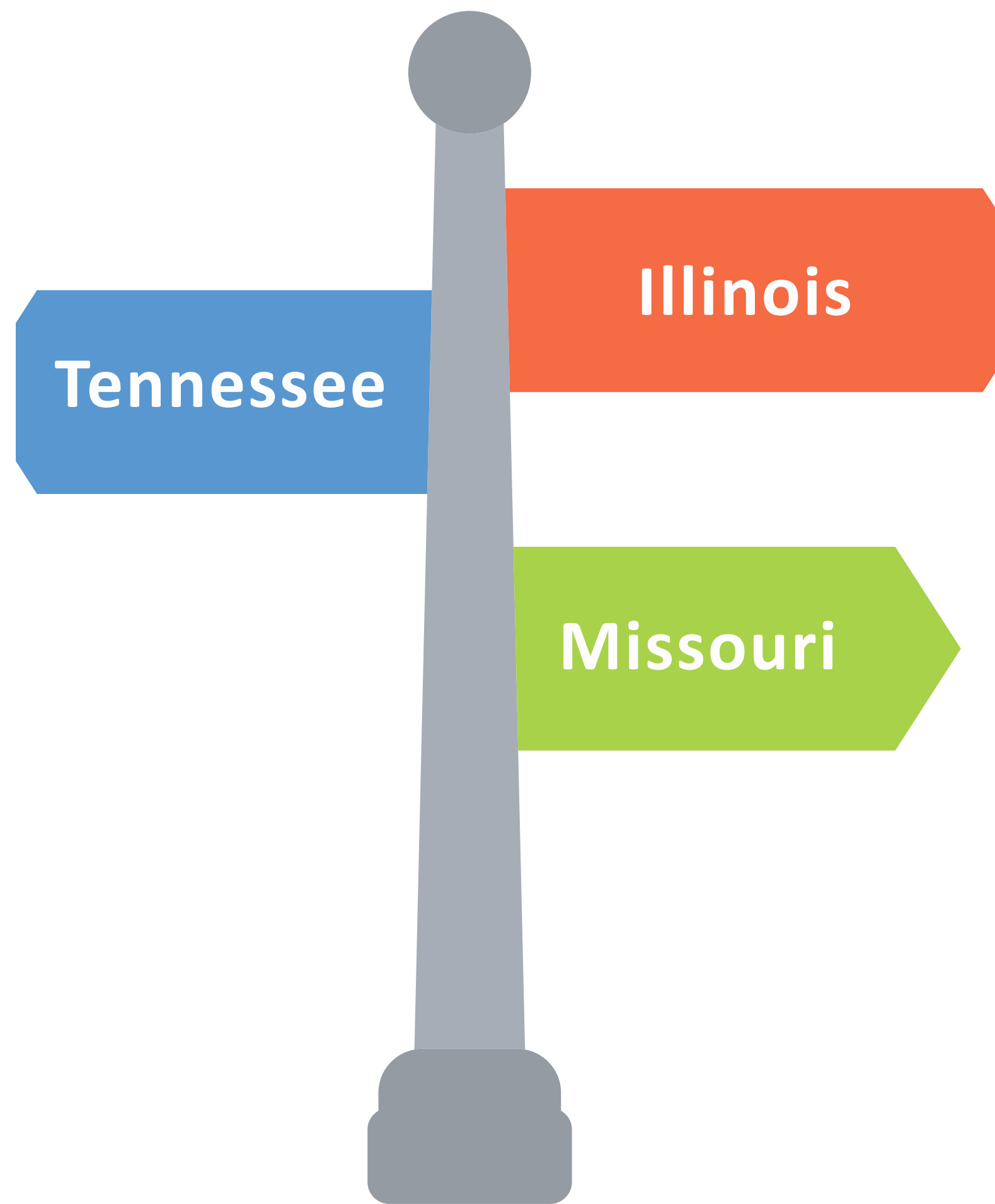
Jobs In McCracken County

\$58,800 Average Wage

(\$44,680 December 2019)



The Inbound Commuter



20,300 McCracken County Jobs are filled with Non-Residents

- 6,600 = trade, transportation, and utility jobs
- 2,400 = goods-producing jobs
- 11,300 = All other industry sectors
- **9,464= monthly wages < \$1,250 - \$3,333**



3.6%

Unemployment Rate

(December '25)





Greater Paducah
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

OUR MISSION

Greater Paducah Economic Development (GPED) is a public/private partnership that exists to proactively recruit and support companies that provide high-quality, high-paying jobs for our region.



Strategy, Trends, & Insights





Nuclear Ready State and Community



- ✓ Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority Established
 - Incentives added in 2025 by General Assembly
- ✓ Nuclear Ready Community Resolutions
 - McCracken County
 - City of Paducah
 - Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce
 - Greater Paducah Economic Development
 - Paducah Area Community Reuse Authority

2011 UK Survey – Community Desire to Reindustrialize the Site

2017 DOE & EPA On-Line Survey “Reconfirmed Community Reindustrialization”

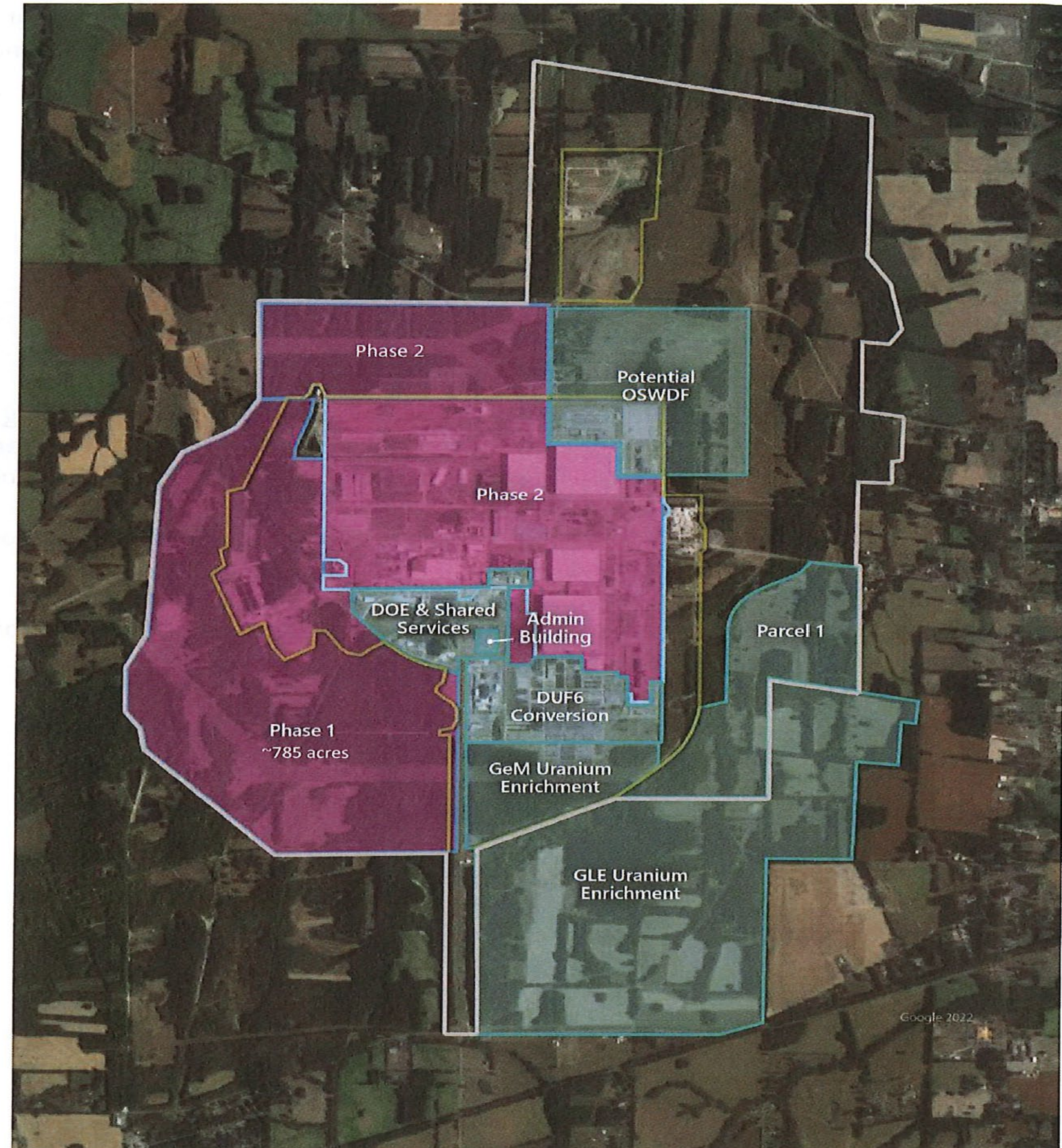


Site Overview

- Global Laser Enrichment
- General Matter
- Artificial Intelligence
- Nickel Expressions of Interest
- Potential On-Site Waste Disposal Facility



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (EM)
COMMERCIAL AI & ENERGY GENERATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM
REQUEST FOR OFFER (RFO) NUMBER: DE-FOA-0000000





Land Swap Completed:	November 2024
NRC License Application:	June 2025
TRL Announced:	November 2025
Federal Award:	\$28 Million Q1 '26
Formerly Announced:	March 26, 2026
Capital Investment:	\$1.762 Billion
Job Creation:	240
Average Rate of Pay:	\$100,000 +
Recurring Annual Impact:	\$113.6 Million
Operational:	~2030



You're Invited

GLOBAL
Laser Enrichment

Open House



April 29, 2026

4:00 – 6:30 PM

**Walker Hall Events
Center**

229 Madison Street
Paducah, KY 42001

Learn about GLE's vision, technology, and the
planned Paducah Laser Enrichment Facility.

For More Information

<https://www.gle-us.com>





DOE Lease Completed:	June 2025
Formerly Announced:	August 2025
Federal Award:	\$900 Million Q1 '26
Current Status:	Clearing / Grubbing / Site Work
Capital Investment:	\$1.5 Billion
Job Creation:	140
Average Rate of Pay:	\$100,000 +
Recurring Annual Impact:	\$71.1 Million
Operational:	~2030

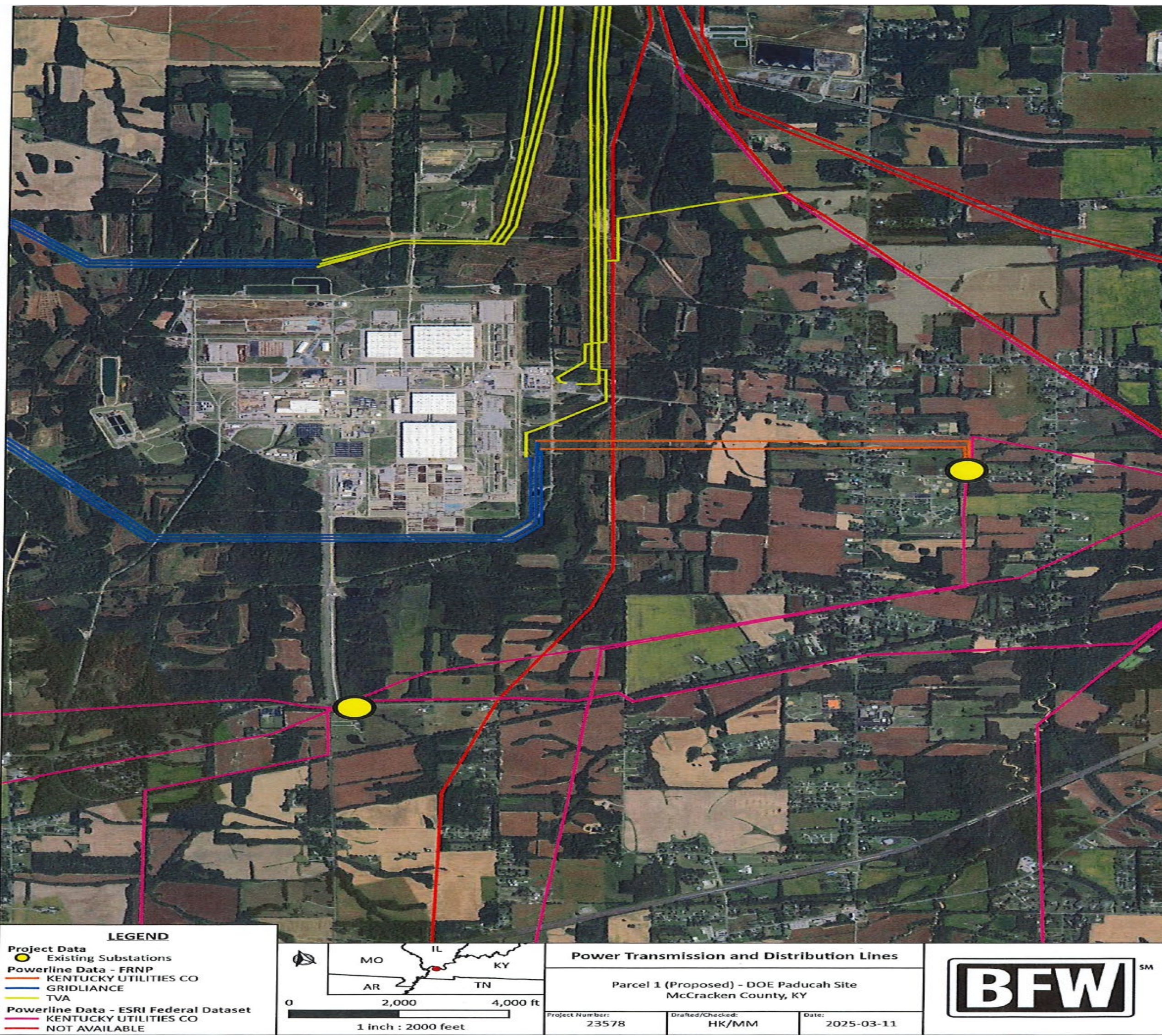


DOE AI Request for Offers

Identified as Preferred Site:	July 24, 2025
Industry Day Hosted:	December 18, 2025
Request for Offers Submitted:	January 31, 2026
Submission Evaluations:	In-Process
Announcement:	? – Next 45 to 60 Days
New Power Generation:	Data Center Load <u>PLUS</u> Anticipate Natural Gas
Water Demand:	Existing 30 MGD Pump Chilled Closed Loop



Electricity

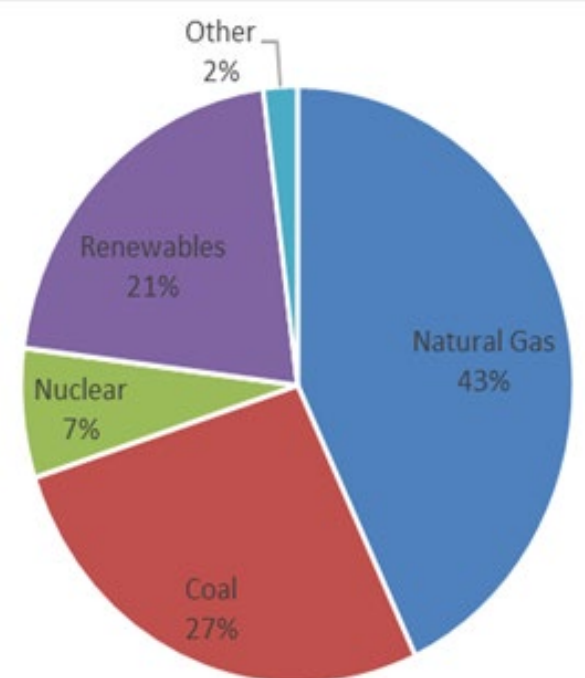


MIDCONTINENT INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR

MISO membership provides access to 200,000 megawatts of power-generating resources



Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), a not-for-profit member-based organization that ensures reliable, least-cost delivery of electricity across all or parts of 15 U.S. states and one Canadian province.



Nickel Expressions of Interest

Expressions of Interest Identified:	November 21, 2025
Interested Party Visits to Paducah:	2
Expressions of Interest Submitted:	February 19, 2026
Submission Evaluations:	In-Process
Announcement:	?



Other Industry Segments of Interest

Conversion

De-Conversion

Fuel Fabrication

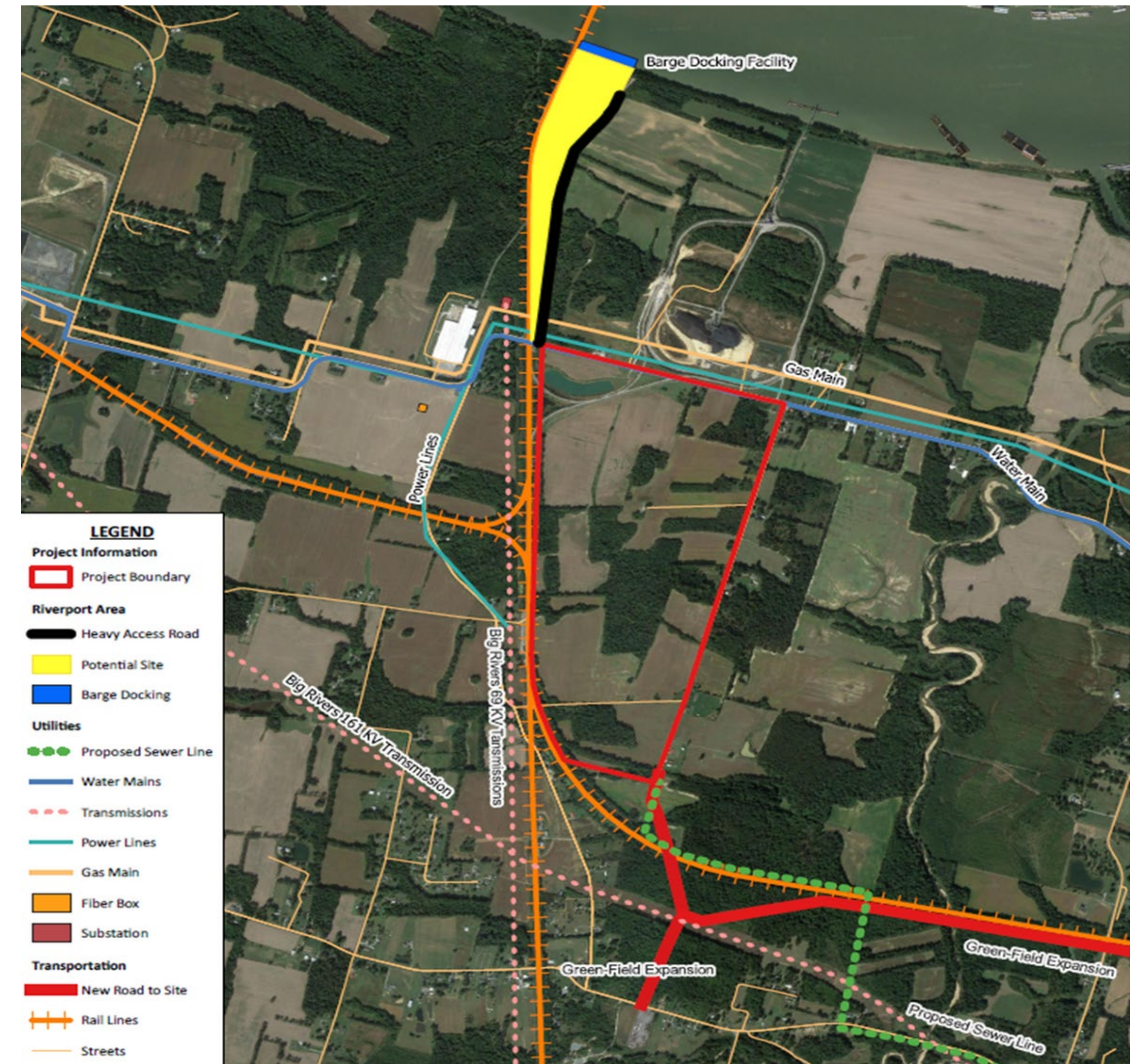
Rare Earth Mineral Recycling

Heavy Industrial Applications



Triple Rail Site / Riverport West

- Own and/or control ~800 Acres
- \$15.5 Million New Road
- \$750,000 Sewer Extensions
- 1,000' of River Frontage
- \$75 Million Preliminary Design Riverport West
- \$3.5 Million For Environmental, Engineering, & Design



Thank You!

