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John V. Jurica, MD
325 Rock Creek Drive
Manteno, Illinois 60950

January 7, 2013

Illinois Health Facilities and
Services Review Board
2nd Floor
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Emergency Services in Frankfort

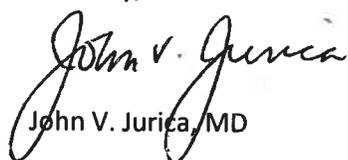
To The Illinois Health Planning Board:

As a local physician and resident of Manteno Illinois, I would like to make the following comments regarding the placement of a free standing emergency medical facility in Frankfort, Illinois. I have had many patients and other acquaintances that live in the northern part of Kankakee County and the central to southern part of Will County. When faced with an urgent, life threatening illness or injury, unfortunately, they often experience significant delays in obtaining needed medical care.

My friends living north of Peotone and west of Interstate 57 find themselves trying to decide which of several hospitals to go to, none of which are within a short distance. I have heard my neighbors complain about the lack of high quality urgent and emergent medical services in their neighborhoods. It is surprising to find that even though they live in an area that is becoming a more populated southern suburb of Chicago, there are no emergency services within fifteen or twenty-minute drive or ambulance ride, from which to seek care. And those extra minutes of delay in care can mean the difference between successful and unsuccessful treatment for a heart attack, stroke or acute hemorrhage.

Based on that need, I believe it makes good sense to open an emergency department in the area that I described so that those patients can receive timely life-saving care and stabilization when it is needed. This will also be an ideal location to provide off hours care on weekends, at night and on holidays for patients in that area, to address the majority of urgent but non-emergent medical problems. The availability of basic laboratory and imaging services, along with well trained physician in that location, would surely benefit those who needed such services acutely.

Cordially,


John V. Jurica, MD

Jim Holland, Mayor
Village of Frankfort
432 W. Nebraska
Frankfort, IL 60423

RE: Letter of Opposition, Project #12-089, Riverside Medical Center-Frankfort

Dear Mayor Holland,

I am writing to oppose the new Riverside Freestanding Emergency Care Facility proposed for Frankfort. As someone who is concerned with preserving both the quality of life as well as the healthcare system in Will County, I believe that an emergency care facility in this location would be both unnecessary and harmful to the community for the following reasons.

The location of Riverside's Freestanding Emergency Care Facility is in a highly residential area. Consequently, developing a site in such an area would disrupt the quality of life for thousands of residents subjected to constant siren noise, traffic noise, major road reconstruction, increased road congestion, and diminish home values.

Furthermore, I also feel that the proposed site location of Riverside's planned hospital would not be in compliance with the Village's current zoning laws for the following reasons:

- Riverside's project would require a special use permit outside its current zoning parameters which would not adhere to appropriate land use patterns in the immediate vicinity, which is overwhelming residential. (Violating 115-1.60-C of Zoning Ordinance)
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Sincerely,

Signature Caroline Pisarski & Richard Pisarski^{CP}
Printed Name RICHARD and CAROLINE PISARSKI
Address 11051 SIENA DRIVE
City/State/Zip: FRANKFORT, IL 60423
Date: 1/2/13

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Signature Debra M. Stengle
Printed Name Debra M. Stengle
Address 73084 Firenze Dr.
City/State/Zip: Frankfort/IL/60423
Date: 31 Dec 2012

RE: New Riverside Freestanding Emergency Care Facility Frankfort, IL
DT: January 10, 2013

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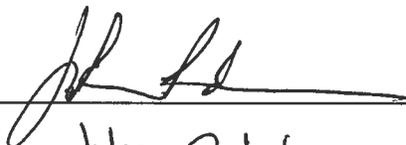
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Not only does the new Riverside Freestanding Emergency Care facility fail to provide greater accessibility and proximity of emergency health care services to the majority of the area, which is already adequately serviced, but it is also in a completely unsuitable location due to its direct proximity to various residential neighborhoods.

For these reasons, I strongly oppose this project.

Sincerely,

Signature  _____

Printed Name John Roldan _____

Address 11035 SIENA DR _____

City/State/Zip: FRANKFORT IL 60423 _____

Date: 1/9/2013 _____

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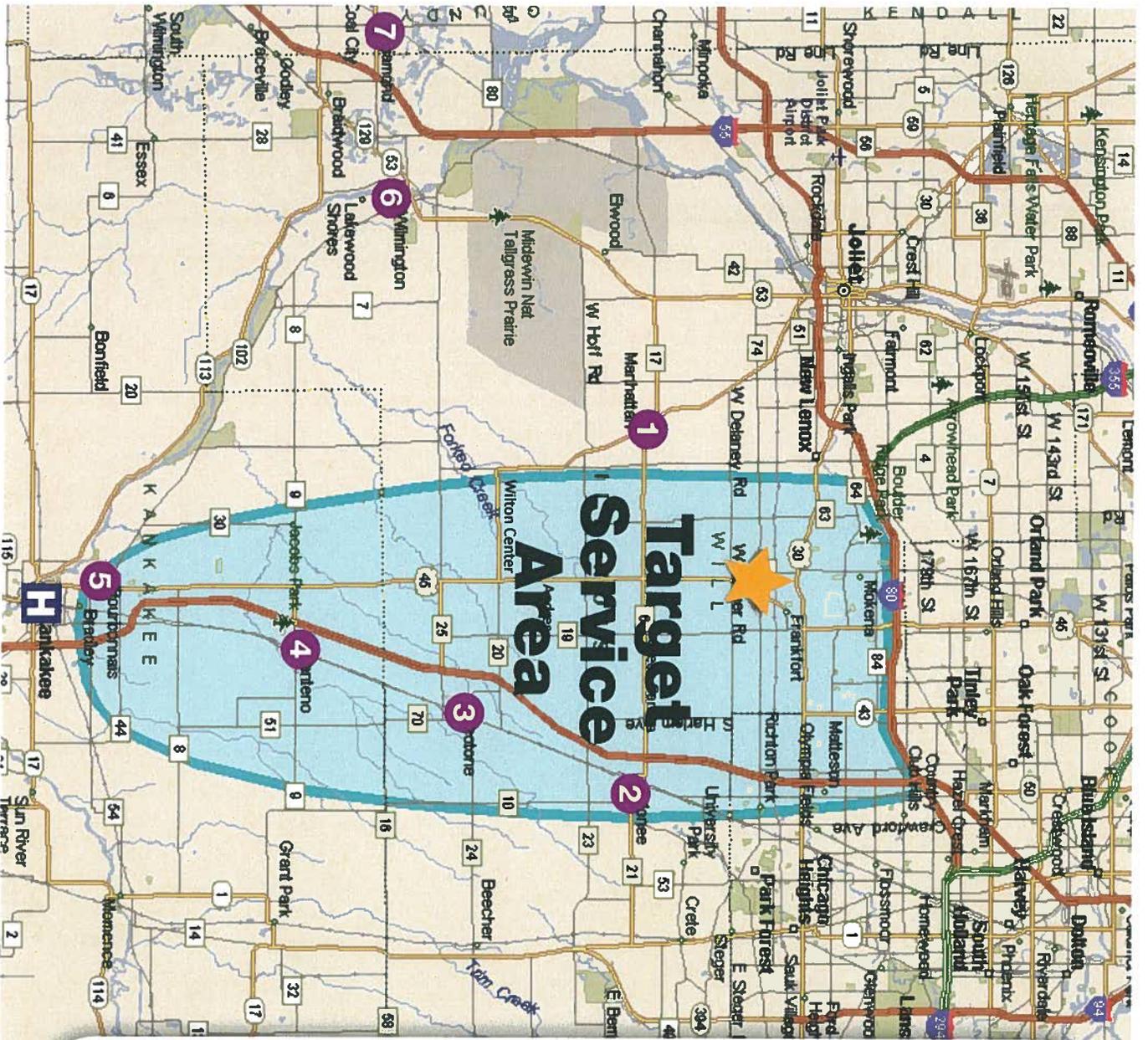
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Signature Nicole S. Roldan
Printed Name Nicole S. Roldan
Address 11035 Siena Dr
City/State/Zip: Frankfort IL 60423
Date: 1.9.13

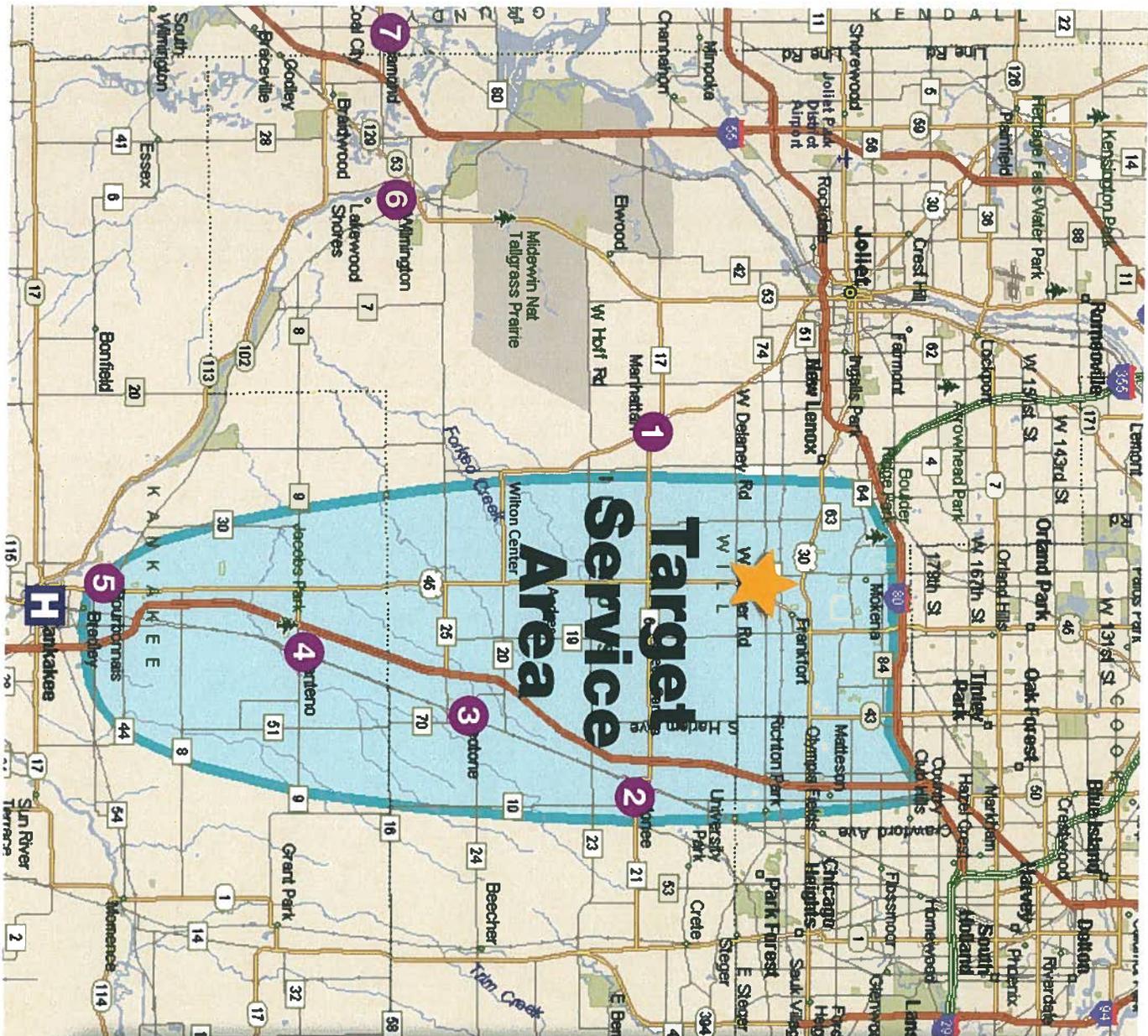



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-  Bourbonnais
-  Kankakee East Court
-  Manhattan
-  Manteno
-  Monee
-  Pembroke
-  Peotone
-  Wilmington

Ambulance Stations

-  Ashkum
-  Bradley
-  Chebanse
-  Limestone
-  Herscher
-  Momence
-  St. Anne

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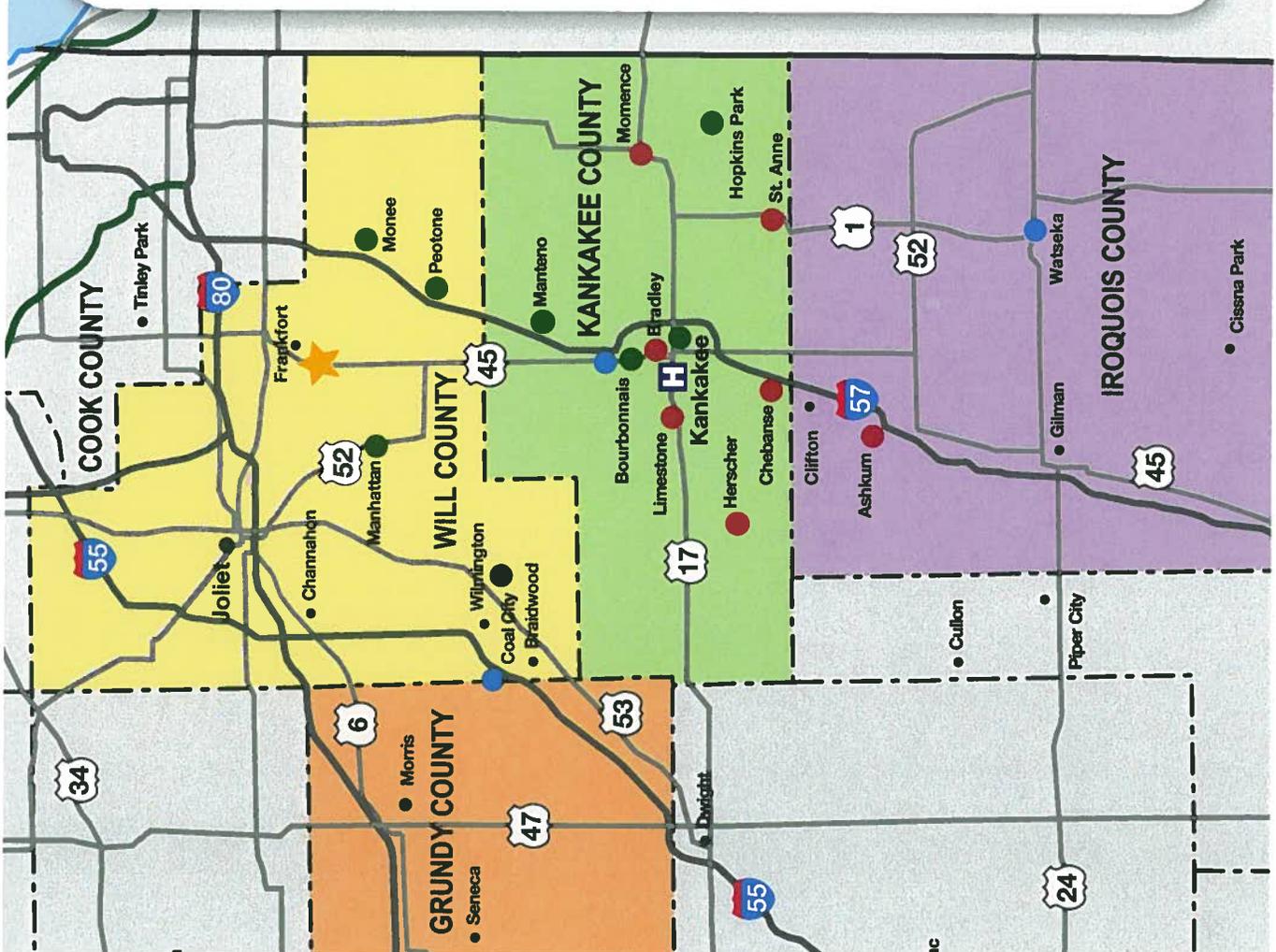
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Riverside Medical Center and Senior Living Campus



Proposed Frankfort Facility



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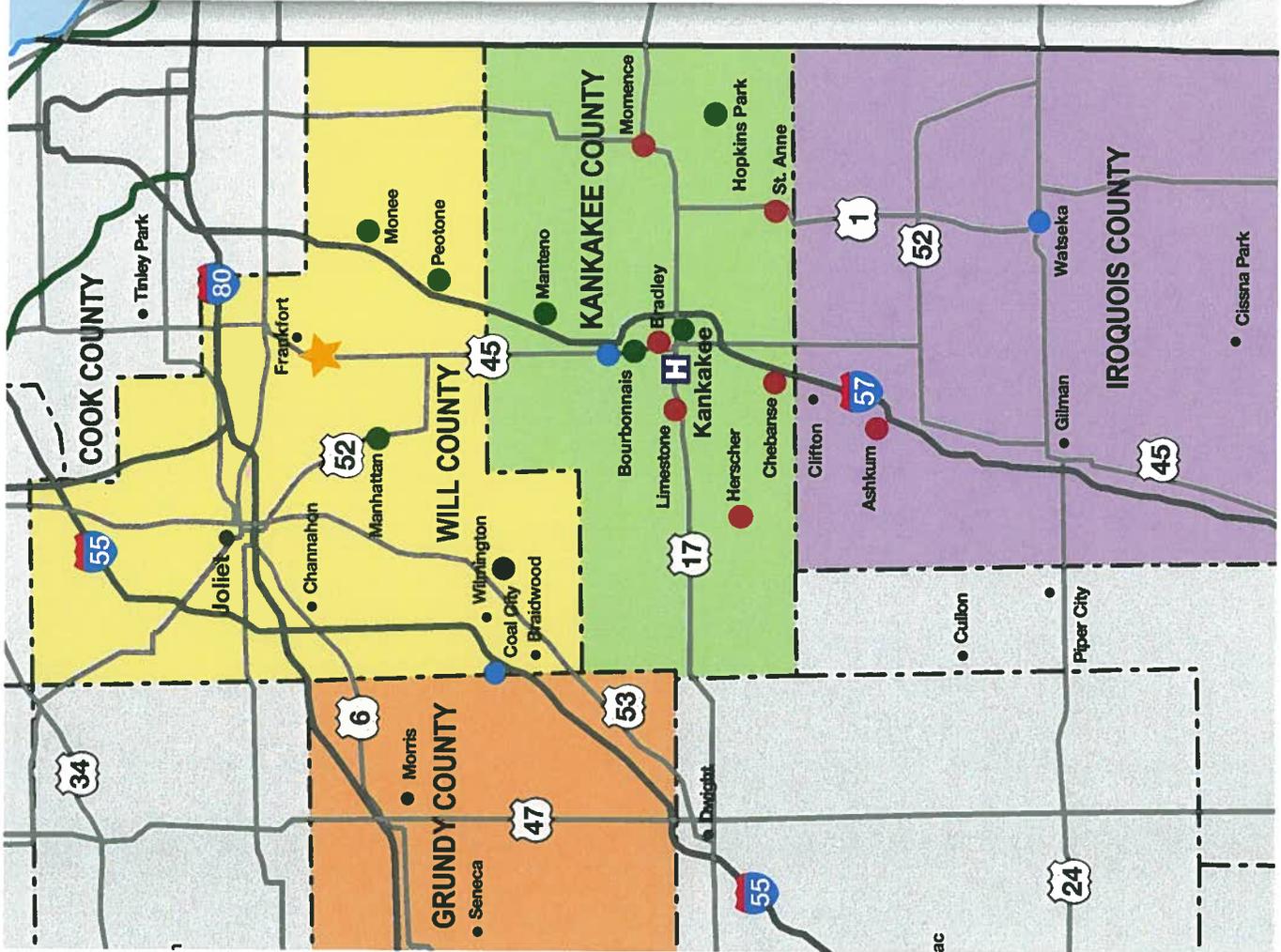
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MANTENO COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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To the Illinois Health Planning Board:

I am very pleased to learn that Riverside Medical Center is planning to open services in the Frankfort area including a freestanding emergency department, diagnostic medical services and physician offices.

The convenient access to quality emergency care and life-saving services as well as laboratory, imaging and additional providers will be of great benefit to the residents of the surrounding communities. For many residents, the Riverside North Campus at Frankfort will be an important and most welcome addition to our area.

We look forward to welcoming them to the Frankfort area.

Sincerely,

Manteno Community Fire Protection District

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott O'Brien", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Scott O'Brien
Fire Chief