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Chanute Restoration Advisory Board Meeting

1 June 2006

12:00 p.m.

1. Introductions
 - RAB members
 - Guests
2. Old Business
 - Approve minutes from previous meeting
 - Other
3. RAB member appointments
4. Environmental Cleanup Update
 - Risk assessment
 - Closure of the Air Force Office at Chanute scheduled for September 2006
 - Discussion on Proposed Plan for three no further action sites
 - Building 257 Indoor Shooting Range
 - Former Training Movie Site
 - Building 732 Mule Barn/Post Exchange Garage
5. Next Meeting Planned for 17 August 2006
6. Adjourn

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Restoration Advisory Board Meeting Former Chanute AFB June 1, 2006 Meeting Minutes

The meeting began at 12:02 p.m.

Introductions: Ms. Sonja Coderre, the Air Force Real Property Agency Public Affairs Officer, introduced herself and asked all who were present to introduce themselves.

Old Business: Ms. Coderre asked the RAB to review the February 2006 meeting minutes. Following review, Ms. Lorraine Wirges moved for acceptance of the minutes. Mr. Caryl Fothergill seconded the motion. The motion carried. Ms. Coderre asked the board if any other old business needed review. The final RAB rule discussion was brought to the table. Mr. David Johnston offered to come up with discussion points before the next meeting. Ms. Coderre mentioned that her team was completing a draft that can be discussed to help plug the holes. Mr. Johnston stated that he wanted a local committee, with himself as the chair, to review the RAB rule over the next month; he would schedule a first production meeting in August. Ms. Coderre advised Mr. Johnston and the RAB that they should exchange e-mail addresses and communicate to make this happen over the next couple of months.

RAB Member Appointments: There was discussion of RAB member appointments. Dr. Doug Rokke is one of four proposed new members. The remaining three proposed new members were not in attendance at this meeting. Dr. Rokke addressed the board and mentioned that he wanted to be a candidate. He gave his history and experience. Mr. Caryl Fothergill recommended a vote on Dr. Rokke today. Mr. Reed Berger recommended that the RAB communicate with the other proposed new members and keep their applications on file and vote on them when they are present at a future meeting. Ms. Wirges moved for appointment of Dr. Rokke and Mr. Fothergill seconded the motion. Ms. Coderre asked if all were in favor. There were no nays and Dr. Rokke moved to the RAB table. A letter will be sent to the three proposed new members whose applications were received since the last meeting to be signed by both the community cochair, Mr. Johnston, and the government cochair, Mr. Paul Carroll.

Environmental Cleanup Update: Mr. Rob Lanter with URS Corporation provided the environmental update. There was a discussion on the fundamentals and purpose for risk assessment (see presentation slides). Mr. Adam Antwine asked if ecological risk assessment was being completed at Chanute. Mr. Lanter responded "yes", for selected sites where ecological habitat was present. Mr. Berger asked if risk assessment or work was being performed off site or only on site. Dr. Rokke asked if there was anything being done off-site. Mr. Owen Thompson mentioned that some sampling off site was completed historically, but the Salt Fort Creek Remedial Investigation had not been completed. Mr. Carroll replied that if a site extends off base then the Air Force will continue to investigate off site.

Mr. Steve Fain with URS Corporation presented the proposed plan for No Further Action for three sites (See presentation slides). Mr. Fain identified that arsenic had been detected in groundwater at levels near the drinking water standard. Mr. Berger asked if this was of concern because arsenic could potentially be dangerous. Mr. Fain said that arsenic was naturally occurring and was not at levels of concern to human health or the environment. The new national drinking water standard was recently revised and lowered from 50 to 10 parts per billion. Illinois has levels near 10 ppb. Mr. Carroll asked what the typical arsenic level in wells on Chanute was; Mr. Fain said he was not sure, but the levels ranged around 10 ppb. Mr. Johnston stated that Rantoul had completed water quality testing for the community, and provided literature regarding results as of October 2005. An unidentified speaker asked what the typical well depths were in the area, and Dr. Rokke responded that rural wells were typically near 230 feet deep.

Mr. William Sweat asked how soon it would be before further parcels would be available for reuse. Mr. Carroll questioned if he meant environmentally ready for reuse. Mr. Johnston stated he thought Mr. Sweat meant from a nonprofessional's perspective available for redevelopment. Mr. Fain asked if he meant unrestricted use. Mr. Johnston replied that there may be levels of clearance based upon historical or current use and there could potentially be chemicals left in place in some industrial locations. He reassured the community that environmental sites are being closed and cleared by the Air Force. He mentioned that these clearances were important, significant events.

Mr. Antwine stated that in light of the community discussing milestones, the Air Force is prepared to present to the Village, today, the deed for the 616 acre Airport Phase I property transfer. With this deed, there will be a total of ~1200 acres transferred, and the Air Force will be delivering the deed to the Village today. For AFRPA, the City of San Antonio and McClellan AFB are hubs for property transfer support, and AFRPA to date has 80% of 32 bases transferred. Mr. Kostas Yfantis asked if there were any structures underneath the property to be transferred. Mr. Johnston replied that the property was mainly the airfield, and the infrastructure issues related to the airfield were not environmental in nature. Mr. Yfantis stated that the Village was therefore responsible for the underground utilities. Mr. Johnston stated this was a point of contention between the Air Force and the Village; however, the Village had performed the emergency service and has performed maintenance on the utilities in the past.

Mr. Carroll stated that he was the new BEC for Chanute. He is impressed by the team of individuals supporting the program and the volume of ongoing work. Currently, there are 20-30 documents in progress that are moving in a positive direction and hopefully will continue to make progress, with no significant changes in strategy.

Ms. Coderre asked for potential topics for the next meeting. Mr. Pete Johnson asked Mr. Lanter about the status of ditch dredging on base and beaver dam removal. Mr. Lanter replied that URS is evaluating Salt Fork Creek, but any potential actions would have to be negotiated between the Village and the Air Force. Mr. Carroll stated Mr. Gary Koski had discussed this with the Village. Mr. Johnson stated the Village and some farmers had cleaned up some areas last week. Mr. Antwine asked if these areas were upstream of the base. Mr. Carroll replied that there was a letter from the drainage commission under review, and the Village and the Air Force would discuss. Mr. Johnson stated it was his understanding that environmental issues were preventing

sediment from being removed, and he said he farms the airport property. A year and a half ago the ground gave way, and it was subsequently fixed by the Village. Last week it happened again. If this kept up, he stated he would end up owning the Village. Mr. Johnson also asked the status of Landfill 4 capping. Dr. Janice Blake replied that the earliest this would happen was 2008.

Mr. Yfantis asked why the Air Force does not have a Website to present information to the public in a user-friendly manner. Ms. Coderre replied that there was a Website out there for AFRPA, but the AFRPA was in development for a searchable website for all its 32 bases. Mr. Johnston suggested the information on the Website should be easy for a nonprofessional to use, such as by using fact sheets. Ms. Coderre stated that the Air Force was switching to a new server in November. Mr. Rokke asked what the basic contact information for the Air Force was. Ms. Coderre stated the Air Force will provide that to him after the meeting.

Meeting Wrap-Up: Ms. Coderre asked if there was any further discussion needed. Ms. Wirges motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Fothergill seconded the motion; all were in favor of the meeting adjournment. The meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: August 17, 2006, at noon.

**Restoration Advisory Board Meeting Former Chanute AFB
June 1, 2006
Meeting Sign-In Roster**

Mr. Tim Mitchell, Champaign News Gazette
Dr. Janice Blake, Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence Program Manager
Mr. Bob Carson, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Mr. Michael Haggitt, IEPA
Ms. Sonja Coderre, AFRPA Public Affairs Officer
Mr. Kostas Yfantis, Community Member
Ms. Ann Anderson, United States EPA Region V
Mr. David Johnston, Community Co chair, RAB member
Mr. Reed Berger, RAB member
Ms. Diane Shields, Rantoul Aviation and Economic Development Office
Mr. Paul Carroll, AFRPA BEC
Mr. Bill Clayton, Airport Manager
Mr. Adam Antwine, AFRPA Senior Representative
Mr. William Sweat, Community Member
Mr. Mike Dougherty, Community Member
Ms. Lorraine Wirges, RAB member
Mr. Caryl Fothergill, RAB member
Mr. Christopher Hill, IEPA Remedial Program Manager (RPM)
Mr. Owen Thompson, USEPA Region V RPM
Mr. Pete Johnson, Community Member
Mr. Doug Rokke, Community Member
Ms. Deborah Rawlins, Rantoul Press
Mr. Steve Fain, Contractor, URS Corporation
Mr. Rob Lanter, Contractor, URS Corporation
Mr. David Wacker, Contractor, Booz Allen Hamilton

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601 South Century Blvd, Suite 1106
Rantoul, Illinois

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Welcome and Introductions

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Old Business

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- Meeting Minutes from February 2006
- Final RAB Rule distribution and discussion

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New Business

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- Gary Koski departure and introduction of Paul Carroll
- Air Force Rantoul office open through December 2006
- Election of new members

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Environmental Program Status

- Risk Assessment
- Proposed Plan for:
 - Building 257 Indoor Shooting Range
 - Former Training Movie Site
 - Building 732 Mule Barn/Post Exchange Garage

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Risk Assessment



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Risk Assessment

- Why do a risk assessment?
 - Provide qualitative and quantitative information on potential risks to human health and the environment that can be used for risk management decisions (by the three BCT members).
 - Distinguish between sites that warrant remedial action (cleanup) and those that don't warrant remedial action

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Risk Assessment

- A risk assessment characterizes the risk at a site using several factors such as exposure, toxicity, ecology, and habitat.
- There is a human health risk assessment for every site and an ecological risk assessment at sites with appropriate habitat.

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Risk Assessment

- Human Health Risk Assessment:
Methodologies are based on Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund (RAGS)
- Ecological Risk Assessment:
Methodologies are based on EPA Ecological Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund: Process for Designing and Conducting Ecological Risk Assessments (ERAGS)

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Risk Assessment

- What is the risk management range for human health risk assessment?
 - The USEPA has established a "target cancer risk range" for contaminated sites of 1×10^{-6} (1 in 1,000,000) to 1×10^{-4} (1 in 10,000)
 - 1×10^{-4} : typically an action is required
 - 1×10^{-6} : typically an action is not required
 - Within the risk management range, site characteristics and contaminants are evaluated by the risk managers (i.e. BCT members) to determine if a remedial action is warranted
 - The non-cancer hazard index describes the potential for non-cancer health effects.
 - "Safe" target is less than 1

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- Ecological risk assessment looks at the lowest observable adverse effect level on the plant and animal species (receptors) to determine the risk and whether a remedial action is warranted.

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Risk Assessment

- For further information: ***Revised-Final Risk Assessment Methodologies***, Former Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, IL, July 2005 is available in the Information Repository at the Rantoul Public Library (106 W. Flessner Avenue, Rantoul, IL 61866).

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**Proposed Plan for Three
No Further Action Sites**



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RAB Member Topics of Interest (from the floor)

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Meeting Wrap-Up

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- **Review action items for next meeting**
- **Propose agenda items for next meeting**
- **Propose next RAB meeting:**

**Thursday, August 17, 2006
Rantoul Corporate Technology Center
Noon**

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Air Force Works With Stakeholders to Expedite Chanute Cleanup

When the former Chanute Air Force Base closed 13 years ago, much uncertainty remained regarding the future of the installation. The community was challenged with a new economic era and was also left with a 2,174 acre facility with a history of military aviation and maintenance activities. In many instances, the soil and groundwater at sites on the former air base were impacted by mission-related activities.

In the years since the base closed, the Air Force, working with the US Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, has dedicated considerable resources to the environmental restoration of the former Chanute AFB.

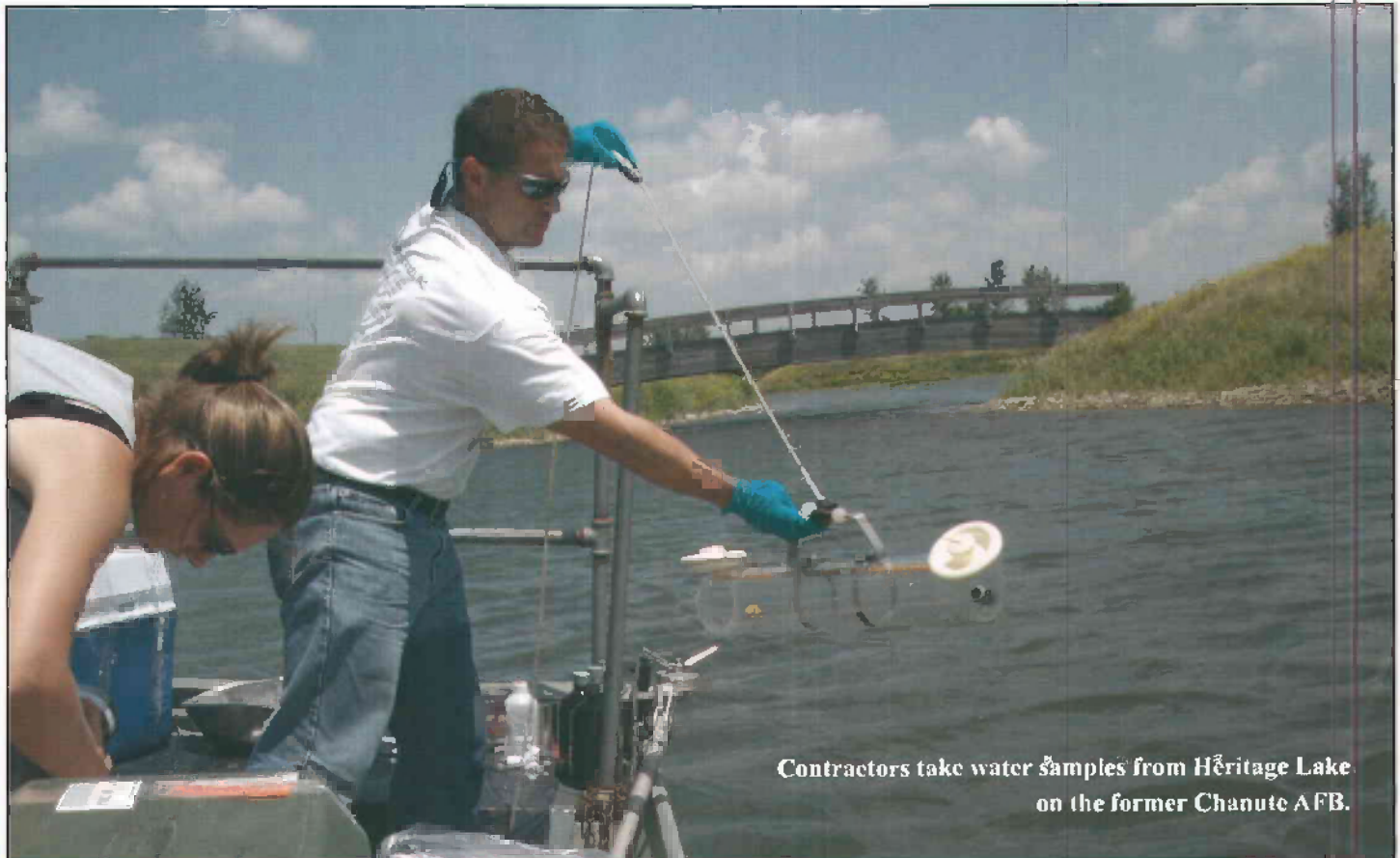
Environmental restoration began in 1983 with the establishment of the Installation Restoration Program. The

role of the IRP is to identify environmental sites impacted by past Air Force activities and clean up those sites if necessary. Since then, the Air Force identified multiple areas of concern including landfills, oil water separators, a petroleum sludge disposal pit, jet engine test cells, and petroleum and chemical storage tanks. Cleanup activities began prior to the closure of Chanute AFB and continue to this day. Air Force personnel conduct remedial investigations at numerous sites, monitor soil and groundwater, and plan and implement cleanup projects at numerous sites.

The Air Force wants to make sure all stakeholders participate in the environmental restoration of the former base. To this end, the Air Force established the Restoration Advisory Board to discuss environmental clean-

up issues at the former Chanute AFB. The RAB consists of stakeholders including local community members, representatives from the Village of Rantoul, regulatory agencies such as the USEPA and the IEPA, and the Air Force. The RAB provides a forum for community members and others to comment on the restoration activities and offer suggestions. Members of the BRAC Cleanup Team consisting of the Air Force, USEPA and IEPA participate in the RAB and consider these comments in the decision making process.

Local community members are encouraged to attend and participate in the quarterly RAB meetings. The next meeting will be held June 1, 2006 at 12:00 p.m. at the Rantoul Corporate Technology Center, 601 Century Blvd., Suite 1106, Rantoul, Ill.



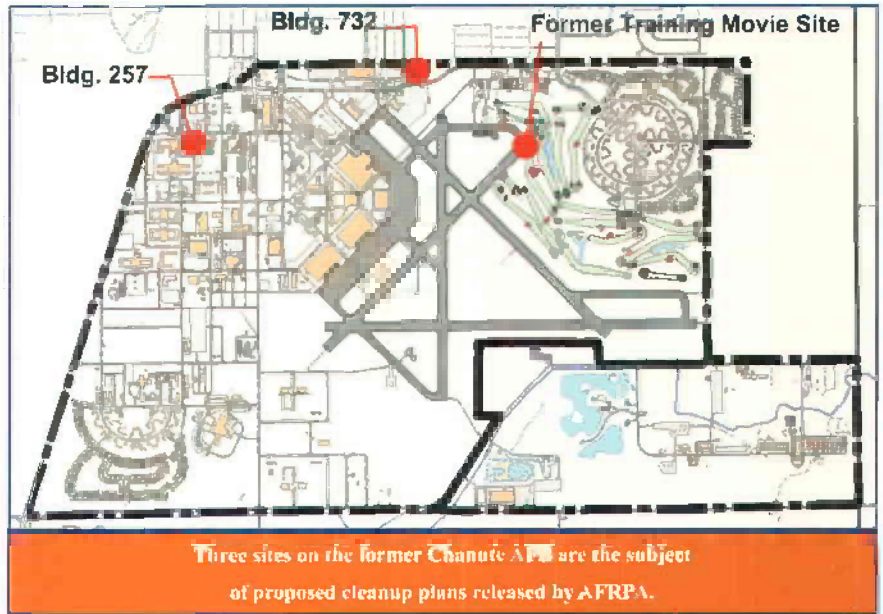
Contractors take water samples from Heritage Lake on the former Chanute AFB.

The Air Force encourages the public to review recently released proposed plans to take no further action at three sites on the former Chanute AFB.

The first site is located on the northeast end of the northeast-southwest runway where a fire fighting training movie was filmed in 1967. The second was the location of the former Building 257, located at the southwest corner of International Avenue and Snyder Street and demolished in 1983. This site once contained an indoor shooting range. The third site is the former location of Building 732, located near the northwest corner of Veterans Parkway and Chanute Street, which once served as a mule barn and as a post exchange garage site.

These proposed plans were based on environmental site investigations and an assessment of human health and ecological risks. The plans were proposed with the concurrence of the US Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

The public is encouraged to submit written comments to the proposed plans to the Air Force representative at the former Chanute AFB. Documents pertaining to the proposed plans are located at the former Chanute AFB Information Repository located at the Rantoul Public Library, 106 West Flessner Avenue,



Rantoul, Ill. Community members are also encouraged to attend the former Chanute AFB Restoration Advisory Board meeting June 1st at 12:00 p.m. at the Rantoul Corporate Technology Center, 601 Century Blvd., Suite 1106, Rantoul, Ill. Representatives from the Air Force, USEPA and IEPA will be present to answer questions regarding the proposed plans.

Meet Chris Hill, Chanute Restoration Advisory Board Member



Environmental restoration of the former Chanute AFB is dependent on the input of community members residing on and near the former base and on the cooperation between federal and state regulatory agencies.

Chris Hill is the IEPA project manager for the former Chanute AFB. His responsibilities include reviewing project plans and reports submitted by the Air Force Real Property Agency as well as coordinating reviews within IEPA. His responsibility as a representative from IEPA is to ensure the Air Force complies with state regulations. The former Chanute AFB is just one of many former military installations in Illinois Hill oversees.

Hill assumed this role in October 2000 when he replaced Mr. Ron Steward, the IEPA's previous Chanute RAB representative. During his tenure, Hill has overseen numerous projects at the former Chanute AFB including the capping of three on-base landfills and remediation projects at sites once containing underground storage tanks. Additionally, he has overseen work completed as part of the remedial investigation of the base.

"Data collected from these investigations will be used in the development of remedial decisions, a critical step leading to the cleanup of many sites," Hill said.

Hill enjoys working with representatives from the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Air Force and its contractors as it gives him the opportunity to work

with people from diverse backgrounds and experiences. Hill also enjoys working with the community members who participate on the RAB. He realizes the community was impacted by the closure of the former Chanute AFB and understands the importance of their concerns on the cleanup effort.

Hill will continue to work with the Air Force, USEPA and community stakeholders to ensure the former Chanute AFB gets cleaned up.

"The implementation of these remedial actions is important not only because they will reduce long-term risks to human health and the environment, but also lead to the transfer of the property to the local redevelopment authority," Hill said.

Chris Hill, an environmental protection engineer with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, represents the state's involvement with the cleanup at the former base.

- I would like more information about the environmental cleanup of the former Chanute Air Force Base.
- I would like more information about the Restoration Advisory Board for the former Chanute Air Force Base.
- I would like more information about how to join the Chanute Restoration Advisory Board.

Please let us know how we are doing. Your comments and opinions are welcome and assist the Air Force in providing the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding the cleanup of the former Chanute Air Force Base. Fill out this form and send it to the address listed below.

Name (Mr. /Mrs./Ms./___)

Phone

Organization

Street address

City

State

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Additional comments

Detach and mail this section in a stamped envelope to: AFRPA/COO-Kelly, 143 Billy Mitchell Blvd., Suite 1, San Antonio TX 78226-1816.

Land Transfer Progress at the former Chanute AFB

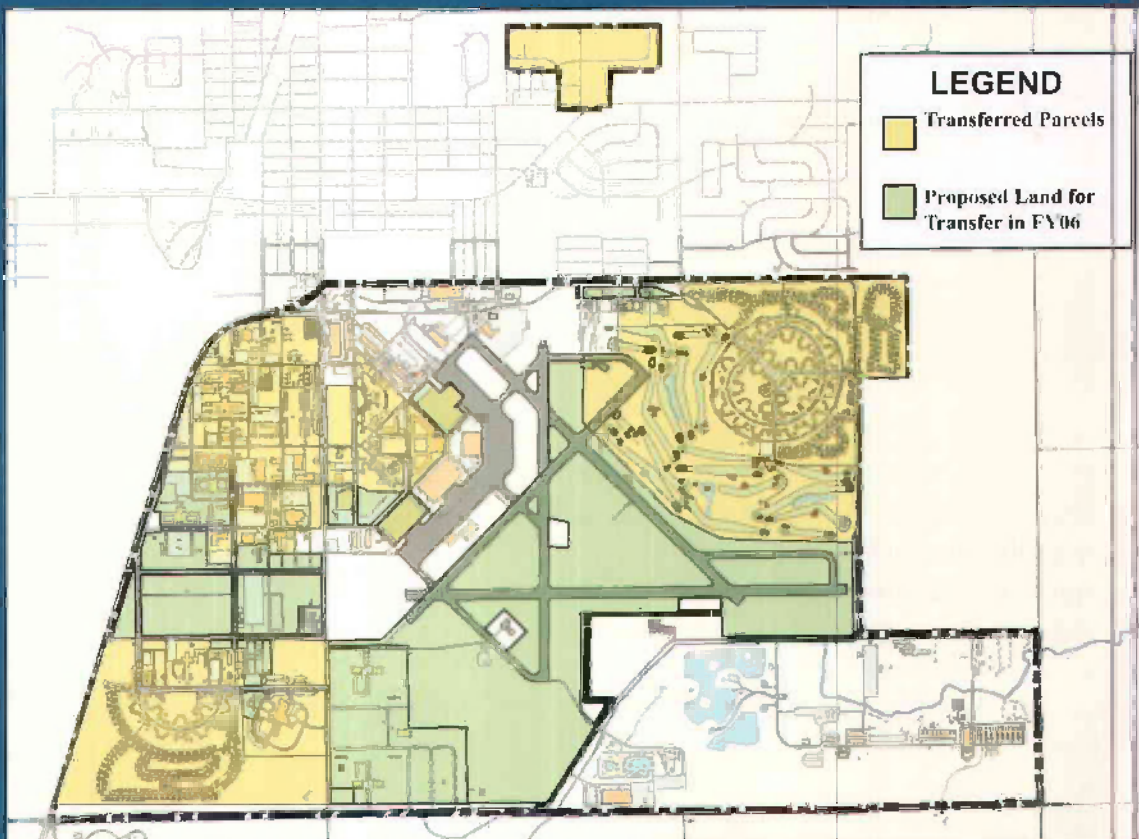
Total Property Acreage:
2,173.76 acres

Land previously transferred:
721.59 acres

Land to be transferred in 2006:
617 acres

Redevelopment Authority:
Village of Rantoul

- Former Chanute AFB land is used for:**
- Manufacturing
 - Education
 - Recreation
 - Residential



Status of land transfer at the former Chanute AFB.



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Chanute Restoration Advisory Board Meeting

Join us at the next RAB meeting!

June 1, 2006 at 12:00 p.m.

Rantoul Corporate Technology Center (Former Smith Hall)

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