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## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from February 15 to March 15 are listed below. These projects have been screened through the internal environmental review process for potential impacts on wetlands, threatened and endangered species, and cultural and archaeological resources, etc. Through the review process it was determined that environmental impacts have been kept to a minimum and mitigated as necessary, that they do not meet the criteria for significant actions as defined in the environmental review process, and may proceed. All of these projects are in compliance with the Endangered Species Protection Act, Natural Areas Preservation Act, Interagency Wetlands Policy Act and cultural resource statutes.

### • Franklin Creek State Natural Area

1607076 - This project involves improvements to the Hurd Property at Franklin Creek SNA. Improvements include: various hiking trail alignments, construct a sculpture element, install a limestone block seating wall, and a look-out platform above Franklin Creek. Project was submitted for review on 2-5-16.

### • William W. Powers State Conservation Area

1608222 - This project involves transferring 1.1 miles of a former railroad right-of-way owned by IDNR to the City of Chicago Heights and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for the purposes of operating and maintaining the Old Plank Road Trail segment. IDNR has an IGA in place which purports to transfer the property upon construction of the trail project, which is in the final phase of completion. Project was submitted for review on 3-8-16.

### • Dixon Springs State Park

1604289 - This project involves internal roads and parking repairs. Resurface approximately 3.2 miles of internal park roads with a hot mix asphalt overlay maintaining the existing road widths. Resurface all existing parking lots at the picnic areas, boat ramp, visitor center, and maintenance headquarters. Reconstruct an entrance on the west boundary at the local county road and surface the existing campsites. Project was submitted for review on 10-20-15.

### • Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Park

1607943 - This project involves repairs to Herrmann Pond dam in an attempt to stabilize the dam embankment and eliminate water seepage and erosion. Project was submitted for review on 3-1-16.

### • Waukegan Municipal Beach

1606577 - This project involves funding to purchase a beach cleaning machine (Surf Rake) to regularly maintain and clean Waukegan Municipal Beach. If needed, the machine may also be used at Waukegan North Beach, Winthrop Harbor, and North Point Marina. Project was submitted for review on 1-26-16.

### • Vesely Prairie Unit

1608090 - This project involves tree line removal at the Vesely Prairie Unit. Project was submitted for review on 3-4-16.

### • Marseilles State Fish & Wildlife Area

1607851 - This project involves construction of two concrete slabs to be used by the Illinois Army National Guard at the forward operating base. Project was submitted for review on 2-26-16.

### • Sangchris Lake State Park

1602766 - This project involves installation of drainage tiles across IDNR lands in 5 locations. Project was submitted for review on 9-3-15.

### • Harry "Babe" Woodyard State Natural Area

1607103 - This project involves demolition and removal of former site superintendent house. The house will likely be removed as a controlled burn by the Vermilion County Fire Department. Project was submitted for review on 2-8-16.

### • White Pines Forest State Park

1210136 - This project involves removing and replacing the flagstone terrace at the White Pines Lodge. Project was submitted for review on 3-7-12.

- **Moraine Hills State Park**

1604932 - This project involves replacing boardwalks and fishing piers at Moraine Hills State Park. Project was submitted for review on 1-20-16.

- **Mackinaw State Fish & Wildlife Area**

1608090 - This project involves rehabilitation to the access road, levee, and canoe access at the site. Project was submitted for review on 2-5-16.

Questions and Comments

All questions and comments about the environmental review process or this newsletter should be directed to:

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