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## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from June 15 to July 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.

### • Starved Rock State Park State Historic Site

1408742 - This project involves construction of new park shelter mitigated due to flood plain and flood destruction of shelter being replaced. Project was submitted for review on 2-24-14.

### • Moraine Hills State Park

1811639 – This project involves the installation of interpretive signage. Project was submitted for review on 6-5-18.

### • White Pines Forest State Park

1900150 - This project involves some minor tree trimming, shrub removal, placement of temporary plant material, set design material, placement of ancillary lighting, rigging, within wooded areas adjacent the main entrance road and along Grey and Red Squirrel Trails for a film project. Project was submitted for review on 7-6-17.

### • Eldon Hazlet State Recreation Area

1900126 - This project involves directional boring an electric service line at the toe of slope along the south side of the main park entrance road to Eldon Hazlet State Park. Project was submitted for review on 7-5-18.

### • Vachel Lindsay State Historic Site

1900089 - This project involves work to complete exterior renovations at the Vachel Lindsay State Historic Site. Project was submitted for review on 7-3-2018.

### • Moraine Hills State Park

1009112 - This project involves the continuation of the Grand Illinois Trail development in McHenry and Lake counties in and near Moraine Hills State Park. The new trail will connect to River Road Trail near the park entrance on River Road; from there it will meander eastward to Walnut Glen Subdivision at the McHenry County–Lake County line. Project was submitted for review on 5-6-10.

### • I&M Canal

1809702 - This project involves earthwork and shaping to create three, interconnected, 3' average depth water basins within the current turfed prism. Project was submitted for review on 4-6-18.

### • Vesely Prairie Unit

1608090 - This project involves cutting the tree line on the south and south west side of the Vesey Prairie tract (Field 5), with stumps herbicide using a DNR approved herbicide (Glyphosate or Triclopyr) with chips hauled away or blown to less than 3" and logs hauled out via FPDWC or DNR designated route. Project was submitted for review on 3-4-16.

### • Moraine View State Park

1812150 - This project involves mechanical mowing to clear underbrush around outside of park. Project was submitted for review on 6-21-18.

### • Illinois Beach State Park

1806118 - This project involves the removal and disposal of the four trailers that, in composite, made up the old concession facility. Project was submitted for review on 1-16-18.

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1811582- This project involves the construction of a driveway/roadway curb cut, bike trail, and culvert and retaining walls to be constructed on the IDNR land of Wadsworth Road. Project was submitted for review on 6-4-18.

### • I&M Canal

1811366 - This project involves repairs to the Little Vermillion River Aqueduct between bent 4 and 5. Project was submitted for review on 6-22-18.

- **Shabbona State Park**

1812205 - This project involves digging on each side of Shabbona Grove road with a backhoe to find where the field tile is plugged. Project was submitted for review on 6-22-18.

- **Sahara Woods State Fish and Wildlife Area**

1605963 - This project involves develop a motorized trail system on the west side of Sahara Woods. Project was submitted for review on 12-31-15.

- **Hidden Springs State Forest**

1812118 – This project involves a 72-acre forestry demonstration harvest designed to selectively thin canopy to improve the health and vigor of high-quality residual oak-hickory stand. Project was submitted for review on 6-20-18.

- **Cache River State Natural Area**

1812110 - This project involves restoring this ridge and swale field back to natural wetlands consisting of cypress-tupelo swamp with interspersed high areas of oak hickory stands. Project was submitted for review on 6-20-18.

- **Giant City State Park**

1811431 - This project involves repairing the existing asphalt surface on trails to remove faulty materials, place a new aggregate base, provide compaction and a new paved surface to meet current ADA standards. Project was submitted for review on 5-30-18.

- **Fort Massac State Park**

1811409 - This project involves installing new way side exhibit signs within the park at four locations. Project was submitted for review on 5-30-18.

- **South Shore State Park**

1810637 - This project involves removing a segment of road in South Shores State Park to improve habitat. Project was submitted for review on 5-4-18.

- **I&M Canal**

1810401 - This project involves installation of an underground fiberoptic line to connect Heritage Harbor residents to the existing infrastructure near the Water sports store in Ottawa. Project was submitted for review on 4-27-18.

- **Lake Murphysboro State Park**

1812033 – This project involves providing replacements to the boat docking area at the site concession building. The project will consist of removing two old wood floating docks, removing approximately 250 feet of old wooden rotted seawall, and removing 24 steel posts that are in the lake and where used to hold Jon Boats. Project was submitted for review on 6-18-18.

- **Vandalia State House**

1812028 - This project grind two tree stumps on the grounds of the statehouse as they present tripping hazards. Project was submitted for review on 6-18-18.

- **Bull Valley State Fish and Wildlife Area**

1811809 – This project involves a Nicor gas main replacement project in the Bull Valley, McHenry County area. The installation will be by the directional bore method, minimum 36" below grade, with limited impact to the surrounding area. Three bore pits are located near the IDNR parcel frontage. Project was submitted for review on 6-8-18.

#### Questions and Comments

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