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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from December 15 to January 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 and 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.

- **Union State Tree Nursery**

0601854 - This project involves the removal of approximately 15 yellow poplar trees by site staff to be used by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency in reconstructing an 1831 river flatboat to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the arrival of Abraham Lincoln to New Salem. Project was submitted for review on 11-7-05.

- **Starved Rock State Park**

0602772 - This project involves the relocation of the Lodge wall between the lounge and porch dining area approximately 9' to improve operations. Project was submitted for review on 1-9-06.

- **Wolf Lake**

0503907 - This project involves the removal of accumulated silt and debris from the "state line channel" along the state line causeway and the "railroad channel" beneath the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad to better improve the flow of water between the pools on Wolf Lake. Project was submitted for review on 4-21-05.

- **Sangamon Valley Trail**

0602486 - This project involves the replacement of a wooden bridge over the trail on Central Point Road with a three span concrete deck bridge on pile bent piers and abutments. Project was submitted for review on 12-17-05.

Hennepin Canal Parkway

0602861 - This project involves the construction of a 32' x 64' shelter along the canal northwest of the junction with Rt. 84 in Colona. Project was submitted for review on 1-10-06.

Significant Action

Cecil White Prairie Land and Water Reserve

No letters were received during the 15 day public rebuttal period concerning the proposed work along U.S. Route 136 adjacent to the Cecil White Prairie Land and Water Reserve. As such, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources and the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission plan to proceed with the project as described in the November 2005 issue of the *Environmental Reporter*.

Questions and Comments

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

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