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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, 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.

- **Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area**

1205463 - This project involves rehabilitating the aggregate surface on the 1.2 miles of Tall Grass Nature Trail. Approximately 19 culverts will be replaced on several trail segments. Replace a deteriorating wooden bridge on a grass-surfaced portion of Tall Grass Nature Trail. Project was submitted for review on 9-1-11.

- **Jim Edgar/Panther Creek State Fish & Wildlife Area**

1204603 - This project involves improvements for the field-trial gallery trail. Construction of two gravel low water crossings, box culvert, and trail repair is included. Project was submitted for review on 10-27-11.

- **Blackberry Creek Dam**

1204290 - This project involves the removal of the Blackberry Creek Dam and stream stabilization. Project was submitted for review on 10-12-11.

- **Spring Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area**

1206397 - This project involves installation of approximately 1600 feet of electric service from Spring Lake Road right of way into Spring Lake SFWA. Electric service will serve the site residence and site building. Project was submitted for review on 12-19-11.

- **Moraine Hills State Park**

1200848 - This project involves restoration from previous mining activities. Currently steep excavated slopes pose significant threat to public safety and have negatively impacted groundwater recharge and infiltration. Overburden on site will be used to meet the critical needs for slope stabilization and restoration. All activities will occur in the abandoned gravel pit and will not impact the flora or fauna of the Nature Preserve. Project was submitted for review on 7-25-11.

- **Hennepin Canal Parkway**

1205573 - This project involves the repair of the leaking Marshall Gate. The project will entail lowering the pool above the structure to assess damages and determine what repairs are required on the structure. Project was submitted for review on 11-17-11.

- **Des Plaines State Fish & Wildlife Area**

1206276 - This project involves replacement of a U-shaped floating dock system. The concrete slabs and anchor pilings will also be replaced. Riprap or other protection material will be installed to protect the slabs. Project was submitted for review on 12-14-11.

- **Wildcat Hollow State Forest**

1206110 - This project involves placement of a vertical well near the access road to Wildcat Hollow. Project was submitted for review on 12-09-11.

- **Piatt County Unit State Fish & Wildlife Area**

1109512 - This project involves removal of three corrugated metal grain bins and associated equipment. Project was submitted for review on 3-7-11.

Questions and Comments

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

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