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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.

### • **Pere Marquette State Park**

1300085 - This project involves trenching in approximately 4,500' of new PVC water line to a depth of approximately 36" with Camp Ouatoga. Entire proposed site lies within an area of previously disturbed soil. Much of the new water line will be adjacent to existing water line. Project was submitted for review on 7-2-12.

### • **William W. Powers State Recreation Area**

1306194 - This project involves replacement of two boat ramps. The double lane launch ramp on Wolf Lake Pool 2 will be removed and replaced with a new concrete ramp. A makeshift gravel launch ramp at 133<sup>rd</sup> Street provides boat access to the south end of Pool 3. This ramp will be replaced with a new concrete ramp, and an accessible boarding dock will be installed. Near the ramp; asphalt driveways, parking spaces, and a car maneuvering area will be constructed. Project was submitted for review on 10-24-12.

### • **Sand Ridge State Forest – Rollo Tract**

1306527 - This project involves constructing 4 ephemeral to semi-permanent wetlands. Project was submitted for review on 11-21-12.

### • **I&M Canal**

1307397 - This project involves creation of a rail spur and construction of a rail facility on ground leased by Kinder Morgan from the State of Illinois. Project was submitted for review on 12-17-12.

### • **I&M Canal**

1307228 - This project involves installation of a 16" crude oil pipeline, a 8" crude oil pipeline, and a 4" natural gas line across the I&M Canal. The lines will be attached to an existing bridge structure within the Chevron/Texaco facility in Lockport. The total distance is approximately 250'. Project was submitted for review on 12-10-12.

### • **I&M Canal**

1307389 - This project involves construction of a 24,609 square foot parking lot in Ottawa. Project was submitted for review on 12-13-12.

### • **I&M Canal**

1307155 - This project involves installation of 2 ducts to carry a 1.25" fiber optic cable across the I&M Canal. Ducts will be 48" below the canal prism and by installed by directional bore. Total distance is approximately 262'. Project was submitted for review on 12-10-12.

### • **Illinois Beach State Park**

1306164 - This project involves modifications to benefit coastal habitat within permanently protected, high quality and ecologically significant coastal wetland complexes of the northern Illinois Lake Michigan coastline. Major components include: modify and enhance stormwater drainage structure; modify, remove, and replace culverts; and reduce impervious surfacing (abandoned roads of former subdivision streets). Project was submitted for review on 11-9-12.

### • **Powerton Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area**

1308421 - This project involves cutting all trees and brush at ground level which are located on the outside face of the embankment of the entire dam and within 20 feet of the embankment toe. This is necessary to maintain compliance with the Station's Operation and Maintenance Manual. Project was submitted for review on 1-14-13.

### • **Fort Massac State Park**

1308004 - This project involves construction of a new playground in the Class A Campground. The project will include excavation of the area to a depth of 12-14", installation of drainage systems, and a resilient fall zone throughout the area. Project was submitted for review on 1-3-13.

- **Horseshoe Lake SFWA - Alexander**

1307789 - This project involves reforestation of 280 acres of former cropland. Project was submitted for review on 12-31-12.

- **William W. Powers State Recreation Area**

1306420 - This project involves restoration efforts, exploration, and educational activities to be completed by students from nearby schools. Project was submitted for review on 11-19-12.

- **Clinton Lake State Recreation Area**

1307866 - This project involves excavation and repair of the existing drain tile inlet and line. Project was submitted for review on 1-2-13.

- **Patterson Savanna Land & Water Reserve**

1307979 - This project involves restoration of the savanna by thinning native woody species and removing exotic trees and shrubs in selected areas. Project was submitted for review on 1-4-13.

**Questions and Comments**

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