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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from November 15 to December 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.

- **Illinois Beach State Park**

1205697 - This project involves replacing overhead electric service line with underground wiring. New electric service cable will be installed underground roughly parallel to the Camp Logan access road and between the INHS Lake Michigan Biological Station's wet lab building and a former barracks building. Project was submitted for review on 11-28-11.

- **Ramsey Lake State Park**

1204972 - This project involves repairs to the existing horse trail system. The trail tread needs extensive re-grading to correct gullied and eroded sections. Project was submitted for review on 11-3-11.

- **Moraine Hills State Park**

1205457 - This project involves rehabilitating aggregate surface on existing biking/hiking trail segments. Project was submitted for review on 9-1-11.

- **Horseshoe Lake – Alexander State Fish & Wildlife Area**

1205003 - This project involves resurfacing the existing bike trail, which is approximately 4 miles in length. In addition, a few small culverts are needed to correct minor drainage problems. Project was submitted for review on 11-2-11.

- **DePue Wildlife Management Area**

1206067 - This project involves placement of 4 monitoring wells. Illinois EPA has requested samples to see if contamination is present. Project was submitted for review on 12-8-11.

- **Hanover Bluff Nature Preserve**

1205526 - This project involves the construction of an approximate 45' x 50' gravel parking lot off of S. Whitton Road on the west side of Hanover Bluff NP. Project was submitted for review on 11-21-11.

- **Region 3 Office**

1205342 - This project involves replacement of the existing parking lot. The scope of work includes the following: resurfacing entire lot, adding a parking area on the west side of the office building, installing new gates, reconstructing sidewalks, replacing security lights, etc. Project was submitted for review on 11-4-11.

- **Hegewisch Marsh**

1204946 - This project involves soil remediation at 3 locations in Hegewisch Marsh Project was submitted for review on 11-3-11.

- **Kickapoo State Park**

0911999 - This project involves development of a recreation trail utilizing approximately 26 miles of former CSX railroad right of way in Champaign and Vermilion Counties. The proposed recreation trail termini would include Urbana on the west end to Kickapoo SP and the Vermilion County fairgrounds at the east end. Project was submitted for review on 6-22-09

- **North Point Marina**

1204152 - This project will restore and increase the size of vegetated dunes at the north beach at North Point Marina. Reduction of the open area will decrease favored gull habitat, while increasing aesthetics, biodiversity, and water quality at the beach. The project will include the removal of all invasive species including cotton wood trees. Project was submitted for review on 10-12-11.

- **I&M Canal State Trail**

1202788 - This project involves improvement of a segment of the state trail west of Marseilles that is within the canal prism. Improvements involve approximately 1.46 miles of the state trail. Construct approximately 5,063 feet of new trail to relocate it from within the canal prism to higher ground north of the prism, Project was submitted for review on 8-31-11.

- **Pyramid State Park**

1205452 - This project involves constructing a new water line to service field trial facilities at the site. At the entrance to the Denmark unit on the Pyatt-Cutler Blacktop, a line will extend south to the existing field trial parking area. For the Captain unit, the water line will be bored under the Pyatt-Cutler Blacktop and extend to the field trial barn and parking lot. The water lines will follow existing roadways. Project was submitted for review on 11-16-11.

- **Starved Rock State Park**

1008755 - This project involves conversion of old field habitats that were previously cultivated to prairie and wetland habitat. Project was submitted for review on 4-28-10.

Questions and Comments

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