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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

1604881 - This project involves a license agreement to realign Paxton Drive so that it intersects Wadsworth Road instead of Sheridan Road. Project was submitted for review on 11-12-15.

• I&M Canal State Trail

1604050 - This project involves installation of a conveyor system from existing quarry to a new terminal overhead and across the I&M Canal to address community concerns about the transportation of petcoke. Project was submitted for review on 10-9-15.

• I&M Canal State Trail

1605125 - This project involves repairs to Price Street Bridge in the City of Morris. Many of the wood planks are rotting through. The proposed project will remove/replace selected deck planks and railing timbers. Project was submitted for review on 11-16-15.

• Tunnel Hill State Trail

1604268 - This project involves an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Karnak to manage two sections of abandoned railroad (owned by IDNR) within the Village limits. Project was submitted for review on 10-16-15.

• White Pines Forest State Park

1603964 - This project involves installation of a 120' tall tower for the purpose of Wi-Fi broadband communications for the Lodge operations. Project was submitted for review on 10-6-15.

• Clinton Lake State Recreation Area

1603352 - This project involves removal of invasive vegetation along the entrance roadway and around the facilities at the Lane Day Use Area. Project was submitted for review on 9-17-15.

• Weldon Springs State Park

1604890 - This project involves removal of invasive vegetation within the School House Prairie and the Black Locust Group Camp. Project was submitted for review on 11-12-15.

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1604551 - This project involves removal of invasive vegetation along the main park entrance road and the campground entrance road. Project was submitted for review on 10-29-15.

• Jubilee College State Park

1605238 - This project involves relocating an existing equestrian trail stream crossing to a better suited location. Project was submitted for review on 11-25-15.

• Moraine Hills State Park

1604933 - This project involves seawall reconstruction at McHenry Dam. Replace 420' of floating docks north of the spillway. Regrade shoreline to form terraces. Project was submitted for review on 11-16-15.

• Crawford County State Fish & Wildlife Area

1605159 - This project involves replacing a culvert along the horse trail. Project was submitted for review on 11-23-15.

• Hennepin Canal State Parkway

1604873 - This project involves leasing approximately 2.8 miles of canal property to the City of Rock Falls for recreational purposes. Project was submitted for review on 11-12-15.

- **I&M Canal**

1605497 - This project involves installing a temporary dam immediately east and west of the Little Vermilion River Aqueduct. The Aqueduct has developed a significant leak which needs to be repaired. Project was submitted for review on 12-10-15.

- **Redwing Slough State Natural Area**

1604134 - This project involves construction of a multi-use trail connection across IDNR property. The trail would connect to five Lake County Forest Preserve District sites, east and south of Redwing Slough, and to the regional trail network in Lake County. Project was submitted for review on 10-13-15.

- **Mississippi River State Fish & Wildlife Area**

1509444 - This project involves creating a permanent wetland to use for a dog training area. Project was submitted for review on 2-20-15.

Questions and Comments

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

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