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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from May 15 to June 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.

● **Wildcat Hollow State Forest**

0404477 - This project involves the construction of a 30'-long pedestrian bridge over a small tributary to Fulfer Creek. The hiking trail will be realigned for approximately 50' on each side of the new bridge. Project was submitted for review on 5-4-04.

● **Eldon Hazlet State Park**

0404915 - This project involves the installation of 8 additional floating courtesy docks within the existing cabin dock area at the site. Some sediment removal will be required with the spoil being trucked to an approved COE-approved spoil retention area. Project was submitted for review on 5-28-04.

● **Sherrard/Witkowsky Wildlife Area**

0403822 - This project involves the installation of a bronze plaque on a stone base that identifies the location of the Sherrard family homestead established in 1847. Project was submitted for review on 3-22-04.

● **Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park**

0404545 - This project involves the construction of a 30' x 60' sand volleyball court adjacent to the Senachwine Picnic area. Project was submitted for review on 5-5-04.

● **Nauvoo**

0404102 - This project involves improvements to various existing use areas and facilities within the park in order to bring it into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The improvement will occur within the Vehicular Campground, Youth Camping Area, Tent Camping Area, Boat Ramp, Main Shelter Building, Vineyard, Vault toilet area and the Ball Diamond. Project was submitted for review on 4-5-04.

● **Rock Island State Trail**

0404923 - This project involves the placement of a roadway across the trail to access property on the south west side of the trail. Project was submitted for review on 6-2-04.

● **Starved Rock State Park**

0404646 - This project involves the conversion of an old pump house into a small campground concession building. In addition, the volunteer parking area will be converted and used for concessionaire customers. Project was submitted for review on 5-14-04.

● **Lincoln Trail Homestead**

0403130 - This project involves improvements at various locations at the site to bring facilities into compliance with the American with Disabilities Act. Work will be conducted at the West shelter area, Historic site #2, East shelter area, Whitley Cemetery site, and the stairs to the trail. Project was submitted for review on 2-4-04.

● **Cypress Pond State Natural Area**

0404828, 0404829, 0404830 - These three projects all involve various improvements to the newly-acquired acreage at the site. Work will entail the conversion of a hybrid poplar plantation to warm season grass areas, the construction of 3 small ponds, and the enhancement of existing native forest areas through the mechanical and chemical removal of non-native and exotic species. Project was submitted for review on 5-20-04.

● **Big River State Forest**

0404832 - This project involves rerouting a portion of an existing horse trail approximately 110 yards along a fire lane and a section of oak timber. Project was submitted for review on 5-6-04.

● **Pyramid State Park**

0404925 - This project involves the construction of three boat access areas at Green Wing, Blue Wing, and Goldeneye Lakes. Work items will include paved or gravel parking lots, one lane boat ramps, vault toilets, rip-rap and lighting. Project was submitted for review on 6-2-04.

● **Saline County Conservation Area**

0404924 - This project involves the renovation of the existing boat ramp at the site. Work items include the construction of a one-lane new boat ramp, vault toilet, courtesy dock, and sidewalks. Lighting, drinking fountains, and additional parking will also be provided. Project was submitted for review on 6-1-04.

● **Hennepin Canal Parkway**

0403135 - This project involves the phase II portion of the maintenance dredging from the boat ramp approximately 800 ft. west to restore the canal to its original design. Spoils will be placed on site in a use area, leveled, and seeded. Project was submitted for review on 1-30-04.

● **Sanganois Wildlife Area**

0404949 - This project involves the demolition of an old house on the site. The foundation will be taken out and filled, then planted to warm-season grasses. Project was submitted for review on 5-25-04.

● **Sanganois Wildlife Area**

0404948 - This project involves the drilling of a 12" water well that will provide ground water for the Goose Pond Project on the Marion Refuge. Project was submitted for review on 5-25-04.

Questions and Comments

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

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