

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, 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.

- **Newton Lake State Fish & Wildlife Management Area**

1313930 - This project involves construction of 10 vernal pools at Newton Lake SFWMA. Vernal pools will be located in former agricultural fields and woodlands. Each pool will be less than 1/8 acre in size. Project was submitted for review on 5-16-13.

- **I&M Canal**

1313865 - This project involves installing micropath fiber duct across the I&M Canal at three locations. Locations include: IL 170 Bridge at Seneca, Columbus Street Bridge in Ottawa, and the IL 178 Bridge in Utica. Method of construction is directional bore. Project was submitted for review on 5-15-13.

- **Pere Marquette State Park**

1312352 - This project involves installing wayside sign/information sign board at McAdams Peak directly adjacent to existing foot trail. Project was submitted for review on 4-11-13.

- **Danville Dam/Ellsworth Dam**

1310266 - This project involves assessing the conditions before and after the proposed dam removal activities. Surveys will include: electrofishing to assess the fish population, timed grubbing for mussels, collection of macroinvertebrates, habitat measurements, and water quality sampling at 12 upstream and downstream locations of the dams. Project was submitted for review on 2-28-13.

- **North Point Marina**

1314039 - This project involves construction of a heated storage building, approximately 40,000 square feet on a section of the existing parking lot. Project was submitted for review on 5-21-13.

- **Wolf Creek State Park**

1307143 - This project involves resurfacing of the parking lot and replacement of the gangway and docks at Wolf Creek State Park. Project was submitted for review on 12-10-12.

- **Siloam Springs State Park**

1314616 - This project involves repairs to the Blue Equestrian Trail. Project was submitted for review on 6-4-13.

- **Johnson Sauk Trail State Recreation Area**

1313937 - This project involves installation of a memorial bench in the yard area of the Historic Round Barn. Project was submitted for review on 5-6-13.

- **James C. Helfrich Game Center**

1314265 - This project involves removal of vegetation on and at the base of the existing dam and the perimeter of the lake. The dam will be further breached to allow excess moisture in the bottom silt to drain and evaporate, then excavate the dried built up silt in the lake and spread the material in the agricultural fields to the south. Project was submitted for review on 5-23-13.

- **Illinois Beach State Park**

1313928 - This project involves clearing of reed canary grass and sand bar willows in the Sand Pond Day Use Area. This will provide more mowed grass area for picnicking and shoreline fishing access. Project was submitted for review on 5-9-13.

- **Starved Rock State Park**

1314934 - This project involves placement of solar panels and a lighting system to direct on the flagpole, which sits atop Starved Rock. Project was submitted for review on 6-12-13.

Questions and Comments

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