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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from April 15 to May 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.

- **Apple River Canyon State Park**

0604504, 0604507 - The projects involve the raising of the service road and related ditch work that provides access to a large picnic area at the site. In addition, the existing campground entrance sign will be replaced. Project was submitted for review on 3-27-06.

- **Hennepin Canal Parkway**

0604479 - This project involves the replacement of an existing overhead telephone cable at Bridge 23 near Annawan with a buried cable that will be directionally bored. Project was submitted for review on 4-7-06.

- **Hennepin Canal Parkway**

0604480 - This project involves the replacement of the office rooms floors in the historic Lock 33 overseer's residence. Project was submitted for review on 4-3-06.

- **Hennepin Canal Parkway**

0604514, 0604488 - These projects involve the replacement of the linoleum floor and the replastering of the interior walls in the historic 100 year old locktender's house #17. Projects were submitted for review on 3-31-06.

- **Lincoln Trail State Park**

0604510 - This project involves the creation of vernal ponds at 1-3 sites by scraping 10" - 12" of surface soil over an area of approximately 1,000 square feet each. Project was submitted for review on 4-5-06.

- **Hennepin Canal Parkway**

0602939 - This project involves the City of Colona constructing a bridge over the canal that would connect South 3rd Street on the north side of the canal to Greenway Avenue on the south side. Project was submitted for review on 1-12-06.

- **I&M Canal**

0602942 - This project involves the Lockport Township Park District constructing a prefabricated steel pedestrian bridge on concrete abutments 250' south of Lock 2. Project was submitted for review on 1-13-06.

- **Middle Fork Fish & Wildlife Area**

0604724 - This project involves the creation of 5 vernal ponds in former cropfields by scraping 10" - 12" of surface soil over an area of less than 1,000 square feet. Project was submitted for review on 4-27-06.

- **Coffeen Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area**

0600423 - This project involves the demolition of an old home site which consists of a house, barn lean-to, corner crib, chicken coop and concrete slabs. The debris will be buried on site. Project was submitted for review on 7-25-05.

- **Bradford Habitat Area**

0603845 - This project involves the construction of 2 ephemeral wetlands in the North Unit of the site. The 2 wetland will total approximately 0.23 acres in size. Project was submitted for review on 2-3-06.

- **Eldon Hazlet State Park**

0604634 - This project involves the installation of a new surface over the top of the existing CA 6 hiking trail at Bluestem Trail. Project was submitted for review on 4-14-06.

- **Red Hills State Park**

0604726 - This project involves the installation of 600' of new 2" water line from an existing picnic area to connect with an existing line located on the south end of the dam face. Another line will run approximately 900' to the existing concession building. Project was submitted for review on 4-20-06.

- **Washington County Conservation Area**

0604779 - This project involves improvements to the existing hiking trail at the site. Work will include the raising and resurfacing of the low segments of trail and redecking and hand rail replacements to the pedestrian foot bridge. Project was submitted for review on 4-3-06.

- **Washington County Conservation Area**

0604781 - This project involves the installation of 1.5" water line from the site office to the family shelter where a yard hydrant will be installed. Project was submitted for review on 4-3-06.

- **Rock Cut State Park**

0604795 - This project involves improvements to the existing water system at the site. Work will include the rehabilitation of the wells at the two residences, the installation of a water filtration system, the installation of a new wells at day use areas and the equestrian area, the extension of city water to the concession building and the maintenance area, and the installation of new fountains and hydrant. In addition, the sewer system will be rehabilitated with the installation of a trailer dump station and sanitary septic field in the equestrian campground, the removal of the existing sewage treatment plant, sanitary dump station on the campground main entrance road, addition of lift stations and gravity sewage collection system, and the

directional boring of approximately 1400' of force main under the east end of the lake. Project was submitted for review on 4-12-06.

- **Ramsey Lake State Park**

0604885 - This project involves the removal of approximately 5 acres of autumn olive that have invaded a field and converting it to native prairie grasses and forbs. Project was submitted for review on 4-8-06.

- **Sahara Woods**

0604930 - This project involves the removal and salvaging of abandoned railroad tracks and ties from Sahara Woods SFWA. The existing railroad ballast will be lightly graded and leveled. Project was submitted for review on 3-26-06.

Questions and Comments

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

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