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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.

• Sahara Woods State Fish & Wildlife Area

1605963 - This project involves development of a motorized trail system on the west side of Sahara Woods. The project will consist of developing the following: 1) new entrance road approximately 0.75 miles in length 2) trailhead parking lot 3) may include restrooms, pole barn or other structures to support operations 4) trails with varying degrees of difficulty. Overall the trails will reach a total length of +- 26 miles. Project was submitted for review on 12-31-15.

• Sanganois State Fish & Wildlife Area

1605307 - This project involves repairs to the Hager Slough Levee. The purpose is to construct a sand seepage berm along the landside of the levee to alleviate seepage concerns and material loss due to recent floods. The berm will be built from sand dredged from the Sangamon River. Project was submitted for review on 12-1-15.

• Kickapoo Trail

1610366 - This project involves construction of 14 miles of Kickapoo Trail between St. Joseph and Oakwood. The design and construction will be similar to the previous corridor development with a 10' wide aggregate trail and a 2' aggregate shoulder on the existing railroad embankment. Project was submitted for review on 5-5-16.

• I&M Canal

1610578 - This project involves relocating a chain link fence by the Channahon Township. Project was submitted for review on 5-9-16.

• Mississippi River State Fish & Wildlife Area

1609117 - This project involves ditch maintenance for the Crull Impoundment. Approximately 4200 feet of ditch needs to be excavated to facilitate surface drainage. Excavated soil material will be laid on existing levee berms along the south and west side of the ditch to make repairs from previous floods. Project was submitted for review on 3-31-16.

• Mississippi River State Fish & Wildlife Area

1609453 - This project involves encroachment maintenance for brush control. Project was submitted for review on 4-11-16.

• Shabbona Lake State Park

1610621 - This project involves rehabilitating a fish rearing pond through excavation and installation of water control structures. Project was submitted for review on 5-10-16.

• Sam Dale Lake Conservation Area

1610305 - This project involves installation of new underground fiber optic cable to service IDNR facilities. Project was submitted for review on 5-4-16.

• White Pines Forest State Park

1609984 - This project involves replacing vault toilet in the Spring Creek Youth Camping area along with a new sidewalk to connect it to parking lot. Project was submitted for review on 4-26-16.

• Pere Marquette State Park

1609415 - This project involves maintenance repairs to the Lodge hot tub. Project was submitted for review on 4-4-16.

• Banner Marsh State Fish & Wildlife Area

1610138 - This project involves relocating utility poles and power lines to a new location within the existing easement. Project was submitted for review on 4-29-16.

- **I&M Canal State Trail**

1610012 - This project involves constructing a temporary bridge crossing of the I&M Canal to allow for construction equipment to access the Dresden Island Lock and Dam on the Illinois River. Project was submitted for review on 4-27-16.

- **Kickapoo Trail**

1609740 - This project involves construction of a 3.3 mile recreational trail from Oakwood to the Vermilion County Fair Grounds. The 10' wide aggregate trail will follow the existing railroad embankment. Project was submitted for review on 4-20-16.

- **Kankakee River State Park**

1609095 - This project involves placement of a pavilion on the land, which is leased to the Bradley-Bourbonnais Sportsman's Club. Project was submitted for review on 4-25-16.

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

1608839 - This project involves cleaning out approximately 800 lf of the Godar Refuge drainage ditch and minor vegetation removal. Project was submitted for review on 3-23-16.

- **Banner Marsh State Fish & Wildlife Area**

1609830 - This project involves installing one osprey nesting platform and one hacking tower. Project was submitted for review on 4-22-16.

- **Moraine Hills State Park**

1605163 - This project involves restoration to Raccoon Island Marsh. Restoration work includes: remove or plug drainage tiles, raise the level of the bike trail embankment, remove 4 culverts along the trail embankment, install water control structures, renovate trail surfaces and close/fill ditches. Project was submitted for review on 11-16-15.

- **Clinton Lake State Recreation Area**

1609727 - This project involves removing invasive vegetation in the 7 fields south of the Weldon boat ramp area. Approximately 43.3 acres will be cleared and restored. Project was submitted for review on 4-20-16.

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1609730 - This project involves removing invasive vegetation in the fields east of the Hurley rearing pond. Approximately 30 acres will be cleared and restored. Project was submitted for review on 4-20-16.

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1609734 - This project involves restoring the beach within Mascoutin Recreation Area. Approximately 1800 tons of sand will be spread 1" deep along the beach. Project was submitted for review on 4-20-16.

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- **Clinton Lake State Recreation Area**

1609590 - This project involves dredging the 5 acre Hurly rearing pond, replacing water control valve, and grading the pond around the water control structure for better drainage and fish collection. Project was submitted for review on 4-14-16.

- **Clinton Lake State Recreation Area**

1609731 - This project involves removing invasive vegetation in the 6 fields east of the Parnell boat ramp area. Approximately 27.5 acres will be cleared and restored. Project was submitted for review on 4-20-16.

- **Weldon Springs State Park**

1609722 - This project involves removing invasive vegetation in bottom land north-east of the Black Locust Group Camp. Approximately 3.0 acres will be cleared and restored. Project was submitted for review on 4-19-16.

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

1609721 - This project involves removing log jams, repairing the levee, and cleaning up flood debris along an area approximately 3500' in length. Project was submitted for review on 4-20-16.

- **Sam Dale Lake Conservation Area**

1609589 - This project involves installation of new underground fiber optic cable to service IDNR facilities and customers in the vicinity. Project was submitted for review on 4-14-16.

- **Jubilee College State Park**

1609474 - This project involves creating a new trail alignment along a segment of Plank Trail. Project was submitted for review on 4-12-16.

- **Shabbona Lake State Park**

1609486 - This project involves constructing a concrete slab at the concession area and rehabilitate existing drainage. Project was submitted for review on 4-12-16.

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

1608840 - This project involves removing brushy undergrowth along Joker Brothers Road for approximately 2,000'. Project was submitted for review on 3-23-16.

Questions and Comments

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

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