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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from April 16 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 these projects are in compliance with the Endangered Species Protection Act, Natural Areas Preservation Act, Interagency Wetlands Policy Act and cultural resource statutes.

- **Touhy Dam, (Cook Co)**

1305665—This project review entails (re-)authorization of OWR to remove the Touhy Dam near Touhy Av in Park Ridge, Cook Co. Project most recently submitted for review on 3-09-2020.

- **Ramsey Lake State Park**

1608230—This project will rehabilitate the Blackberry Hiking Trail connecting two day use areas in the park, predominantly utilizing an old road bed. Project most recently submitted for review on 4-27-2020.

- **Sangchris Lake State Park**

1710857—This project involves utilizing hydro-ax to remove autumn olive and bush honeysuckle at various areas throughout the park. Project most recently submitted for review on 5-11-2020.

- **Dana Thomas House State Historic Site**

1809141—This project proposes to construct new parking facilities for the Dana Thomas House SHS. Project most recently submitted for review on 3-13-2020.

- **James “Pate” Phillip State Park**

2007376—This project entails permitting the Village of South Elgin to develop recreational amenities on a lease site adjacent to the park. Project originally submitted for review on 3-06-2020.

- **Bishop Hill State Historic Site**

2008670—This project proposes to remove four overstory trees impacting electrical service utilities, and

to plant a memorial tree inside the east side of the central park (replacing a dead ash tree). Project originally submitted for review on 4-21-2020.

- **Carl Sandburg State Historic Site**

2008795—This project will replace in-kind the stairs and railing at the site. Project originally submitted for review on 4-24-2020.

- **Horseshoe Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (Alexander Co)**

2006881—This project involves installation of a memorial bench. Project originally submitted for review on 2-20-2020.

- **Sangchris Lake State Park**

2008816—The project is for an emergency replacement of a culvert that washed out and created hazardous equestrian trail conditions. Project originally submitted for review on 4-27-2020.

- **IDNR Headquarters**

2008464—This project proposes to deconstruct and rebuild the existing upper lake retaining wall at the IDNR HQ building. Project originally submitted for review on 4-14-2020.

- **Chain O Lakes State Park**

2008335—This project involves installation of new above ground fuel tanks, replacing underground tanks which were previously reviewed and removed. Project originally submitted for review on 4-07-2020.

- **Newton Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area**

2008741—This project involves forestry mowing of approximately 13 acres of invasive trees and shrubs. Project originally submitted for review on 4-23-2020.

- **Castle Rock State Park**

2008263—This project is to create a semi-permanent firebreak and access lane to avoid dangerous ravine topography previously used for the same purposes. Project originally submitted for review on 4-03-2020.

- **Rock Cut State Park**

2008543—This project will permit Com Ed to replace electric service infrastructure at the campground check station to allow for smart grid update compliance. Project originally submitted for review on 4-16-2020.

- **Crawford County State Fish and Wildlife Area**

2008809—This project will install a new water supply service to the site. Old supply is no longer serviceable. Project originally submitted for review on 4-27-2020.

- **Ramsey Lake State Park**

2008898—This project will make repairs to a small berm directly above the concession/boat ramp area at the park. Project most recently submitted for review on 4-29-2020.

- **Union County State Fish and Wildlife Area**

2008860—This project involves tree removal to allow access to a water control structure and levee. Project originally submitted for review on 4-03-2020.

- **Moraine Hills State Park**

2008614—This project permits a friends group to install a trail-side terrace overlooking Osprey Meadow and the Lake Defiance Restoration Area. Project originally submitted for review on 4-20-2020.

- **Hennepin Canal**

2008617—This review permits Natural Gas Pipeline of America to upgrade their line that runs under the site. Work permitted consists of boring under IDNR property, with boring pits occurring outside of IDNR property. Project originally submitted for review on 4-20-2020.

- **Union County State Fish and Wildlife Area**

2009143—This project will install riprap to control erosion and undercutting along a vulnerable shoreline section of Lyerla Lake. Project originally submitted for review on 5-06-2020.

- **Starved Rock State Park**

2009275—This project will replace two failed culverts at the youth campground. Project most recently submitted for review on 5-08-2020.

- **Burning Star State Fish and Wildlife Area**

2008449—This project will re-surface the existing road system at the site. Project most recently submitted for review on 4-13-2020.

- **Fort de Chartres State Historic Site**

2009309—This project proposes to repair a levee area that has begun sloughing due to heavy rain and flooding in IDNR lands near the site. Project most recently submitted for review on 5-11-2020.

- **Moraine Hills State Park**

2009028—This project will control exotic and invasive woody vegetation within Moraine Hills State Park. Project most recently submitted for review on 5-04-2020.

- **Morrison-Rockwood State Park**

2009464—This project will permit Com Ed to upgrade existing electric facilities at the park. Project originally submitted for review on 5-13-2020.

- **Sand Prairie Habitat Area**

2008569—This project involves permitting Com Ed to replace a transmission tower within the Sand Prairie Habitat Area. This work is conducted within the restrictions of ITA # 186. Project most recently submitted for review on 4-17-2020.

Questions and Comments

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