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## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from September 15 to October 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.

- **Chain O'Lakes State Park**

0500159 - This project involves the development of an equestrian access spur by using an abandoned farm lane to connect the Sundial Farms subdivision to the Red Loop in the park. Project was submitted for review on 8-16-04.

- **Moraine Hills State Park**

0500958 - This project involves the installation of an Agri-drain water level control structure and a corrugated metal pipe for better water level management at the marsh. Project was submitted for review on 9-3-04.

- **Starved Rock State Park**

0500799 - This project involves the removal of debris on Plum Island in the Illinois River. The project will utilize volunteers and contractors to remove wood, metal, and plastic debris that has accumulated over the years. Only clean rock, stone, and concrete will be buried if the necessity arises. Project was submitted for review on 8-26-04.

- **Hennepin Canal Parkway**

0500160 - This project involves the clearing of Autumn Olive from approximately 400 acres of land in the main complex area. The hydro-ax and bulldozer will be used as they become available. Project was submitted for review on 7-15-04.

- **Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park**

0500643 - This project involves the construction of a

bridge across Waddam's Creek immediately to the west of the equestrian crossing. As part of this Eagle Scout project under IDNR supervision, two support posts will be placed in the ground on each side of the stream to support the structure. Project was submitted for review on 7-27-04.

- **Starved Rock State Park**

0501330 - This project involves the conversion of the existing treatment facility to a pumping station and the installation, by directional boring, of a 6" force main sewer pipe that will connect with the new municipal sanitary sewer line for the Village of Utica. Project was submitted for review on 10-7-04.

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

0403358 - This project involves the construction of a 200 yard long levee across a shallow neck of the lake in order to retain water on a large field that floods during the early spring and summer. The water will be recharged from an adjacent impoundment and provide water during waterfowl migration. Project was submitted for review on 2-13-04.

- **Mississippi Palisades State Park**

0404068 - This project involves the development of a bicycle trail beginning at the southern end of the camping area and connecting with Messmer Road. The trail will be a 10'-wide paved surface with 2'-wide shoulders. Additional work items will include a small parking area, kiosks, vault toilet, short bridge spans, and signage. Project was submitted for review on 4-2-04.

- **Sangchris Lake State Park**

0501549 - This project involves the disposal of the dredged material that was taken from the East Boat Ramp. The material will be spread in the Maple Flats Area immediately east of the existing archery range. Project was submitted for review on 10-25-04.

- **Chain O'Lakes State Park**

0501485 - This project involves the construction of a 60' x 60' concrete slab to form a helipad for the "Flight for Life" helicopter use. In addition, a 12' wide by 95' long driveway will be constructed between the helipad

and James Road. Project was submitted for review on 10-18-04.

- **Fort Massac**

0501431 - This project involves the installation of a new set of playground equipment in an area of approximately 36' x 64' at the Fairgrounds Picnic Area. In addition, a new 5' x 150' concrete sidewalk will be installed to connect with the nearby parking area. Project was submitted for review on 10-14-04.

- **Rock Cut State Park**

0501435 - This project involves the addition of a 50-car gravel and bituminous cement parking lot approximately 70' x 250' in size to the northwest of the existing lot at the Puri Crest Picnic Area. Project was submitted for review on 10-18-04.

#### Questions and Comments

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

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