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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from August 16 to September 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.

- **Black Crown Marsh**

1408259—This project will create wetlands on site stemming from wetland mitigation for the Grant Illinois Trail. Project most recently submitted for review on 9-25-2020.

- **Starved Rock State Park**

1811368—This project proposes to clean out and repair or replace several drainage ditches of the lower day-use area road system. Project most recently submitted for review on 8-28-2020.

- **Hooper Branch Savana**

2102797—This project proposes to utilize a forestry mower in the dormant season to clear sub canopy woody vegetation in order to foster improved herbaceous vegetation for habitat. Project originally submitted for review on 8-17-2020.

- **Chatsworth State Habitat Area**

2011105—This review serves to consider a potential acquisition by means of a grant application. Project originally submitted for review on 6-29-2020.

- **Mazonia Braidwood State Fish and Wildlife Area**

2103160—This project will construct a new storage building for site operations. Project originally submitted for review on 8-19-2020.

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

2101688—This project will permit a watermain from the Eaton Water District to be run in an easterly direction along the north side of the road. Project originally submitted for review on 7-30-2020.

- **Jubilee College State Historic Site**

2101578—This project will replace the roof of the main shelter. Project originally submitted for review on 7-28-2020.

- **Dixon Springs State Park**

2103077—This project will designate segments of the existing hiking trail system as open to mountain bike use. Physical alterations are limited, including perhaps some light limb trimming and aggregate reinforcement. Project originally submitted for review on 8-18-2020.

- **Illinois Beach State Park**

2100422—The review entails a grant application and project aimed to reduce populations of invasive and exotic plant species from the native plant communities in the north unit. Project originally submitted for review on 7-09-2020.

- **Fort de Chartres State Historic Site**

2103677—This project proposes to remove and replace the roof timber structural components of the rear gate house. Project originally submitted for review on 8-25-2020.

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2103560—This project proposes to remove and replace the roof on the site maintenance building. Project originally submitted for review on 8-25-2020.

- **Matanzas Prairie**

2103079—This project will construct a semi-permanent fire break and maintenance lane to allow for better burning conditions at the site. Project originally submitted for review on 8-19-2020.

- **I&M Canal**

2005762—This project will permit Nucor Tube to install a new rail spur and driveway crossing the I&M Canal and reserve. Project originally submitted for review on 1-22-2020.

- **Moraine Hills State Park**

2103922—This project will install new water control structures and dismantle old water control structures in 2 areas of the moist soil unit. Project originally submitted for review on 8-27-2020.

- **Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site**

2103942—This project will remove a standing hazard tree at the site. Project originally submitted for review on 8-27-2020.

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

2101911—This project proposes to replace the site residence and garage roofs. Project originally submitted for review on 8-04-2020.

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2101906—This project proposes to replace the roofs of the shop and storage building roofs at the site. Project originally submitted for review on 8-04-2020.

- **Trail of Tears State Forest**

2010533—This project proposes to manage an additional 188 acre unit through selective overstory timber harvest. Project originally submitted for review on 6-12-2020.

- **I&M Canal**

2103204—This project permits a contractor to conduct a management burn to support rivulet vegetation growth for the Hines Emerald Dragonfly, associated with ITA# 106. A small area of this burn unit is within leased I&M property. Project most recently submitted for review on 8-19-2020.

- **I&M Canal**

2008619—This project proposes to repair or replace the nettle creek aqueduct that was destroyed in 2013 from high water. Project originally submitted for review on 4-20-2020.

- **Chain O Lakes**

2009589—This project proposes to replace 5 site building roofs. Project originally submitted for review on 5-18-2020.

- **Black Hawk State Historic Site**

2104640—This project proposes to create a single track hiking trail just below the recently-condemned and closed decking. This has become an emergency issue due to rogue trail rerouting around the closed deck, creating hazardous conditions. Project originally submitted for review on 9-04-2020.

- **I&M Canal**

2103904—This project permits Com Ed to perform exploratory potholing to locate a pipeline in preparation for a forthcoming mitigation wire project that spans the CN railroad tracks in the Bedford Park area. Project originally submitted for review on 8-27-2020.

- **Rock Cut State Park**

2104639—This project will replace underground electric infrastructure to accommodate for smart grid update compliance. Project originally submitted for review on 9-04-2020.

- **Lake in the Hills Fen**

2104786—This project proposes to re-establish backed up drainage interfering with neighbors along the southern border of the property by cleaning out drainage ditches. Project originally submitted for review on 9-08-2020.

- **Pere Marquette State Park**

2104934—This project proposes to plant one overstory memorial tree at the park. Project originally submitted for review on 9-09-2019.

- **William W Powers State Recreational Area**

2102569—This project proposes to conduct soil borings to inform forthcoming park upgrades projects. Project originally submitted for review on 8-12-2020.

- **Chain O Lakes**

2100808—This project continues a water and sewer line upgrade in the area by completing municipal connections heading west on Rt 12 from railroad bridge, then north on State Park Rd. Project originally submitted for review on 7-16-2020.

- **Momence Wetlands State Natural Area**

2100121—This project permits ComEd to upgrade aerial electrical service to several inholding residences in the park. Project originally submitted for review on 7-01-2020.

Questions and Comments

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