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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from February 15 to March 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.

- **Sangamon Valley Trail**

1005479 – This project involves repairing the Sangamon Valley Trail bridge over the Norfolk Southern Railroad near Curran. The work will consist of raising the existing bridge spans, repairing the bridge seat, and modifying the abutments as required to suit the planned SVT bicycle trail. Project was submitted for review on 1-25-10.

- **Redwing Slough State Natural Area**

1005666 – This project involves the control of exotic and invasive woody vegetation. Selective and focused efforts to manage the high quality native plant communities, including clearing and judicious use of herbicides. Project was submitted for review on 2-5-10.

- **Ramsey Lake State Park**

1006268 – This project involves clearing fields of exotic autumn olive and bush honeysuckle. The goal is to restore native vegetation. Project was submitted for review on 2-9-10.

- **Heidecke State Fish & Wildlife Area**

1006263 - This project involves various work items to rehabilitate the existing boat access area. Project was submitted for review on 2-11-10.

- **Eldon Hazlet State Park**

1005772 – This project involves replacing a 48” culvert located under the Eldon Hazlet SP main entrance road. All work will be confined to the same location as the existing culvert. Project was submitted for review on 2-2-10.

- **Eldon Hazlet State Park**

1006719 - This project involves resurfacing the Illini Trail with concrete in order to provide for better accessibility for park users. A trail head kiosk and installation of interpretive signs is also planned. Project also calls for the completion of the concrete surfacing at the Wetland Trail. Project was submitted for review on 2-5-10.

- **Mautino State Fish & Wildlife Area**

1006700 – This project involves deepening a 4-acre depression in a spoils area, which usually dries up in the summer. Project will create a more permanent wetland. Project was submitted for review on 2-24-10.

- **Lincoln Trail State Park**

1003217 - This project involves creation of vernal pools at Lincoln Trails State Park. Construct up to 10 vernal pools (approx. 1/8 acre in size), to provide habitat for wildlife. Project was submitted for review on 10-16-09.

- **Clinton Lake State Recreation Area**

0903253 - This project involves construction of an approximately one mile trail adjacent to the main arterial roadway which is accessible for walkers, biking, and cross-country skiing. The trail will connect the campground to the beach access road and to the concession building. Project was submitted for review on 1-20-10.

- **Marseilles State Fish & Wildlife Area**

1006550 – This project involves dismantling and removing existing infrastructure in TA 104W. The site will be restored to its natural pre-existing condition. Project was submitted for review on 2-18-10.

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1006392 – This project involves road improvements and widening. Project was submitted for review on 2-18-10.

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1006400 – This project involves improvements to an existing training site. Additional training buildings will be constructed, road networks will be constructed, and other site improvements. Project was submitted for review on 2-18-10.

- **Randolph County State Recreation Area**

1004721 – This project involves replacing the small wooden pedestrian bridges on Six Bridge Eagle Trail. Project was submitted for review on 12-21-09.

- **Sanganois Conservation Area**

1006328 – This project involves replacing the pumps at the Sangamon River Pump Station. Project was submitted for review on 2-17-10.

- **Vermilion River - Dam**

1006866 – This project involves installing signs along bank, hang buoys at the cement plant upstream of the dam, and constructing a boat ramp upstream of the dam on the left bank looking downstream. Project was submitted for review on 3-2-10.

Questions and Comments

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

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