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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.

- **Mississippi Palisades State Park**

0908821 - This project involves the re-construction of the north Park Road segment south of the office complex to the existing ridge-top park road at Ozzie's Point Look-out area. Includes extensive grading and earth excavation within the existing road way area, as well as 20-60 feet of additional construction limits on either side of the existing road way area. Project includes new storm sewer and discharge areas, rip-rap, a temporary construction road, incidental seeding and repair following construction. Project was submitted for review on 5-14-09.

- **Sanganois Conservation Area**

0907758 - This project involves the improvement to the Marion Refuge Unit and the Baker Tract Habitat Unit. Efforts within the Marion Unit will enlarge an existing goose habitat by constructing an earthen berm approximately 1200' long and 18" high. Efforts within the Baker Tract will repair earthen embankments damaged by flooding. Project was submitted for review on 3-30-09.

- **Sanganois State Wildlife Area**

0908685 - This project involves maintenance to the Ash Swale Refuge. The old road bed will be re-built. Woody encroachment will be removed and a 3 acre area will be prepared to grow moist soil plants. Project was submitted for review on 3-20-09.

- **Sanganois State Wildlife Area**

0908747 - This project involves the restoration of Weiner Swale. It has been silted in over many years of floods. The existing ditch will be cleaned out to allow 20 acres to once again drain and grow natural vegetation for waterfowl. Project was submitted for review on 3-20-09.

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

0909307 - This project involves the rehabilitation of the Braidwood Cooling Lake's two boat access areas (Cemetery Road and Kankakee Road). The intensive use has caused underwater potholes to form at the end of all five ramps. The ramps will be extended at least 15 feet. Existing docks will be removed and reinstalled. Project was submitted for review on 4-3-09.

- **Wayne Fitzgerald State Park**

0909284 - This project involves constructing a new segment of bike trail. Segment C will connect with the existing bike trail near the existing main campground and then extend north and west towards the campground boat ramp. This segment will be aggregate surfaced, approximately 10' wide, with 2' shoulders, and will total approx. 2875' in length. Project was submitted for review on 4-6-09.

- **Red Hills State Park**

0909304 - This project involves construction of a new boat ramp. The proposed location for the new boat access is an existing day use area in between the lake and the main park road and just south of the lake dam. Project was submitted for review on 4-2-09.

- **Sangchris Lake State Park**

0908790 - This project involves the placement of a dry hydrant by the Pawnee Fire Protection District. The dry hydrant will allow water to be pulled from lake only in emergency situations. Project was submitted for review on 4-14-09.

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

0908795 - This project involves repairing the embankment surrounding the Big Lake water control structure, which failed and washed away during a flood event in 2007. The embankment shall be constructed with a 10' top and 3:1 side slopes from earthen materials borrowed from the surrounding area. Project was submitted for review on 3-19-09.

- **Beaver Dam State Park**

0908826 - This project involves the construction of an ADA trail and a wooden hunting platform in Area #2. Trail will be cut through under brush. Project was submitted for review on 4-13-09.

- **Clinton State Recreation Area**

0807697 - This project involves replacing an existing dam on the Green Sunfish Rearing Pond. Trees will be removed and the pond bottom will also be reshaped. Project was submitted for review on 1-7-08.

Questions and Comments

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

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