
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, 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.

- **Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal**

1003787 - The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), in coordination with the multi-agency Asian Carp Rapid Response Workgroup along with the Great Lakes Interagency Task Force, will manage the application of rotenone in the CSSC. The press release along with FAQ's can be found at:

<http://dnr.state.il.us/pubaffairs/2009/November/chicago.html>

- **Illinois Beach State Park**

1002821 - This project involves the placement of a modular office structure on an existing parking lot housing the Lake Michigan Biological Station and the Illinois Beach North Unit Shop. Connecting the modular building to existing underground water supply and sanitary sewer utilities requires trenching in lawn areas and in the parking lot. Project was submitted for review on 9-25-09.

- **Kankakee River State Park**

1002875 - This project involves the removal and treatment of bush honeysuckle from an old growth stand of mixed mast producing hardwoods. Small compact track steer machines will be used to minimize forest floor disturbance and to spot spray herbicides to prevent re-growth. Project was submitted for review on 10-5-09.

- **Sand Ridge State Forest**

1002878/1002876- These projects involves the construction of two wetlands for chorus frog conservation. Project was submitted for review on 9-30-09.

- **Des Plaines State Fish & Wildlife Area**

1002812 - This project addresses an agreement between the USFWS and IDNR to reduce fuel loads at Grant Creek Prairie Nature Preserve and adjoining area in Des Plaines SFWA. The following work items are planned: fire breaks will be mown around the site and through the Nature Preserve, cutting and herbiciding woody vegetation by hand and with a tracked bobcat, hand-applied herbiciding of invasive vegetation, and conducting prescribed burns. Project was submitted for review on 9-25-09.

- **Eagle Creek State Park**

1002295 - This project involves the design and replacement of the existing gangway and docks to meet ADA requirements and user needs. New dock slips will be provided. The existing boat ramp will be repaired or replaced where needed. Project was submitted for review on 9-14-09.

- **I&M Canal State Trail**

1000534 - This project involves improvements to the DuPage River Spillway. Project was submitted for review on 7-9-09.

- **Fulton Marina**

1002302 - This project involves rehabilitation and expansion of the restroom building. Project was submitted for review on 9-14-09.

Questions and Comments

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

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