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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from July 15 to August 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.

- **Illinois Beach State Park**

1100168 – This project involves restoration of high quality wetland resources. The goal is to facilitate the movement of stormwater flow within the Dead Dog Creek channel to minimize the deleterious impacts of siltation, nutrient loading, exotic species transport and flashy water levels on adjacent wetlands as a result of dense, upstream development within the watershed. Organic material will be excavated and hauled to a spoil area. Herbicide application will be used to remove invasive and exotic species within the wetland complex. Project was submitted for review on 7-6-10.

- **I&M Canal State Trail**

1100485 – This project involves placement of a stationary, replica canal boat within the empty canal prism adjacent to the Ottawa Toll House. Project was submitted for review on 7-14-10.

- **Pecatonica River**

1009626 – This project involves restoration of 194 acres in the 100 year floodplain of the Pecatonica River. It is phase 2 & 3 of a 10-phase 600 acre restoration. Project was submitted for review on 6-11-10.

- **Wildlife Prairie State Park**

1100767 - This project involves placing a dock on the strip mine lake in the center of the entrance-exit road. Project was submitted for review on 7-21-10.

- **Heron Woods State Habitat Area**

1101036 – This project involves constructing an aggregate-surfaced driveway and parking space for hunter access and for site management access. Project was submitted for review on 7-27-10.

- **Buffalo Rock State Park**

1100285 - This project involves demolishing the existing wastewater treatment system components and constructing a new septic tank/recirculating sand filter wastewater treatment system. The project also includes: installation of new septic tanks, sanitary sewer lines, and replacing sanitary lines. Project was submitted for review on 6-22-10.

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

1100283 - This project involves converting part of a now decommissioned Duck Stamp waterfowl refuge to a gravity flow impoundment area. To achieve water flow to/from Grant Creek Cut-Off by gravity instead of pumping, the southern end of the refuge will be regarded to a lower elevation. Excavated soil will be used to create nesting islands in the proposed compartment and to widen and raise the center levee/access road. Project was submitted for review on 6-10-10.

- **Hennepin Canal State Parkway**

110650 - This project involves constructing a bike trail ramp and access to the existing levee trail at Lock 31 on Big Island. Project was submitted for review on 7-16-10.

- **Ferne Clyffe State Park**

1101320 - This project involves removal and replacement of fencing on park boundary. Project was submitted for review on 8-9-10.

- **Hennepin Canal State Parkway**

1101108 – This project involves placement of memorial benches at two locations near Lock 33 at the Feeder Canal. Project was submitted for review on 7-30-10.

- **Starved Rock State Park**

1009284 - This project involves replacement of the roof system of the public areas of Starved Rock Lodge and Conference Center on the north and eastern portion of the facility. Project was submitted for review on 5-12-10.

Questions and Comments

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

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