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## **IDNR Begins \$3.8 Million in Waterfowl Habitat Improvements** *Projects are funded through the Migratory Waterfowl Stamp Fund*

SPRINGFIELD, IL – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has begun \$3.8 million in waterfowl habitat improvement projects at IDNR sites made possible by sportsmen and sportswomen purchasing Illinois Migratory Waterfowl Stamps.

The Fiscal Year 2019 projects detailed below were reviewed and recommended by the State Duck Stamp Advisory Committee, which met on November 29, 2018.

Migratory Waterfowl Stamp Fund FY2019 Improvement Project Descriptions	Site Name	Project Total
<b>Roth Crossing Wetland Construction</b> – Repair unit to increase proportion of flooded acres.	Horseshoe Lake SFWA (Alexander Co.)	\$19,000.00
<b>Water Control Structure Rehabilitation</b> – Replace stoplogs in water control structure to better facilitate wetland management.	Donnelley SFWA	\$10,000.00
<b>Doza Creek Pump Station Replacement</b> – Work with the Baldwin Generating Station to use their pump infrastructure to flood the adjacent management unit.	Kaskaskia SFWA	\$80,000.00
<b>Bottomland Hardwood Enhancement</b> – Remove undesirable trees from an 80-acre tract to allow desirable tree species to thrive.	Cache River SNA	\$10,000.00
<b>Bottomland Hardwood Enhancement</b> – Remove undesirable trees from approximately 10 acres to allow desirable tree species to thrive and create openings for waterfowl and waterfowl hunters.	Mermet Lake SFWA	\$10,000.00
<b>Moist-soil wetland units development</b> – Develop three small wetland units totaling 18 acres to replace crops and	Mermet Lake SFWA	\$45,900.00

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fallow areas, providing foraging habitat in the refuge area.		
<b>Shallow Water Wetland Development Phase 2</b> – Continue repairing berms and water control structures on 16 wetlands on this site.	Embarras River Bottoms SHA	\$50,000.00
<b>Black Crown Marsh SNA Phragmites control</b> – Control invasive Phragmites on 50 acres of marsh to restore marsh quality and increase habitat area.	Moraine Hills SP	\$8,000.00
<b>Jonathan Creek North Wetland Development</b> – Develop a new 20-acre managed shallow water wetland impoundment in the Jonathan Creek Access Area.	Shelbyville SFWA	\$119,928.75
<b>Culvert and screw gate replacement</b> – Replace aging infrastructure at various wetland management units throughout the site.	Mississippi River Area SFWA	\$60,000.00
<b>Godar Refuge Dike Stabilization</b> – Reshape and armor 3,000 linear feet of dike in the 300-acre refuge to facilitate continued wetland management practices.	Mississippi River Area SFWA	\$110,000.00
<b>Salt Creek wetland vegetation control</b> – Control undesirable vegetation in the Salt Creek Management Unit to increase desirable wetland habitat.	Clinton Lake SRA	\$21,107.75
<b>Weiner Swale habitat rehabilitation</b> – Mechanically remove undesirable woody vegetation to increase the area of forage-producing wetland vegetation.	Sanganois SFWA	\$15,000.00
<b>Subimpoundment Rehabilitation Phase 1</b> – Begin to rehabilitate the 7,500-acre subimpoundment area; Phase 1 will focus on restoring the function and quality of Speaker Lake Refuge, critical to this important waterfowl hunting site.	Carlyle Lake SFWA	\$1,000,000.00
<b>Construction-grade LiDAR and Bathymetry</b> – Obtain high quality elevation data for the entire subimpoundment area to facilitate rehabilitation project design.	Carlyle Lake SFWA	\$68,000.00
<b>Kaskaskia River levee repair</b> – Repair 400 feet of critical external levee for the subimpoundment area where the river is eroding it.	Carlyle Lake SFWA	\$183,000.00
<b>Dewatering structures/flood gate repair and replacement</b> – Repair or replace failing water control structures that will allow water management control and flood water release from the subimpoundment area.	Carlyle Lake SFWA	\$393,000.00
<b>Replace pumps and discharge pipes</b> – Replace four failing pumps and discharge pipes used to manage 5,000 acres of critical waterfowl habitat that is hunted heavily.	Rend Lake SFWA	\$1,000,000.00
<b>Compact excavator and trailer</b> – Southern Illinois waterfowl sites total more than 40,000 acres and have numerous berms, levees and water control structures that need maintenance or replacement; this equipment allows IDNR staff to complete many minor repairs in a timely fashion to avoid more costly repairs.	Region 5	\$57,000.00

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<b>Trash Pump Purchase</b> – Purchase 6” trash pump to facilitate management of a 20-acre waterfowl refuge area.	Horseshoe Lake SP (Madison Co)	\$33,500.00
<b>Portable Pump Purchase</b> – Purchase 30” trailer-mounted portable pump to facilitate management of 15 areas (24,000 acres); the site uses several of these pumps, and intermittent replacement will avoid failure.	Mississippi River Area SFWA	\$221,150.00
<b>Portable Pump Purchase</b> – Purchase an additional pump to facilitate management of hunted areas.	Clinton Lake SRA	\$20,000.00
<b>Tracked Dump Truck</b> – Purchase a spin-and-dump low ground pressure tracked dump truck to access portions of site that cannot be reached by typical equipment; the site rents similar equipment; keeping it on-site will facilitate timely management and repairs.	Sanganois SFWA	\$228,500.00
<b>Waterfowl Site Maintenance</b> – One-time emergency use of any remaining funds to complete deferred maintenance at wetland management sites; funds will be managed by IDNR Resource Conservation and Land Management representatives.	Statewide	\$100,000.00

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