



The end of a calendar year is an opportune time to reflect upon the annual season of renewal, growth and harvest, and to look forward to the next year and plan accordingly. This year marks the end of another season—a gubernatorial term—and the beginning of another.

As I reflect upon the change in seasons, I am both very blessed and

In our efforts to continue to provide quality services to our constituents, we are undertaking an extensive update of our Web site. Check us out at www.dnr.illinois.gov.

proud to have served the last nearly two years as Director of the Department of Natural Resources and have the opportunity to make a difference for conservation, recreation and for DNR constituencies.

The agency and the conservation movement face many more challenges in the seasons ahead, but we will continue to focus on the key issues of improving recreational access, getting children outdoors and finding ways to develop a sustainable funding base for the agency. I look forward to working with Governor Quinn, the dedicated professionals at DNR and our constituents these next four years to achieve many more victories for Illinois' natural and cultural

resources. Thank you for your interest and support.

Yours in conservation,
Marc Miller

Among the accomplishments of the past two years that I am most proud of are:

- Reopening closed state parks
- Hiring professional staff
- Protecting fish and wildlife funds and upholding the spirit of the Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson Acts
- Reinstating Conservation Congress and Governor Quinn signing an Executive Order on focusing on Congress' goals of youth in the outdoors, increased public recreational access and sustainable funding
- Convening Illinois' first Youth Conservation Congress
- Increasing public access for recreational activities and creating the Illinois Recreational Access Program with a grant from USDA
- Encouraging public support for increasing hunting and fishing license fees for the first time in more than 35 years
- Protecting our natural and recreational resources from further harm from Asian carp
- Increasing events at the world-class World Shooting and Recreational Complex
- Capturing additional grant monies
- Undertaking a dam safety initiative and creating a unique recreational opportunity with the Fox River bypass channel
- Implementing the Target Hunger Now! program to help feed the needy
- Developing an online campsite reservation system
- Expanding CREP to the Kaskaskia basin and reopening enrollment in the Illinois River watershed
- Initiating a new Wetland Reserve Enhancement Program on the Wabash River floodplain
- Establishing the PARC and Public Museums Capital grants programs
- Redesigning the Department Web site, introducing hunting and fishing regulations in Spanish and improving communication to our constituents through social media (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube)