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## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from October 15 to November 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.

- **Tunnel Hill State Trail**

0601624 - This project involves the installation of two right angle taps to the existing Saline Valley Conservancy District water main located on the trail. The new water main will be extended in an easterly direction from the taps across Rt. 45 to private property. Project was submitted for review on 10-11-05.

- **Mackinaw River Fish & Wildlife Area**

0601043 - This project involves the installation of an advanced National Seismic Station to monitor earth quake activity in northern Illinois. Project was submitted for review on 9-14-05.

- **Kinkaid Lake**

0601757 - This project involves the construction of two ponds along the northeast finger of Kinkaid Lake to control the water runoff and sediment and chemical loads from a large area of agricultural ground. Project was submitted for review on 10-24-05.

- **Eldon Hazlet State Park**

0502814 - This project involves the complete rehabilitation of the Allen Branch Boat Access Area. Work items will include the reconstruction of the entire parking area, installation of new signage, the addition of a new boat ramp, a new fish cleaning station, sidewalks, drinking fountain, and grills. Project was submitted for review on 2-7-05.

- **Union County Conservation Area**

0602007 - This project involves the construction of low levees across swales in existing agricultural fields to

create shallow wetlands that will be flooded with existing pumps and wells. Project was submitted for review on 11-14-05.

- **Morrison Rockwood**

0601467 - This project involves the construction of a 45' x 100' parking lot and the installation of a 24" culvert at the NE section of the property. Project was submitted for review on 10-6-05.

- **Franklin Creek**

0601867 - This project involves the construction of a 5 car crushed gravel hunter parking lot. Project was submitted for review on 11-3-05.

- **Harlem Hills Nature Preserve**

0601653 - This project involves the installation of approximately 11,100' of woven wire and metal fencing along all inadequately fenced boundaries at the site to reduce direct harm to resources from illegal and incompatible uses. Project was submitted for review on 10-13-05.

- **Silver Springs State Park**

0601650 - This project involves the modification of an existing 1.0 acre pond by grading spoils that were deposited next to the pond in a manner that will allow the gradual slope of the land surrounding the pond's perimeter to function as a 4.5 acre vernal wetland/wildlife pond area. Project was submitted for review on 10-17-05.

- **Kinkaid Lake**

0601756 - This project involves the placing of rock dikes in front of the shoreline at 24 locations within the main body of water at the lake to help stabilize the existing shoreline from erosion and create intermediate wetlands. Project was submitted for review on 10-24-05.

- **Wildcat Hollow State Habitat Area**

0601753 - This project involves the construction of 10 vernal ponds for reptiles and amphibians on former agricultural fields at the site. The ponds will average 15" in depth and be approximately 0.5 acres in size. Project was submitted for review on 10-24-05.

- **Sparks Pond SNA**

0600462 - This project involves the removal and disposal of a metal windmill tower and associated concrete footing located along the right of way at the site. All material will be removed from the site. Project was submitted for review on 8-3-05.

#### Questions and Comments

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

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