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## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from November 15 to December 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 and 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.

- **Starved Rock State Park**

0601654 - This project involves the creation of two wetland habitat areas in abandoned fields and waterways that lead to natural area canyon systems at the site. Small dykes will be used to create the 5' deep open water and emergent habitats. Project was submitted for review on 10-13-05.

- **Crawford County Conservation Area**

0601895 - This project involves the construction of 15 ephemeral wetlands for reptiles and amphibians on former agricultural fields at the site. The ponds will average approximately 15" - 20" in depth. Project was submitted for review on 11-7-05.

- **Sam Parr State Park**

0602010, 0601896 - These projects involve the construction of up to 4 shallow water wetlands and 10 vernal ponds for waterfowl, marsh birds, shorebirds, reptiles and amphibians on former agricultural fields at the site. The wetlands will average 20" in depth. Projects were submitted for review on 11-10-05.

- **Shabbona Lake State Park**

0602300 - This project involves the development of a 40' x 60' x 6" sand volleyball court adjacent to the existing camp store. Project was submitted for review on 11-22-05.

- **Volo Bog**

0602388 - This project involves the abandonment of a section of Tamarack View Trail that currently crosses the bog's out flow channel over a bridge and sections of floating docks. The trail will be rerouted closer to Sullivan Lake Road and the need to use and maintain the docks to cross wetland soils will be eliminated. Project was submitted for review on 12-8-05.

- **Volo Bog**

0602391 - This project involved the construction of a 8' x 24' elevated wooden deck for viewing wildlife. Project was submitted for review on 12-8-05.

- **Jim Edgar Panther Creek**

0601836 - This project involves the creation of a 5 acre wetland in an idled farm field south of the site manager's residence by constructing a 4' high berm with a water control structure. Project was submitted for review on 10-25-05.

- **Mt. Vernon Game Farm**

0601828 - This project involves the construction of 3 earthen levees across existing swales to create additional shallow water wetland habitat. Project was submitted for review on 10-25-05.

- **Hennepin Canal Parkway**

0602338 - This project involves the restoration of approximately 12-14 feet of levee/towpath that has eroded and sloughed into the canal. The sloughed material will be re-utilized and the bank restored to its original condition. Project was submitted for review on 12-6-05.

- **Giant City State Park**

0602392 - This project involves the construction of a 30' x 48' open pole barn just east of the existing stable arena at the Giant City Stables. Project was submitted for review on 12-11-05.

## **Significant Action**

### **Cecil White Prairie Land and Water Reserve**

No letters were received during the 45 day public comment period concerning the proposed work along U. S. Route 136 adjacent to the Cecil White Prairie Land and Water Reserve. As such, the IDNR and INPC plan to proceed with the project as described in the November 2005 issue of the *Environmental Reporter*.

The public is being offered a 15 day period to rebut this decision. Written comments or questions may be sent to:

Mr. Kenneth L. Litchfield  
Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
One Natural Resources Way  
Springfield, Ill. 62702

Comments must be received by the close of business on Tuesday, January 16, 2006.

#### Questions and Comments

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

Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
Div. of Natural Resource Review & Coordination  
One Natural Resources Way,  
Springfield, IL 62702-1271  
Phone: 217/785-5500

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