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## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from April 15 to May 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.

- **Burning Star State Fish & Wildlife Area**

1810320 - This project involves clearing a field access lane to allow the sites' tenant farmer to access an IDNR farm field without having to cross over adjoining private land. Project was submitted for review on 4-25-18.

- **Randolph County Conservation Area**

1810900 – This project involves the replacement of an existing CMP that is failing. Project was submitted for review on 5-15-18.

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1810899 - This project involves removing and replacing an existing shingled roof on the Concession Building at RCCA. Project was submitted for review on 5-15-18.

- **Weldon Springs State Park**

1608273 - This project involves funding for engineering services to prepare plans to replace four wooden pedestrian bridges on the lake trail. Project was submitted for review on 3-8-16.

- **Pere Marquette State Park**

1810873 - This project involves the repair of a water supply line for the Upper Group Camps. Project was submitted for review on 5-14-2018.

- **Chain O' Lakes State Park**

1810630 - This project involves teasel control in Redwing Slough State Natural Area and to enhance waterfowl and grassland bird nesting habitat, prairie quality, and other wildlife habitat. Project was submitted for review on 5-4-18.

- **Moraine Hills State Park**

1810631 - This project involves controlling exotic and invasive native woody vegetation in Moraine Hills State Park and to enhance safety and efficacy of the hunting programs at the park. Project was submitted for review on 5-4-18.

- **Fort Kaskaskia State Historic Site**

1810812 - This project involves the removal of two hazardous trees in Fort Kaskaskia State Historic Site near the site residence. Project was submitted for review on 5-11-18.

- **Lincoln Trail State Park**

1608247 - This project involves grading the existing three-mile mountain bike trail at Lincoln Trail State Park to improve drainage and provide interpretive and directional signs for trail users. Project was submitted for review on 3-8-16.

- **Spitler Woods State Natural Area**

1810546 - This project involves funding for all engineering services, materials, and labor necessary to remove and replace the wooden arch bridge located along the northern section of the Squirrel Creek Trail. Also, two 15' wooden footbridges will be removed and replaced with culverts. Project was submitted for review on 5-2-18.

- **Kankakee River State Park**

1810780 - This project involves upgrading the roofing on the park flush toilet building, Project was submitted for review on 5-10-18.

- **Rock Island State Trail**

1810776 - This project involves the removal of dead or dying trees that are a public hazard. Project was submitted for review on 5-10-18.

- **Illini State Park**

1810779 - This project involves the repair and relocation of the waterline serving White Tail Trail. Project was submitted for review on 5-10-18.

- **I&M Canal/Rockdale**

1809701 - This project involves taking dredge spoil from the Fox Water Agency and spread it into a nearby picnic area. This project was not approved. Project was submitted for review on 4-6-18.

- **I&M Canal State Trail**

1808804 – This project involves Lessee Johns Manville Corporation making safety repairs to the timber and steel bridge access to their Rockdale manufacturing facility. Project was submitted for review on 3-16-18.

- **Randolph County State Recreation Area**

18010152 - This project involves the removal of woody and exotic vegetation from grassland habitat to improve vigor and promote herbaceous diversity. Project was submitted for review on 4-19-18.

- **Wolf Creek State Park**

1809859 - This project involves removing and replacing an existing 12" corrugated metal culvert on the equestrian trail at Wolf Creek with a 24" or larger culvert. Project was submitted for review on 4-11-18.

- **Eldon Hazlet State Recreation Area**

1808688 - This project involves the constructing of a new pre-engineered pole building in the storage lot adjacent to the site office. Project was submitted for review on 3-22-18.

- **Mississippi River State Fish & Wildlife Area**

1609453 - This project involves the continued encroachment maintenance brush control. Project was submitted for review on 4-11-16.

- **Turkey Bluffs State Fish and Wildlife Area**

1810149 - This project involves removal of mesic tree species and exotic vegetation from the forested areas on the site to promote oak regeneration and create open woodland habitat. Project was submitted for review on 4-19-18.

- **Oriole Grove**

1809791 – This project involves the transfer approximately 84.5 acres from IDNR to Lake County Forest Preserve District. Project was submitted for review on 5-18-16.

- **Washington County Conservation Area**

1810326 - This project involves removal of mesic tree species and exotic vegetation from the forested areas in the project area to promote oak regeneration and create open woodland habitat. Project was submitted for review on 4-25-18.

- **Mississippi River State Fish & Wildlife Area**

1810306 – This project involves cleanout of the existing drainage ditches for maintenance and minor vegetation debris removal. Project was submitted for review on 4-25-18.

- **Horseshoe Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area**

1810133 – This project involves the removal of the water control structure located in the road between blinds 14 & 17 in the controlled hunting area. Project was submitted for review on 4-19-18.

- **Union County State Fish & Wildlife Area**

1810134 – This project involves the removal and replacement of the water control structure that drains the firing line and woods to the north between the drainage ditch along Refuge Drive and the levee. Project was submitted for review on 4-19-18.

- **Moraine Hills State Park**

1809791 – This project involves providing a paved snowmobile trail extension/connection between the Fox River Access, an existing permeable paved surface extending 50' from river edge and into park, to the existing main parking lot sidewalk. Project was submitted for review on 4-10-18.

- **Johnson Sauk Trail State Recreation Area**

1808671 – This project involves the repair of the barn windows periodically as they decline. All materials used will be like in kind to the existing historical construction. Project was submitted for review on 3-12-18.

- **Nauvoo State Park**

1512679 – This project involves the removal of fractured stone steps and replacing them with similar stone material. Project was submitted for review on 5-19-15.

#### Questions and Comments

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