

ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL
RESOURCES

MEMORANDUM

to: Natalie Phelps Finnie, Director

from: Mike Wefer, Chairman, State Duck Stamp Committee

date: May 31, 2023

subject: Duck Stamp Committee Action –State Projects Only

The State Duck Stamp Committee met on May 15, 2023 to review the IDNR proposals for funding from the Migratory Waterfowl Stamp Fund for fiscal year 2023. There was an estimated \$250,000 available for state projects, and there was a total of \$1,973,400 in requests.

The Committee recommended \$250,000 in funds be encumbered for the following new state projects:


Projects Recommended for Funding - ILLINOIS WATERFOWL AREA IMPROVEMENTS (State Projects)

Site	Project	Estimate	Comments
Carlyle Lake	Flood gate replacement	\$100,000	
Anderson Lake - Carlson Unit	Digging ditch with amphibious excavator	\$9,500	
Anderson Lake	Replacement of Main Lake engine at Anderson Lake SFWA	\$50,000	
Fox Creek	Berm 1 repair	\$30,000	Recommended to provide match for future NAWCA
Sanganois	Rip rap for NAWCA Walk-In Unit	\$25,000	
Woodford - Jenkins Marsh	Restoration - Phase 2	\$35,500	
	total	\$250,000	

The Committee also recommended that the \$1M funds allotted to Carlyle Lake for the rehabilitation of Speaker Lake be reallocated to levee repair on the site to address more pressing threats (see justification below)

During the FY2019 Migratory Waterfowl Stamp Fund (Duck Stamp) meeting, the Committee voted to provide \$1,000,000 towards the Subimpoundment Rehabilitation (Phase 1) effort at Carlyle Lake SFWA (19-014D). Because of continued embankment erosion along the Kaskaskia River, sections of Levee “A” and Levee “C”, must now be reinforced or risk failure. A section of “C” levee has already sloughed off and is directing more flow towards the remaining embankment, which is exacerbating the issue. After undertaking a similar repair along a 300’ length of levee A, the cost to repair the two identified sections approaches the \$1,000,000 cost figure. Therefore, the DNR is requesting the committee reallocate the \$1M from the rehabilitation effort to the embankment repairs. Repair efforts can likely be initiated within the next few months, whereas the rehabilitation efforts are still a couple years out. The current “concept” design costs for the rehabilitation of the Speaker Lake area range from \$7M to \$20M.

Please let me know if you desire any additional information on these projects and recommendations. Upon your decision, the OGMA grant staff will inform the members of the State Duck Stamp Committee and get the capital funds released.

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OFFICE RECOMMENDATION	Christopher L Young <small>Digitally signed by Christopher L Young Date: 2023.05.31 12:59:26 -05'00'</small> _____ Chris Young, Director Date Office of Resource Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVE <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVE
AGENCY DIRECTOR SIGN-OFF	 5/31/23 _____ Natalie Phelps Finnie, Director Date	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVE <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVE