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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from Feb 16 to Mar 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 these projects are in compliance with the Endangered Species Protection Act, Natural Areas Preservation Act, Interagency Wetlands Policy Act and cultural resource statutes.

- **Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site**
2009672—This project proposes to rehabilitate the Trent Barn at the site. Project submitted for review on 1-14-2025.
- **Mermet Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area**
2509540—This project proposes to install two new culverts at the site for staff and hunting access. Project submitted for review on 2-14-2025.
- **Johnson-Sauk Trail**
2509544—This project will make drainage improvements around the maintenance shop at the site. Project submitted for review on 2-14-2025.
- **DesPlaines Conservation Area**
2508933—This project permit ComEd to perform vegetation maintenance under a powerline through portions of the site. Project submitted for review on 1-29-2025.
- **Pekin Lake State Conservation Area**
2509847—This project will permit Ameren to perform aerial drone surveillance of their transmission line at the site. Project submitted for review on 2-21-2025.
- **Marshall State Conservation Area**
2509692—This project will remove and replace existing water control structure culvert at Wightman Lake. Project submitted for review on 2-19-2025.
- **Illinois & Michigan Canal @ LaSalle**
2502209 and 2505752—This project will permit Ameren access to the trail for construction of a new transmission line, and allows the overhead line across the canal. Project submitted for review on 8-14-2024.
- **Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site**
2208469—This project will restore the Woodhenge site. Project submitted for review on 2-25-2025.
- **Pere Marquette State Park**
2509939—This project will make repairs to a leaking waterline at Pere Marquette State Park. Project submitted for review on 2-25-2025.
- **Washington County Conservation Area**
2509976—This project proposes to conduct a tree planting along the east entrance road. Project submitted for review on 2-25-2025.
- **Hennepin Canal**
2510211—This project will make repairs and reinforcements to the A-levee. Project submitted for review on 3-04-2025.
- **Johnson-Sauk Trail State Recreation Area**
2510129—This project will prepare and paint the exterior of Ryan's Round barn at the site. Project submitted for review on 2-28-2025.
- **Illinois Beach State Park**
2400283—This project made emergency repairs to the watermain in the front yard of the hotel. Project submitted for review on 2-26-2025.
- **Hennepin Canal**
2509538—This project will conduct invasive brush and tree removal at the Wyandot Prairie at the site. Project submitted for review on 2-14-2025.
- **Rend Lake Wildlife Management Area**
2509974—This project will permit Ameren to perform overhead tree trimming along their transmission line at the site north and east of the main site headquarters.

Project submitted for review on 2-25-2024.

- **Lake DePue State Fish & Wildlife Area**
2510180—This project collect sediment samples for contaminant studies. Project submitted for review on 3-03-2025.
- **Lake DePue State Fish & Wildlife Area**
2314950—This project will permit temporary use of a bladder dam to raise lake levels for summer boat races at the site. Project submitted for review on 1-31-2025.
- **Peabody River King State Fish & Wildlife Area**
2302466—This project will construct a new boat access ramp facility on Goose Lake at the site. Project submitted for review on 3-10-2025.

- **Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co)**
2509554—This project will construct a new wetland and ditch at the site. Project submitted for review on 2-14-2025.
- **Gifford and Saybrook Habitat Areas**
2509854 and 2509856—This project will permit UIUC research to test the effects of agricultural fungicides on native bees. Project submitted for review on 2-19-2025.

Questions and Comments

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

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