

**OPERATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE****January 7, 2016****Activities from December 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015****Grounds Maintenance**

- Performed general cleanup and perimeter trash pickup district-wide.
- Monitored preserves and trails for storm damage and removed downed trees and branches.
- Performed routine animal care at Ryerson including winterizing the hawk cage.
- Pruned trees and cleared brush and buckthorn at Almond Marsh, Des Plaines River Trail, Fox River, Grant Woods, Millennium Trail, Sun Lake and Van Patten Woods.
- Conducted brush pile burning at Buffalo Creek, Lakewood and Millennium Trail.
- Installed landscape blocks at the Greenbelt Cultural Center.
- Removed Hike Lake County signage.
- Setup feeders and provided support for the deer program.
- Removed an illegal deer stand at Wilmot Woods.
- Assisted with moving and demolition work at the General Offices.

Natural Resources

- Conducted herbicide applications at Independence Grove.
- Prepared seed mixes for fall seeding activities and dispersed seed at Cuba Marsh, Lakewood, Middlefork Savanna and along the southern section of the Des Plaines River Trail.
- Installed deer protection fencing around recent reforestation plantings at Singing Hills.
- Provided inspection of potential hazardous trees at Lyons Woods and Van Patten Woods.
- Conducted hazardous tree removal along the Des Plaines River Trail and at Almond Marsh, Independence Grove Dog Exercise Area, Captain Daniel Wright Woods (Lloyd's Woods section), Rollins Savanna and Sun Lake.
- Performed controlled burns at Lakewood and ThunderHawk.
- Conducted clearing and brush pile burning at Fourth Lake.
- Winterized the burn trucks and equipment.
- Inventoried trees at Half Day, Hastings Lake, Independence Grove Dog Exercise Area and Lakewood.

Infrastructure

- Repaired a gate at Independence Grove Dog Exercise Area.
- Performed repairs and maintenance to trails at Heron Creek and Old School and the driveway at Stevenson.
- Removed the metal storage building at Stevenson.
- Removed the former Van Patten Woods Ranger Station building.
- Removed the former Half Day Ranger Station building.
- Removed the former Lakewood Ranger Station Building.
- Removed vacant houses and storage buildings at Ray Lake.
- Installed new and replacement signs at Fox River.
- Sent two replaced vehicles and miscellaneous items to auction on December 5th.
- Completed vehicle and equipment service jobs.