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MCDOT Recognized for Kishwaukee Valley Road Bridge Project

WOODSTOCK, IL – The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) was recently recognized by *Land and Water* magazine in an article entitled “Illinois Bridge Replacement Project Protects High Quality Stream” for its innovative approach to replacing the 58 year old bridge over the North Branch of the Kishwaukee River. The bridge construction project received accolades for preserving both the excellent quality of the stream and endangered Iowa Darter Fish. MCDOT and Illinois Constructors Corporation developed a construction schedule to begin the project in early February 2010 that took into account the spawning season of the Iowa Darter Fish and various needs of area farmers.

“The recent article in *Land and Water* magazine highlighted MCDOT’s commitment to the protection of a high quality stream while the preserving the Iowa Darter fish in the replacement of the Kishwaukee Valley Road Bridge. This project was also on time and on budget which is reflective of the high caliber professionals providing the leadership in making this a success,” stated County Board Transportation Vice-chairwoman Paula Yensen.

The Kishwaukee Valley Road Bridge was completed on June 10, 2010 and was built to specifications and opened ahead of schedule. The Kishwaukee Valley Road Bridge is of 140 bridges in McHenry County, most of which are between 40 to 60 years old. Four to six bridges are scheduled to be replaced this year. The contractor, Illinois Constructors Corporation, was selected by the Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association from hundreds of nominees as a recipient of one of their Contractor of the Year awards for this project. The full article can be read at the following link: <http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/177b896c#/177b896c/1>.

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