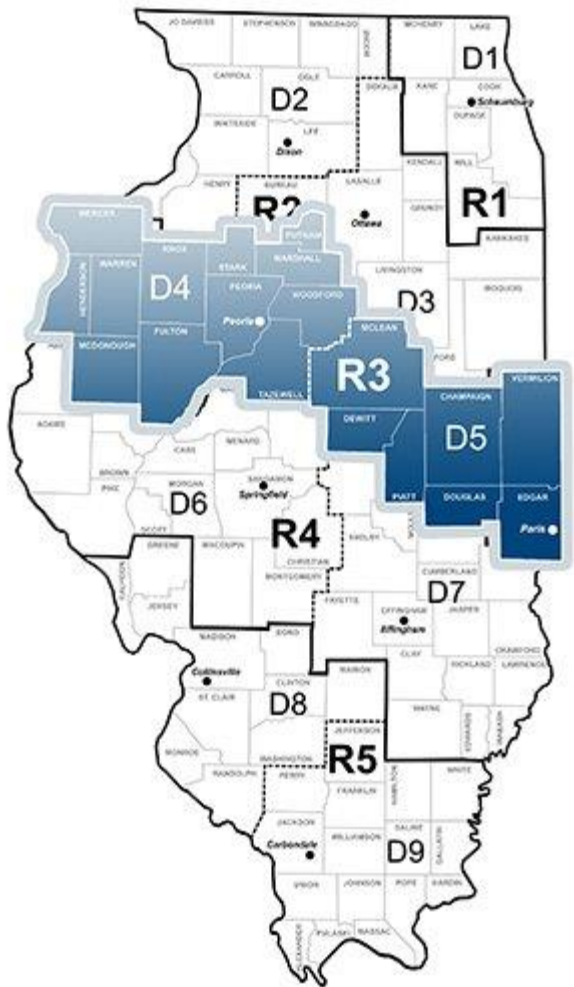




Illinois Department of Transportation

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Illinois Facts:



- Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) operates with its central headquarters in Springfield and is divided into 5 Regions that host a total of 9 highway Districts
- Illinois has 145,352 total miles of highways and streets including 15,994 miles of state maintained highways and 2,182 Interstate miles
- Illinois has the 3rd largest interstate system in the United States and the 3rd largest bridge system in the nation at 26,581 including 7,770 on the state system
- IDOT maintains a system of 30 interstate rest areas, 11 welcome centers and 29 weigh stations

Maintenance Activities



- 329,000 acres of unpaved right-of-way along interstates and highways
- Total IDOT headcount 5125 including 1490 Highway Maintainers
- Operations budget, FY 15 cost for direct operations (less snow and ice control) \$95.7 million. Total cost for direct services (pump houses, movable bridges and ferries, rest areas, weigh scales) \$8.2 million. Total \$103.9 billion

- Mowing
- Pavement repairs including pothole patching
- Right-of-way repairs
- Bridge maintenance and repairs
- Weed spraying
- Tree and brush removal
- Rest area and weigh scale maintenance



Organizational Structure

Division of Highways

Central Bureau of Operations



Region 1

Region 2

Region 3

Region 4

Region 5

District 1

District 2

District 3

District 4

District 5

District 6

District 7

District 8

District 9

Strengths

- Recent increase in hiring of Technical staff and Highway Maintainers
- Dedication to safety and training for all employees
- Continued to perform and maintain Illinois roads and right-of-ways when faced with staffing and budgetary challenges
- Dedicated funding for weed spraying and EAB ash tree removals
- Dedicated funding for rest area maintenance
- Work to include “Green Friendly” best management practices in projects
- Dedicated funding for pavement preservation
- Reduced mowing acreage from 225,103 in 1993 to 178,500 in 2013



Challenges

- Loss of senior staff and experience – with subsequent loss of institutional knowledge
- Attack of multiple invasive plants and diseases
- Aging equipment and facilities
- Geographic range and size. North to south = 390 miles and 210 miles east to west. Ranks 25th in size
- Diverse environmental and weather conditions. Average annual rainfall in the north is 46 inches vs. 34 in the south.
- Training and educating new staff
- Budget and funding challenges





- Ways to improve our integrated vegetation management to improve habitat and reduce costs



- How other states are meeting increasing maintenance costs with reductions in budgets

- Equipment, what's new, what works?
- Pollinator prep? We are just beginning a rewrite of our of our policies, what are other states doing?





Thank You!

Questions?