



Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) officials notified Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) officials that legislation could be introduced in the upcoming session that would give the IDNR the authority to offer many state properties for bid, possibly to include the World Shooting and Recreational Complex (WSRC), Sparta Illinois.

If IDNR decides to offer the WSRC for bid the process of creating a bid package will take many months if not years.

The current period of the lease agreement between the ATA and IDNR for the use of the facility will continue through 2026 and will be honored and very possibly extended no matter who owns the property.

If more information becomes available, it will be relayed by the ATA.

The **Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)** is the code department of the [Illinois state government](#) that operates the [state parks and state recreation areas](#), enforces the [fishing](#) and [game](#) laws of Illinois, regulates Illinois [coal](#) mines, operates the [Illinois State Museum](#) system, and oversees scientific research into the soil, water, and mineral resources of the state. In 2017, the [Illinois Historic Preservation Division](#) was added to its portfolio. It is headquartered in the state capital of [Springfield](#).

The **Amateur Trapshooting Association** serves as the faithful protector of trapshooting and its mission is to promote and oversee the sport throughout the world. Established in 1899, the ATA is the oldest and the largest clay target shooting organization in the world. This non-profit organization governs the sport's rules and regulations. In addition, the ATA actively seeks ways to further enhance the sport and increase participation. Annually, ATA members participate in 6,000 plus registered tournaments and shoot at more than 50 million targets. The ATA encompasses an official youth program, as well. AIM, representing Academic, Integrity, and Marksmanship, serves to provide a safe and positive experience with firearms and registered trapshooting for youth members.