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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Chicago District, Regulatory Branch
231 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1500
Chicago, Illinois 60604-1437
Attn: LRC-2012-00621, Ms. Melyssa R. Navis

Dear Ms. Navis:

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (Department) has reviewed the application by Eric Thom of Continental Beeson Corners LLC for a Department of the Army permit authorizing impacts to 3.12 acres of wetland for the construction of Mariano's Grocery Store on the northeast corner of Waukegan Road and Half Day Road near Bannockburn in Lake County, Illinois.

Four wetlands and one Waters of the U.S. are located on and adjacent to the property. One wetland has been determined to be a High Quality Aquatic Resource (HQAR). The applicant proposes to mitigate for the impacts through the purchase of 5.86 acres of wetland credits at the Atkins Road Wetland Bank.

The Department recognizes the great value of wetlands and the functions they serve in improving water quality, mitigating floods, and supporting high biodiversity. While the applicant proposes to mitigate for the wetlands offsite, this does not replace the function they serve at their present location. The Department recommends the applicant pursue a different location for development where no wetlands are present and that this permit not be granted.

Permit Number
LRC-2012-00621

Project Name
Mariano's Grocer Store

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, please contact me at 217-524-0501 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely

Nathan Grider
Biologist
Impact Assessment, OREP

This recommendation regarding the issuance/denial of the US Army Corps of Engineers permit by the IDNR, Office of Realty and Environmental Planning does not preclude permit decisions made by the IDNR, Office of Water Resources under the Illinois Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act.