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RE: Longmeadow Parkway Improvements Sec. 94-00125-01-ES, 12662
Project Number(s): 1502159 [LRC-2013-00839]
County: Cook, Kane

Dear Mr. Wozniak:

This letter is in reference to the above mentioned project involving construction of a new road from Huntley Rd., to IL Rt. 62, with a new bridge over the Fox River. The natural resource review provided by EcoCAT identified protected resources in the vicinity of the proposed action. The Department has reviewed this project previously under our Transportation Program in coordination with the Illinois Department of Transportation and potential impacts were mitigated (Project numbers 1101175 & 1301055).

However, a recent survey by the Fisheries Division at the proposed Fox River crossing discovered a substantial smallmouth bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*) population with young-of-year individuals from natural reproduction. To mitigate potential impacts to the fishery, the Department recommends no in-stream work be conducted from April 1 through June 15 to protect the spawning season of smallmouth bass and many other fish species.

Given this recommendation is considered, the Department has no objections to issuance of a USACE permit.

Please note that this review by the IDNR, Impact Assessment Section does not preclude permit decisions made by the IDNR, Office of Water Resources under the Illinois Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this review.

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