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Pat Quinn, Governor
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Kathy Chernich
USACE, Chicago
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Chicago, IL 60604

RE : Kickapoo Meadows Canoe Launch
Project Number(s): 1502880 [13-0401]
County: Cook

Dear Ms. Chernich:

This letter is in reference to the above mentioned project involving construction of a canoe launch and asphalt access trail. The natural resource review provided by EcoCAT identified the state-endangered plant, mountain blue-eyed grass (*Sisyrinchium montanum*), in the vicinity of the project.

The Department recommends a qualified botanist survey the area for the species. If the species is encountered, the Department recommends conserving the genetic material of the plant through translocation, seed collection, or stockpiling and replacing the surface soils containing the seed bank. Further, be aware that in accordance with the *Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act* [520 ILCS 10/11], written permission from the landowner must be obtained to disturb or relocate a listed plant. Given these recommendations are 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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