



# Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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**RE: Plum Creek Stream Restoration**  
**Project Number(s): 1505534 [N20140111]**  
**County: Cook**

Dear Mr. O'Leary:

This letter is in reference to the above project recently submitted for consultation. The natural resource review provided by EcoCAT identified protected resources that may be in the vicinity of the proposed action. The Department has evaluated this information and provides the following recommendations:

Records of the state-endangered eastern massasauga (*Sistrurus catenatus*) and state-threatened Kirtlands's snake (*Clonophis kirtlandi*) exist in the project vicinity. While the records are not recent (2001 and older), the Department recommends a survey of the project area be conducted by a qualified biologist to determine if the species' still inhabit the area. Results of the survey should be forwarded to the Department and additional consultation engaged if the species' are found in the project area. The principle investigator should obtain the proper permits from the Department for such work.

The project was also reviewed for cultural resource impacts and was determined to be in compliance with the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act.

Consultation under 17 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1075 is terminated. This consultation is valid for two years unless new information becomes available that was not previously considered; the proposed action is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the project has not been implemented within two years of the date of this letter, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new consultation is necessary.

The natural resource review reflects the information existing in the Illinois Natural Heritage Database at the time of the project submittal, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are encountered during the project's implementation, you must comply with the applicable statutes and regulations. Also, note that termination does not imply IDNR's authorization or endorsement of the proposed action.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this review.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan Grider". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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cc: Gary Jereb – IDNR, OWR