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RE: Temporary Low Water Crossing
Project Number(s): 1510113 [N201500024]
County: Will

Dear Mr. Webb:

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.

Records of the state-endangered Blanding's turtle (*Emydoidea blandingii*) and spotted turtle (*Clemmys guttata*) exist in the project vicinity. The footprint of the proposed temporary road was investigated and determined to be highly disturbed and unfavorable for these species. However, crews should be educated about these species and remain vigilant of their possible presence. Please contact the Department or Mike Dreslik with the Illinois Natural History Survey at 217-300-0970 if one is encountered. Do not attempt to handle these species without the proper permits as this would be a violation of the *Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act* [520 ILCS 10/11].

Records of the state and federally-endangered Hine's emerald dragonfly also exist in the project vicinity. The Department has determined that impacts to this species are unlikely given the habitat present in the project footprint.

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 any questions regarding this review.

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

Nathan Grider
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217-785-5500

cc: Gary Jereb – IDNR, OWR