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RE: Des Plaines River Trail - North Ryerson

Project Number(s): 1510300

County: Lake

Dear Applicant:

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has reviewed the above-mentioned project. The project involves the construction of 0.3 miles of 8' wide asphalt trail to complete the Des Plaines River Trail.

Records of the state-threatened plant pretty sedge (*Carex woodii*) exist in the project vicinity. The Department recommends the project area be searched for this species before construction begins. While listed plant species are the property of the landowner, it would be beneficial to conserve the genetic material of the plant through translocation, seed collection, or stockpiling and replacing the surface soils containing the seed bank if the species is found in the project area. Further, be aware that written permission from the landowner should be obtained to disturb or relocate a listed plant in accordance with the *Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act* [520 ILCS 10/11].

Given this recommendation is adopted, the Department has no objections to the issuance of a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit.

Please note that this review 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 any questions regarding this review.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nathan Grider'.

Nathan Grider
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