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Christine Wilson
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RE: O'Reilly Auto Parts
IDNR Project #1511522
County: Clinton

Dear Ms. Wilson:

This letter concerns the consultation for grading improvements for construction of a commercial auto parts store within the Walmart out lot in Clinton County, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Section 12. This project was submitted for consultation in accordance with the *Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act* [520 ILCS 10/11], the *Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act* [525 ILCS 30/17], and Title 17 *Illinois Administrative Code Part 1075*.

The construction will include the store building and associated drives, parking areas, and walkways. The Department has reviewed the project and concluded that construction could have an impact on the state-endangered Eastern Massasauga (*Sistrurus catenatus*) rattlesnake (EMR). The Carlyle area is one of the few remaining areas in the state where the EMR remains extant. In the event a snake is in the immediate vicinity, the Department recommends the following protective measures:

- Keep grass mowed to six inches or shorter.
- Place exclusionary silt fencing around the work site and make sure it is dug into the ground securely. Inspect the site daily to determine if snakes are on-site.
- Educate on-site personnel about the snakes before construction begins.
- Securely cover any excavations at the end of every work day. Before work begins each morning, inspect these sites and call the local IDNR office if an Eastern Massasauga is trapped.
- If a listed snake is encountered on site, stop work immediately and allow it to move out of harm's way or call the local IDNR office. Killing a listed species is a violation of the IL Endangered Species Protection Act.

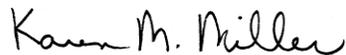
Consultation under *17 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1075* is completed. In accordance with *17 Ill. Adm. Code 1075.40(h)*, please notify the Department of your decision regarding these recommendations.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen M. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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