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RE: The Conservancy Crossing at POD 3
Project Number(s): 1602532 [N20150102]
County: Kane

Dear Mr. Valleskey:

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 makes the following recommendations:

Records of the state-endangered Blanding's turtle (*Emydoidea blandingii*) exist in the project vicinity. The Department recommends work on the project occurs during the turtles inactive season from approximately November 1st to March 1st. If work must occur during the active season, all on-site personnel should be educated about this species and be instructed to contact the Department immediately if they are encountered in the project area. Fliers with photos of adult and juvenile Blanding's turtles, and life-history information, should be distributed to personnel. The flier should also contain contact information for the Department (Dan Kirk, Natural Heritage Division, 630-553-1372). State-listed species may not be handled without the appropriate permits pursuant to the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act. Exclusionary fencing should be installed around the work area, trenched into the ground, and inspected daily for Blanding's turtles. Excavations should be inspected daily for trapped wildlife and safely covered overnight. Soil or other potential turtle nesting medium stockpiles should also have exclusionary fencing installed around the perimeter to discourage turtle nesting and potential harm.

Given the above recommendations are adopted, the Department has determined that impacts to Blanding's turtles are unlikely. Please notify the Department if the project will be modified to include these recommendations.

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.



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