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Evan Markowitz
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RE: Cedar Lake Road - IL120 to Nippersink Road – Parking Lot Restoration
Project Number(s): 1603275
County: Lake

Dear Mr. Markowitz:

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has reviewed the above-mentioned project involving proposed restoration of a former RV parking lot into native habitat and storm water detention to compensate for Cedar Lake Road expansion. The project is proposed by Lake County Division of Transportation in coordination with the Lake County Forest Preserve District. Project plans are still being determined. Pursuant to the Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act, the Department provides the following comments:

The project is adjacent to the Round Lake Marsh Illinois Natural Area Inventory Site and records for the state-endangered common gallinule (*Gallinula galeata*), black tern (*Chlidonias niger*), and state-threatened least bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*). The project may likely benefit these species given efforts are taken to avoid potential impacts during planning and construction.

The Department recommends the project be submitted to IDNR to satisfy Part 1075 consultation requirements by Lake County Forest Preserve District or Lake County Division of Transportation once more details are available on the scope of the project. The Department has no objection to issuance of a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit

Please note that this review is separate and distinct from any other action or regulatory authority of the Department.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this review.

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

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cc: Melyssa Navis – USACE