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RE: River South Development
Project Number(s): 1604375 [N20150107], USACE Review 1603868
County: Cook

Dear Mr. Jereb & Mr. Kessler:

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has reviewed the above-mentioned project involving construction of residential buildings, bank stabilization, elevated boardwalk, kayak launch, and a floating dock along the South Branch Chicago River. The project is located south of Harrison Street and north of Roosevelt Road. The Department's understanding is that no construction work will occur within the public water except for a minor floating dock will be installed seasonally to facilitate kayak launching.

Records of the state-threatened banded killifish (*Fundulus diaphanus*) occur in the project area. The Department has determined that adverse impacts to this species as a result of the proposed project are unlikely. However, BMP's for sediment and erosion control should be strictly followed during construction to protect water quality and avoid impacts to aquatic resources. The proposed stormwater plan, which will temporarily store runoff in a vegetated wetland before discharging into the river, should also aid in protecting water quality.

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.

The Department also 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.

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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cc: Ron Abrant - USACE