



# Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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Carl Peterson  
Gary R. Weber Associates, Inc.  
212 S. Main Street  
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**RE: Stonehurst Subdivision Development**  
**Project Number(s): 1604497**  
**County: Cook, Will**

Dear Mr. Peterson:

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has reviewed the above-mentioned project involving development of the Stonehurst Subdivision. Pursuant to the Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act, the Department provides the following comments:

Records of the state and federally-threatened northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) occur in the project vicinity. To avoid impacts to this species, the Department recommends no tree clearing occur from April 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>. If these dates cannot be accommodated, the Department recommends a bat survey be conducted by a qualified biologist to document if, and to what extent, the species is present in the project area. The principle investigator should obtain the necessary permits from the Department and USFWS to conduct such surveys. A survey proposal and results should be sent to the Department and USFWS for review and final comment. Instructions on how to apply for research permits from the Department can be found at:

<http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/NaturalHeritage/Pages/ResearchPermits.aspx>

Please note that this review is separate and distinct from any other action or regulatory authority of the Department. This review does not satisfy consultation requirements under Title 17 *Illinois Administrative Code* Part 1075.

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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