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Jiun-Guang Lin
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RE: Briargate Drainage Improvement
Project Number(s): 1604519 [2011-0284]
County: Kane

Dear Mr. Lin:

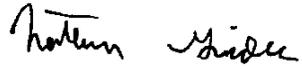
The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has reviewed the above-mentioned project involving installation of a new storm sewer and minor re-grading in the vicinity of Briargate Circle in Prestbury, IL. Most of the work occurs in residential lawns. Pursuant to the Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act, the Department provides the following comments:

The Bliss Woods Nature Preserve exists immediately downstream of the project in the Blackberry Creek watershed. Records for the state and federally-threatened northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) also exist in the project vicinity.

- The Department recommends strict adherence to soil and erosion control BMP's to protect the Nature Preserve downstream.
- Equipment should be washed before entering the work site to prevent the transfer of non-native and invasive species into the Nature Preserve.
- Equipment should be fueled and staged outside of receiving streams and wetlands.
- The disturbed area should be seeded with a native plant mix suitable for the habitat type, where applicable.
- If tree clearing is necessary, no trees should be felled between April 1 and September 30 to avoid impacts to the state and federally-threatened northern long-eared bat.

Please note that this review is separate and distinct from any other action or regulatory authority of the Department. The 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". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'N'.

Nathan Grider
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