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**Re: IDNR Bike Paths
Endangered Species Consultation Program
Project Number(s): 1606094
Alternate Project Number(s):
County: Kane**

Dear Mr. Skrycki and Ms. Tisdale:

This letter concerns the Endangered Species Consultation and wetland review for the **IDNR Bike Paths**, located in **Kane County**, Section **1**, Township **40N**, and Range **8E**. This project was submitted for consultation in accordance with the *Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act* [520 ILCS 10/11], the *Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act* [525 ILCS 30/17], Title 17 *Illinois Administrative Code Part 1075*, the *Interagency Wetland Policy Act* [20 ILCS 830], and Title 17 *Illinois Administrative Code Part 1090*.

The proposed action involves: “This project will construct an aggregate trail surface 8-10' wide with 3-5' mowed shoulder on each side by 40' long on IDNR land. Also the Village is building a park trail link to Lakewood Mills Subdivision in Cook County. This project will construct an aggregate trail surface 10' wide with 3-5' mowed shoulder on each side by 815' long on state park land.”

E&T Review

The following protected species occur in the vicinity of the project area and proposed action: **American Bittern** (*Botaurus lentiginosus*), **Black-crowned Night-Heron** (*Nycticorax nycticorax*), **Blanding's Turtle** (*Emydoidea blandingii*), **Common Moorhen** (*Gallinula chloropus*), **Franklin's Ground Squirrel** (*Spermophilus franklinii*), **Green-fruited Burreed** (*Sparganium emersum*), **King Rail** (*Rallus elegans*), **Least Bittern** (*Ixobrychus exilis*), **Osprey** (*Pandion haliaetus*), **Short-eared Owl** (*Asio flammeus*), and the **Yellow-headed Blackbird** (*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*)

The following protected resources occur in the vicinity of the project area and proposed action:
Tri-County Wetland INAI and Tri-County Wetland Land and Water Reserve

To minimize or avoid potential adverse impacts, the Department recommends the measures described below be implemented by Village of Bartlett.

This project was previously reviewed in 2011 and 2014 by the IDNR Comprehensive Environmental Review Process (CERP) program. In concurrence with the CERP review, the Department makes the following recommendations (restrictions) as indicated by the CERP review and the Intergovernmental Agreement #881A, and compliance with any and all other agreed to avoidance measures, guidelines and restrictions.

Recommendation 1. No construction activities from April 15 to August 15.

Recommendation 2. Equipment power washing prior to entering the site.

Recommendation 3. No stockpiling of excavated soil, furnished topsoil, or aggregate products on state park property.

Wetland Review

The department has determined adverse impact is unlikely. However, strict adherence to best management practices for erosion and sedimentation control should be used to minimize the possibility of any adverse impacts to nearby wetlands.

Summary

Consultation under 17 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1075 and the Wetland Review under 17 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1090 are terminated. The Department recommends any and all measures and/or recommendations be implemented by the applicant, and be required by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity as a condition of the grant agreement/funding. Additionally, this project may likely be subject to another CERP review by this Department if the project is not initiated prior to 09/22/2016.

Consultation for Part 1075 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. Consultation for Part 1090 (Interagency Wetland Policy Act) is valid for three years.

The natural resource review reflects the information existing in the Illinois Natural Heritage Database and the Illinois Wetlands Inventory 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.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sheldon R. Fairfield". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sheldon" and last name "Fairfield" clearly legible.

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