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RE: After-The-Fact Construction of Three Stormwater Outfalls
Project Number(s): 1606274, C20150006
County: Cook

Dear Applicant:

This letter is in reference to the project you recently submitted for an Office of Water Resources permit regarding drainage structures previously installed adjacent to Lake Michigan and the proposed installation of riprap to reduce erosion. The natural resource review provided by EcoCAT identified protected resources that may be in the vicinity of the proposed action. The Department has evaluated this information and provides the following recommendations:

The state-threatened plant sea rocket (*Cakile edentula*) may occur in the project area and could be harmed when installing riprap armor or accessing the site with equipment. The Department recommends the plant be searched for, flagged, and avoided if possible. If avoidance is not possible, please consider seed collection and planting, translocation, and surface soil conservation measures to help promote the continued existence of this plant in the area. Pursuant to the *Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act* [520 ILCS 10/], state-listed plants belong to the landowner and their fate resides with the landowners conservation decisions. Express written permission from the landowner should be obtained from construction companies/crews to “take” listed plants to comply with the *Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act*.

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.

Please contact me if you have 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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cc: Jim Casey – IDNR, OWR