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Matthew Klein
Marth Homes
14800 80th Ave
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Equestrian Estates at 122nd and Bell Rd. Lemont, IL
Project Number(s): 1606297
County: Cook

Dear Mr. Klein:

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has reviewed the above-mentioned project involving construction of a single family home in a forested area near Lemont, IL with an estimated impact to 0.5 acres of wetland. Pursuant to the Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act, the Department provides the following comments:

Records for the state and federally-threatened northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) occur in the project vicinity. Some tree clearing is likely necessary for this project. To avoid impacts to the northern long-eared bat, the Department recommends no tree clearing from April 1st through October 14th. If this cannot be accommodated, the Department recommends a bat habitat assessment be completed by a qualified biologist and further coordination with the Department on the results.

The Department requests notification if these recommendations can be accommodated. 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.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this review.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan Grider".

Nathan Grider
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cc: Soren Hall – USACE, Rock Island District