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Caitlin Burke
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RE: Everett Road Trail Connection
Project Number(s): 1606504 [4906.000, 16050015]
County: Lake

Dear Ms. Burke:

This letter concerns the Endangered Species Consultation for the project noted above, located in Lake County, Township 43 North, Range 11 East, Section 11. 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], and Title 17 Illinois Administrative Code Part 1075.

The Lake County Forest Preserve District is proposing an asphalt trail extension connecting to the existing path at Captain Daniel Wright Woods, along the south side of W. Everett Road to N. Elm, and north of W. Everett Road to the intersection of Riverwoods Road.

The Department has completed its review of the project and determined that, with the exception below, the resources identified by EcoCAT in the vicinity are unlikely to be affected.

The state and federally endangered **Northern Long-eared Bat** *(Myotis septentrionalis)* is known to occur in the vicinity of the project. To avoid any impact to this species the Department recommends:

- No trees should be removed between the dates of April 1 and October 14.
- If construction time occurs outside of the recommended timeframe, the Department recommends a potential roost tree survey be performed for these species within the tree removal area. The results of the survey should be forwarded to the Department. Please note, any survey activity that will actually capture or handle endangered or threatened species requires personnel doing so to hold Scientific Collection Permits under Part 520 and Part 1070 of the Department's Rules.
- If species are present, please contact IDNR at 815-675-2386 ext. 216 or 217-557-0483.

Consultation under 17 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1075 is completed. In accordance with 17 Ill. Adm. Code 1075.40(h), please notify the Department of your decision regarding these recommendations.

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.

Sincerely,

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