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Ms. Courtney Eaton
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**Re: CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT - TAFT/6TH ST DCEO SEWER REHAB
Endangered Species Consultation Program
Project Number(s): 1606940
Alternate Project Number(s):
County: Franklin**

Dear Ms. Eaton:

This letter concerns the Endangered Species Consultation and wetland review for the **CITY OF WEST FRANKFORT - TAFT/6TH ST DCEO SEWER REHAB**, located in **Franklin** County, Section **24**, Township **7S**, and Range **2E**. 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: “The project will consist of the replacement of the existing gravity sanitary sewers in the project area on Taft Street and on 6th Street. The project will consist of the replacement of approximately 3,000 feet of sanitary sewer with new PVC sewer mains.”

E&T Review

The following protected resources occur in the vicinity of the project area and proposed action:

Northern Long-eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*)

To minimize or avoid potential adverse impacts, the Department recommends the measures described below be implemented by Brown & Roberts, Inc.

This project is in the vicinity of a record for the State-listed threatened **Northern Long-Eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*)**. This species is also a Federally-listed threatened species. It is possible that migrating individual bats may pass through the project area, forage along the river, and be present in trees that are within the project’s footprint. Therefore, the Department recommends the following:

Recommendation: Trees >5 inches diameter breast height (dbh) to be cut within the project area shall be clearly flagged and/or marked and **shall not** be cut between the dates of April 1 - October 14.

Wetland Review

The Illinois Wetlands Inventory does not show wetlands within 250 feet of the project location.

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.

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,



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