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April 28, 2016

Thomas Kehoe
Christopher B. Burk Engineering Ltd.
5975 West Higgins Road
Rosemont, IL 60018

Re: Darien Commercial Development
Project Number(s): 1607049
County: DuPage

Dear Mr. Kehoe:

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has reviewed this project involving a commercial development in Darien, IL. Pursuant to the Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act, the Department provides the following comments:

The natural resource review identified the state-endangered black-crowned night-heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) as potentially occurring in the wetland adjacent to the project area. The Department recommends the proposed 50 foot buffer be maintained from the wetland to avoid any disturbance of this species. The Department also recommends no construction activities occur from April 1 through July 31 to avoid disturbance of the nesting season for migratory birds. These dates should coincide with the proposed construction start date of late summer. Lastly, the Department recommends strict adherence to sediment and erosion control BMP's to protect the wetland during construction activities.

Given these recommendations are adopted, impacts to the state-endangered black-crowned night-heron are unlikely.

Please notify the Department if these recommendations will 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, please contact me at 217-524-0501 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely

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Impact Assessment, OREP

cc: Ron Abrant - USACE