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February 17, 2016

Adam Pallai
Martin Engineering Company
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RE: Centennial Park Place 6th Addition
Project Number(s): 1607167 [04018-6]
County: Sangamon

Dear Mr. Pallai:

This letter concerns the Endangered Species Consultation for the project noted above, located in Sangamon County, Township 15 North, Range 6 West, Sections 9 & 10. 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 project involves construction of a residential subdivision and all related infrastructure including roadways, sidewalks, water and sewer main.

The Department has completed its review of the project and determined that the state-threatened **Franklin's Ground Squirrel** (*Poliocitellus franklinii*) identified by EcoCAT in the vicinity is likely to be affected.

The project's activities are likely to result in take of this listed species, which is a violation of the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act. "Take" means, in reference to animals and animal products, to harm, hunt, shoot, pursue, lure, wound, kill, destroy, harass, gig, spear, ensnare, trap, capture, collect, or to attempt to engage in such a conduct. Because of the likelihood of a take, the Department recommends that you apply for Incidental Take Authorization (ITA) for **Franklin's Ground Squirrel** in accordance with 17 Ill Adm. Code Part 1080. Be advised, the ITA process can take up to four months to complete. Communication concerning the ITA application should be directed to Jenny Skufca, Office of Resource Conservation, 217-557-8243 or Jenny.Skufca@illinois.gov.

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 this recommendation.

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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