



# Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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**RE: Maps 1, 3, 4 North, 4 middle, 4 South, 4 Monroe, 5, 12, 8, 9, 13, 8-33, 15, 17, 18, 19 North, 19 South, 21, 18 (sec.7,18), 18 middle, 14 n. west, 14 n. east, 14 s. east**  
**Project Number(s): 1607435, 1607437, 1607441, 1607449, 1607454, 1607455, 1607459, 1607462, 1607463, 1607464, 1607466, 1607467, 1607468, 1607470, 1607471, 1607473, 1607475, 1607477, 1607478, 1607488, 1607489, 1607490**

**County: St. Clair**

Dear Mr. Scott:

The Department has reviewed your projects that were 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.

All of these projects involve maintaining electric right of way, mechanical and herbicide treatment.

The Department has completed its review of the projects and determined that the resources identified by EcoCAT in the vicinity are likely to be affected.

To avoid any impact to the species the Department recommends:

- Provide a 100 feet buffer zone for the river and any stream (mechanical treatment)
- Consider spot spraying within a 100 feet buffer zone
- Strict adherence to label instructions is highly recommended
- Refrain from spraying in winds in excess of 10 mph to prevent off-target drift
- Avoid spraying into open karst systems
- Coordinate spraying near all Nature Preserves with Debbie Newman 618-684-3840

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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