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Matthew Rhule
CESO
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RE: Love's Travel Stop- Hampshire
Project Number(s): 1700178 [1700085]
County: Kane

Dear Mr. Rhule:

This letter concerns the Endangered Species Consultation for the project noted above, located in Kane County, Township 42 North, Range 6 East, Sections 3, 4. 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 is construction of a Love's store and restaurant building, tire shop building, fueling canopies, fuel tanks, piping, fuel dispensers, and car and truck parking lots. Future warehousing will be developed on the property.

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

The state-threatened **Iowa Darter** (*Etheostoma exile*) is known to occur within 150 feet of the proposed project area. To minimize any impact to this species, the Department recommends:

- Storm water for the entire project area should be routed through the detention basin and bio-swale before released to the creek. Both detention basin and bio-swale should be seeded with native vegetation to provide additional water quality treatment.
- Strict adherence to best management practices for erosion and sedimentation control measures should be used to minimize the possibility of any adverse impacts to the protected resources in the creek.

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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