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**RE: Bobtown Road over Little Grove Creek**  
**Project Number(s): 1701661**  
**County: Menard**

Dear Applicant:

This letter is in reference to the project you recently submitted for consultation. The natural resource review provided by EcoCAT identified protected resources that may be in the vicinity of the proposed action. The Department has evaluated this information and concluded that adverse effects are unlikely. Therefore, consultation under 17 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1075 is terminated.

However, nature preserves are protected by law and no adverse impact is allowed to Witter's Bobtown Hill Prairie Nature Preserve, including changes to current hydrology. Please monitor erosion control measures to ensure they are keeping all siltation out of the nature preserve and Witter's Bobtown Hill Prairie INAI Site. Locate staging areas away from the nature preserve and INAI boundary, and power-wash equipment off-site to reduce the chance of introducing invasive species into the preserve and INAI.

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.



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