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Subject: RE: ENSP Consultation for NCR38953

Date: Tuesday, July 01, 2014 9:54:13 AM

Adam,

ENSP has concluded that the project will not affect Northern Long-Eared Bat. There are no Endangered or Threatened animal species concerns according to DEP's HUD-specific screening tool.

Vicinity data and other species concerns will be addressed in accordance with the normal Division of Land Use Regulation review process, provided that this project requires a land use permit.

In the future, please determine whether these submittals require a land use permit prior to sending them to ENSP for review and include that information in your request.

Best,

Pat

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From: Nelson, Adam [mailto:anelson@gfnet.com]

Sent: Friday, June 27, 2014 6:51 PM

To: Patrick Woerner

Cc: Kristen Maines; Theresa Albanese **Subject:** ENSP Consultation for NCR38953

Hello Mr. Woerner

We are performing an CEST review for the referenced project site as part of the funding process under the New Jersey Economic Development Authority's Neighborhood and Community Revitalization (NCR) program - this application is identified as NCR38953. Due to the unique nature of this project, there is no centroid data for the site that returns a simple "Yes" or "No" answer for the presence of federally and state-listed T&E species.

Attached are the Natural Heritage Database records received on June 5, 2014 and a shapefile of the project area. Also attached is a map made using the NJDEP Tool, showing the part of the project area to be a habitat for northern long-eared bat. The database search results summary includes the following:

Vicinity Data

- -Rare wildlife species or wildlife habitat on the project site: black skimmer, black-crowned night-heron, common tern, least tern, osprey, and wood thrush
- -Other animal species in the immediate vicinity of the project site: bottlenose dolphin

Project Description: This streetscape project will provide new construction of: crosswalks, ADA compliant intersections, new street trees, street lights, and street furniture. The abovementioned blocks of Bay Avenue, Waterwitch Street and Shore Drive make up the majority of the commercial district of Highlands. These blocks have not had any major work done on them in over 20 years. Crosswalks consisting of paving stones were installed as part of a street improvement project at least 20 years ago, but have since sunk into the ground, presenting driving and walking obstacles. Sidewalks are cracked and broken; intersection curbs are not compliant with current ADA regulations. Excavation will only be required where necessary to repair or replace curbs, sidewalks, street trees, street lights, and crosswalks.

The project outcomes will include new curbs and sidewalks, new crosswalks, new street furniture, new street trees and new street lights. This project is part of a larger revitalization effort that was articulated in the Borough's recently completed Community Recovery Plan.

Thank you, Adam Nelson

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