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Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 10:07 AM
To: Bahlinger, Lauren
Cc: Woerner, Patrick; Harrison, Karyn; Ortlieb, Erich; DeVoe, Lauren; chris.pettit@icfi.com
Subject: RE: Threatened and Endangered Species Determination Request -NCR40120

Hello Lauren,

ENSP has concluded that the project (NCR40120) will not affect Northern Long-Eared Bat based on the following: although the project will occur in an area where Northern Long-Eared Bats may be present, there will be less than 1 acre of tree removal and tree removal will not occur between 4/1 to 9/30.

-Oliver

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Subject: RE: Threatened and Endangered Species Determination Request -NCR40120

Hello Oliver,
At this time, the only specifics I can find in our documentation for the project is that “no significant clearing is required.” I can inquire as to a more detailed response if you deem it necessary; however, it might be easier just to specify when tree removal is allowed and approved acreage so that we can include this as a condition in our review for the project. Please let me know how you want to proceed. Thank you very much for your time on this review,

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Lauren,

With regards to this project (NCR40120):

How much tree removal is required (acreage) and when would tree removal occur? We define trees as woody vegetation with DBH > 5.

-Oliver

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Cc: Woerner, Patrick; Harrison, Karyn; Ortlieb, Erich; DeVoe, Lauren
Subject: RE: Threatened and Endangered Species Determination Request -NCR40120

Thank you all for your review.

Will one of you be able to make a determination as far as bats? I just wanted to make sure it is not an issue because, as described earlier, the site is in the bat sensitivity layer.

Thanks again have a great afternoon,

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Subject: Re: Threatened and Endangered Species Determination Request -NCR40120

Given that all the work is limited to Channel Drive, I do not anticipate any negative impacts to Least Tern.

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Subject: Re: Threatened and Endangered Species Determination Request -NCR40120

The osprey nests in the area are all across water to the north. I don't anticipate any negative impacts from the proposed work.

Kathy

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Subject: FW: Threatened and Endangered Species Determination Request -NCR40120

Hello Lauren,

Since your project boundaries fall with the range for the state endangered Least Tern and state threatened Osprey, I am forwarding this project to the appropriate state biologists for review: Kathy Clark and Christina Davis.

-Oliver

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Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 2:16 PM
To: Stringham, Oliver
Subject: FW: Threatened and Endangered Species Determination Request -NCR40120

Hi Oliver,

Can you please review next week when you get a chance?

Thanks,

Pat

Please note new email address: patrick.woerner@dep.nj.gov

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Good afternoon,

I am conducting an environmental review on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for a CDBG Disaster Grant application under the Hurricane Sandy Disaster Recovery Program.

The proposed project includes significant streetscape improvements along the entire five-block length of Channel Drive in Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey, which are designed to redevelop and rebrand the working waterfront district. Asphalt and concrete work along the entire length of Channel Drive will include the milling and repaving of the roadway, replacing the existing curb with a six inch concrete curb, and lane striping. New crossing signage and concrete pavers will be installed at crosswalks and concrete pavers will be installed at intersections of Channel Drive at Broadway

(two intersections), St. Louis Avenue, Chicago Avenue, Baltimore Avenue, and Boston Avenue. On the north site of Channel Drive, streetscape improvements will include the demolition and reconstruction of 13,095 square feet of sidewalk, the installation of concrete paver driveway aprons, two feet of concrete paver verge between sidewalks and curbs, fifty-four decorative light fixtures, five bus shelters, ten benches, the resetting of existing storm water drainage inlets, and the planting of sixty-four shade trees. On the south side of Channel Drive, streetscape improvements will include the demolition of existing sidewalk, the reconstruction of sidewalk only at the six road intersections, the resetting of existing storm water drainage inlets, and the planting of forty-four shade trees. Subgrade preparation in the areas of sidewalk installation will require shallow excavation. Additional deeper excavation will be required for the installation of streetscape fixture foundations for light poles, benches, bus shelters, and other structures, as well as for any proposed electrical conduit for the proposed lighting. Minimal existing trees are proposed to be removed from the proposed project area. The project will result in less than 0.25 acres of additional impervious cover.

One parcel at each intersection of Channel Drive and Broadway, 1526_168_5 at the west end and 1526_164_19 at the east end, will be used for new signage, fiberglass signature sculptures, landscaping, and lighting to highlight the entrances to the working waterfront district. Rights to use portions of these two properties will be acquired, with the possibility of purchasing 1526_168_5. There will be no demolition, renovation, or reconstruction of the privately owned structure located at 1526_164_19. The entire project will be constructed within the forty foot public right-of-way of Channel Drive, a local street. A five foot wide, from edge of roadway, shade tree easement will be required on both the north and south sides of Channel Drive. Additionally an eight foot wide, from edge of roadway, streetscape easement will be required on the north side of Channel Drive where necessary for sidewalk installation. All of the property owners contacted to date have expressed an interest in including trees on their property adjacent to the sidewalks, and some of them have also pledged matching dollars to supplement the full grant if needed.

The Site location map showing the NDJEP Mapped ENSP Layers (please note that the site falls within the Bat Sensitivity layer), GIS Shapefile, the Field Assessment of the site, a photo log for the site, and the NJDLUR jurisdictional determination are attached. Please let me know if there is any additional information or files you require for your review.

I am requesting your review of the site for compliance with the Endangered Species Act. I do not anticipate that the proposed activity will affect threatened and endangered species, especially since most activities are improvements to what is already located at the site. Please let me know if you need any additional information to complete your review.

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