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January 23, 2014

Heather Shaw  
The Louis Berger Group, Inc.  
412 Mount Kemble Avenue  
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Re: NJDEP CDBG Disaster Recovery Program - Egg Harbor City

Dear Ms. Shaw:

Thank you for your data request regarding rare species information for the above referenced project site in Egg Harbor City, Atlantic County.

Searches of the Natural Heritage Database and the Landscape Project (Version 3.1) are based on a representation of the boundaries of your project site in our Geographic Information System (GIS). We make every effort to accurately transfer your project bounds from the topographic map(s) submitted with the Request for Data into our Geographic Information System. We do not typically verify that your project bounds are accurate, or check them against other sources.

We have checked the Landscape Project habitat mapping and the Biotics Database for occurrences of any rare wildlife species or wildlife habitat on the referenced site. The Natural Heritage Database was searched for occurrences of rare plant species or ecological communities that may be on the project site. Please refer to Table 1 (attached) to determine if any rare plant species, ecological communities, or rare wildlife species or wildlife habitat are documented on site. A detailed report is provided for each category coded as 'Yes' in Table 1.

We have also checked the Landscape Project habitat mapping and Biotics Database for all occurrences of rare wildlife species or wildlife habitat within one mile of the referenced site. Please refer to Table 2 (attached) to determine if any rare wildlife species or wildlife habitat are documented within one mile of the project site. Detailed reports are provided for each category coded as 'Yes' in Table 2. These reports may include species that have also been documented on the project site.

For requests submitted as part of a Flood Hazard Area Control Act (FHACA) rule application, we report records for all rare plant species and ecological communities tracked by the Natural Heritage Program that may be on your project site. (In some borderline cases these records may be described as on or in the immediate vicinity of your project site.) A subset of these plant species are also covered by the FHACA rules when the records are located within one mile of the project site. One mile searches for plant species will only report occurrences for those plant species identified under the FHACA regulations as being critically dependent on the watercourse. Please refer to Table 2 (attached) to determine if any rare plant species covered by the FHACA rules have been documented. Detailed reports are provided for each category coded as 'Yes' in Table 2. These reports may include species that have also been documented on the project site.

The Natural Heritage Program reviews its data periodically to identify priority sites for natural diversity in the State. Included as priority sites are some of the State's best habitats for rare and endangered species and ecological communities. Please refer to Tables 1 and 2 (attached) to determine if any priority sites are located on or within one mile of the project site.

A list of rare plant species and ecological communities that have been documented from Atlantic County can be downloaded from <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/natural/heritage/countylist.html>. If suitable habitat is present at the project site, the species in that list have potential to be present.

Status and rank codes used in the tables and lists are defined in EXPLANATION OF CODES USED IN NATURAL HERITAGE REPORTS, which can be downloaded from [http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/natural/heritage/nhpcodes\\_2010.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/natural/heritage/nhpcodes_2010.pdf).

If you have questions concerning the wildlife records or wildlife species mentioned in this response, we recommend that you visit the interactive NJ-GeoWeb website at the following URL, <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/gis/geoweb splash.htm> or contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife, Endangered and Nongame Species Program at (609) 292-9400.

PLEASE SEE 'CAUTIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON NHP DATA', which can be downloaded from <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/natural/heritage/newcaution2008.pdf>.

Thank you for consulting the Natural Heritage Program. The attached invoice details the payment due for processing this data request. Feel free to contact us again regarding any future data requests.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Cartica  
Administrator

c: NHP File No. 14-3907456-4734

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# Invoice

## Invoice

DATE	INVOICE #
January 23, 2014	4734

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 and forward with a copy of this statement to  
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P.O. NO.	TERMS	PROJECT

QUANTITY (hrs.)	DESCRIPTION	RATE (per hr.)	AMOUNT
1	Charge for Natural Heritage Database search for rare species and ecological communities locational Information. Project 14-3907456-4734	\$70.00	\$70.00
Heather Shaw NJDEP CDBG Disaster Recovery Program - Egg Harbor City		<b>Total</b>	\$70.00

***Table 1: On Site Data Request Search Results (7 Possible Reports)***

Rare Plants/Ecological Communities Possibly On Site:	No
Rare Plants/Ecological Communities On Site/Immediate Vicinity:	No
Natural Heritage Priority Sites On Site:	No
Landscape 3.1 Species Based Patches On Site:	No
Landscape 3.1 Vernal Pool Habitat On Site:	No
Landscape 3.1 Stream/Mussel Habitat On Site:	No
Other Animals Tracked by ENSP On Site:	No

***Table 2: Within 1 Mile for FHACA Searches (6 possible reports)***

Rare Plants/Ecological Communities within 1 mile:	Yes
Natural Heritage Priority Sites within 1 mile:	Yes
Landscape 3.1 Species Based Patches within 1 mile:	Yes
Landscape 3.1 Vernal Pool Habitat within 1 mile:	Yes
Landscape 3.1 Stream/Mussel Habitat within 1 mile:	No
Other Animals Tracked by ENSP within 1 mile:	No

**Rare Plant Species Covered by the  
Flood Hazard Area Control Act Rule  
Within One Mile of the Project Site Based on Search of  
Natural Heritage Database**

Scientific Name	Common Name	Federal Protection	State Protection	Regional Status	Grank	Srank	Identified	Last Observed
<i>Vascular Plants</i>								
Juncus caesariensis	New Jersey Rush		E	LP, HL	G2G3	S2	Y - Yes	1985-06-20
Rhynchospora knieskernii	Knieskern's Beaked-rush	LT	E	LP, HL	G2	S2	Y - Yes	1994-07-25
Total number of records:		2						

**Rare Wildlife Species or Wildlife Habitat Within One  
Mile of the Project Site Based on Search of  
Landscape Project 3.1 Species Based Patches**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Feature Type</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Federal Protection</b>	<b>State Protection</b>	<b>Grank</b>	<b>Srank</b>
<i><b>Amphibia</b></i>								
	Pine Barrens Treefrog	Hyla andersonii	Vernal Pool Breeding	3	NA	State Threatened	G4	S2
<i><b>Aves</b></i>								
	Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Foraging	4	NA	State Endangered	G5	S1B,S2N
	Barred Owl	Strix varia	Breeding Sighting	3	NA	State Threatened	G5	S2B,S2N
	Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodias	Foraging	2	NA	Special Concern	G5	S3B,S4N
<i><b>Reptilia</b></i>								
	Northern Pine Snake	Pituophis melanoleucus melanoleucus	Occupied Habitat	3	NA	State Threatened	G4T4	S2

**Vernal Pool Habitat  
Within One Mile of the Project Site  
Based on Search of  
Landscape Project 3.1**

<b>Vernal Pool Habitat Type</b>	<b>Vernal Pool Habitat ID</b>
Potential vernal habitat a	512
Potential vernal habitat a	543
Potential vernal habitat a	552
Potential vernal habitat a	554
Potential vernal habitat a	569
Total number of records:	5