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Subject: RE: HUD CDBG-DR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW - EDA SBL Program - Project SBL618330 – Endangered Species Review for State-Listed Species

Hi Tom,

ENSP has no concerns with this project.

Best,

Pat

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Hello Patrick,

Could you please advise on the status of the subject Endangered Species Review? If you need any further information to complete the review, please contact me.

Thanks,
Tom

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Dear Mr. Woerner,

During the Environmental Record Review using the HUD Review Parcel-Centroids layer of the NJDEP HUD Environmental Review Tool, state-listed species were identified for the following project:

Application ID Number: **SBL618330**
Applicant: **Auricle Communications**
Project Location: **43 Montgomery Street, Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey; Block 70, Lot 35 (May also be shown as Block 14302, Lot 2 on some map products)**
Project Description: **Rehabilitation of a commercial 4-story structure that will comprise repairing structural damage on the 3rd floor and enclosing that floor's balcony at the rear of the building.**

I am contacting you to request a review of the proposed project activities at this location to determine if state-listed species would be affected by any proposed project activities. Your evaluation will enable us to complete the Environmental Record Review for the project , which is Categorically Excluded Subject (CEST) to Section 58.5 Pursuant to 24 CFR 58.35(a), and will include any appropriate project specific conditions. Your response will also be attached to the CEST form as supporting documentation. This project would receive funding under the HUD CDBG-DR Stronger New Jersey Business Loan (SBL) program.

The project is located in an urban setting in Jersey City, NJ and activities will be essentially limited to the footprint of the one building on the lot. The purpose of this project is to renovate 43 Montgomery Street (WFMU radio station) to repair decayed structure on the building's third floor and to enclose that floor's balcony, creating a larger equipment room and additional production space for WFMU's educational radio operation. The existing building is a 4-story plus mezzanine brick and wood structure of 10,000 square ft, built in 1905. It measures 25' by 100' and has a concrete lined basement. The renovation project's primary goal is to repair portions of a water-damaged masonry and wood structure in the building's third floor and to transform this underutilized space into a much-needed larger equipment room and audio production space for WFMU. Rehabilitation will include removing and replacing structurally deficient material in the portion of the 3rd floor roof that is not covered by the building's 4th floor which is set back from the 3rd floor by 10', as well as removing a curved plexiglass window structure that separates the enclosed portion of the 3rd floor from the 3rd floor balcony, replacing leaking masonry, and rerouting the 3rd and 4th floor fire escapes appropriately. The footprint of the building's 3rd floor balcony will be enclosed to create more space within the building for production and broadcast equipment.

The project did not overlap any of the federally listed species zones identified in the NJDEP HUD Environmental Review Tool (see attached Endangered Species Map). I have also attached a topographic map, a map of the project location and a map of the project relative to the mean high water line, as well as a shape file for the project location to assist you in your review. I have also attached representative photographs of the project and its setting.

Thank you and please contact me should you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,
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