



January 2, 2026

Ryan Hogan
Grant Administrator
301 W Madison St
Ottawa, IL 61350

**RE: City of Ottawa Industrial Park Site Readiness
Consultation Program
EcoCAT Review #2607436
LaSalle County**

Dear Mr. Hogan:

The Department has received your submission for this project for the purposes of consultation pursuant to the *Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act* [520 ILCS 10/11], the *Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act* [525 ILCS 30/17], and Title 17 *Illinois Administrative Code* Part 1075, and Title 17 *Illinois Administrative Code* Part 1090.

The proposed action consists of site readiness activities for the City of Ottawa's Industrial Park Units 2, 3, 4, and 5. The project is located in LaSalle County at the following approximate coordinates: (41.3505, -88.7829).

The Illinois Natural Heritage Database shows the following protected resources may be in the vicinity of the project location:

Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI)

Dayton Bluffs INAI

Fox River INAI

Illinois Nature Preserves Commission Lands

Dayton Bluffs Land and Water Reserve

State Threatened or Endangered Species

Blacknose Shiner (*Notropis heterolepis*)

Pallid Shiner (*Hybopsis amnis*)

River Redhorse (*Moxostoma carinatum*)

The Department has determined that adverse impacts to protected natural areas and listed species in the vicinity of the project are unlikely.

Interagency Wetland Policy Act

The Illinois Natural Heritage Database has indicated records for wetlands in the vicinity of the proposed project. The project proponent was unable to provide any plans, but did provide wetland delineations for each designated unit within the project area, labeled as Units 2, 3, 4, and 5. The wetland delineation for Unit 2 indicates that the location has sparse vegetation consisting of almost wholly Upland or Facultative Upland as designated by the National Wetland Plant List – Midwest Region, and soils consisting primarily of fill material above the bedrock. The project proponent therefore asserts that Unit 2 does not contain any delineated wetlands. Units 3, 4 and 5, however, were all found to contain delineated wetlands. Unit 3 contains wetland areas that appear to be isolated and do not drain into the Illinois River to the south of the project area. The project proponent therefore asserts that the wetland areas within Unit 3 classify as community wetlands. The project proponent asserts that Unit 4 contains wetland area that maintains a continuous surface connection to the central drainage gulley running north-south through the center of the unit, which eventually empties to a south-adjacent drainage creek they classified as Riverine Wetland. Unit 5 contains wetland areas that are adjacent to the Riverine Wetland identified in Unit 4, and that maintain a continuous surface connection to a west-adjacent drainage creek. **Therefore, if impacts to delineated wetlands in Units 3, 4 and 5 are anticipated, a determination of proposed impacts should be provided to the Department for concurrence on mitigation requirements to ensure compliance with the Illinois Interagency Wetland Policy Act.**

Consultation on the part of the Department is closed, unless the applicant desires additional information or advice related to this proposal. Consultation for Part 1075 is valid for two years unless new information becomes available which was not previously considered; the proposed action is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the action 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 project being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are unexpectedly encountered during the project's implementation, the applicant must comply with the applicable statutes and regulations.

This letter does not serve as permission to take any listed or endangered species. As a reminder, no take of an endangered species is permitted without an Incidental Take Authorization or the required permits. Anyone who takes a listed or endangered species without an Incidental Take Authorization or required permit may be subject to criminal and/or civil penalties pursuant to the *Illinois Endangered Species Act*, the *Fish and Aquatic Life Act*, the *Wildlife Code* and other applicable authority.

The Department also offers the following conservation measures be considered to help protect native wildlife and enhance natural areas in the project area:

- If tree clearing is necessary, the Department recommends removing trees between November 1st and March 31st to avoid impacts to bats and birds.
- Good housekeeping practices should be implemented and maintained during and after construction to prevent trash and other debris from inadvertently blowing or washing into nearby natural areas.
- Soil erosion and sediment control BMPs should be implemented and properly maintained. If erosion control blanket is to be used, wildlife-friendly plastic-free blanket should be used to prevent the entanglement of native wildlife.
- A long-term invasive species management plan should be implemented to address the spread of invasive species.
- The project proponent should consider native plantings in any landscape designs, when feasible.
- Any required night lighting should follow International Dark-Sky Association's (IDA) Five Principles for Responsible Outdoor Lighting to minimize the effect of light pollution on wildlife: Five Principles for Responsible Outdoor Lighting | DarkSky International

Please contact Alexandra (Alex) Davis (Alexandra.Davis@illinois.gov) with any questions about this review.

Sincerely,



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