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Mr. Carroll
1207 Cedarwood Drive
Crest Hill, IL 60403

**RE: Holiday Inn Express-Lombard
Consultation Program
EcoCAT Review #2005481
DuPage County**

Dear Mr. Carroll:

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. Additionally, the Department may offer advice and recommendations for species covered under the *Fish & Aquatic Life Code* [515 ILCS 5, *et seq.*]; the *Illinois Wildlife Code* [520 ILCS 5, *et seq.*]; and the *Herptiles-Herps Act* [510 ILCS 69].

The proposed action consists of building an 85-room hotel with parking to serve the building. The project was reviewed for potential impacts to threatened and endangered species, Nature Preserve sites and natural areas using the EcoCAT system. EcoCAT identified the following resources of concern in the vicinity of the proposed hotel; black-crowned night heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*), Blanding's turtle (*Emydoidea blandingii*), common moorhen (*Gallinula galeata*) and rusty-patched bumble bee (*Bombus affinis*). Upon review, the Department has determined adverse impacts to the black-crowned night heron, common moorhen and rusty-patched bumble bee are unlikely.

EcoCAT has indicated records of the state-endangered **Blanding's turtle (*Emydoidea blandingii*)** in the project vicinity. These turtles forage and hibernate in wetlands and, depending on the temperature, emerge in the spring with upland nesting occurring in open fields, preferably in sandy soils in late spring or early summer. They may travel up to one mile in their search for appropriate nesting habitat. The Department recommends work on the project occurs during the turtle's inactive season from approximately November 1st to March 1st. If work must occur during the active season, all on-site personnel should be educated about this species and be instructed to contact the Department immediately if they are encountered in the project area. Fliers with photos of adult and juvenile Blanding's turtles, and life-history information, should be distributed to personnel. The flier should also contain contact information for the Department (Dan Kirk, Natural Heritage Division, 630-553-1372). State-listed species may not be handled without the appropriate permits pursuant to the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act. Exclusionary fencing should be installed around the work area, trenched into the ground,

and inspected daily for Blanding's turtles. Excavations should be inspected daily for trapped wildlife and safely covered overnight. Soil or other potential turtle nesting medium stockpiles should also have exclusionary fencing installed around the perimeter to discourage turtle nesting and potential harm.

Given the above recommendations are adopted, the Department has determined that impacts are unlikely. **In accordance with 17 Ill. Adm. Code 1075.40(h), please notify the Department of your decision regarding these recommendations.**

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.

Please contact me with any questions about this review.

Sincerely,



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