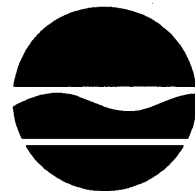


Appendix C
CORRESPONDENCE

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Alexander B. Grannis
Commissioner

March 13, 2008

Marcy Denker
Tim Miller Associates, Inc
10 North Street
Cold Spring, NY 10516

Dear Ms. Denker:


In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to an Environmental Assessment for the proposed Residential Development - 37 Residences, site as indicated on the map you provided, located in the Town of Blooming Grove, Orange County.

Enclosed is a report of rare or state-listed animals and plants, significant natural communities, and other significant habitats, which our databases indicate occur, or may occur, on your site or in the immediate vicinity of your site. The information contained in this report is considered sensitive and should not be released to the public without permission from the New York Natural Heritage Program.

The presence of the plants and animals identified in the enclosed report may result in this project requiring additional review or permit conditions. For further guidance, and for information regarding other permits that may be required under state law for regulated areas or activities (e.g., regulated wetlands), please contact the appropriate NYS DEC Regional Office, Division of Environmental Permits, at the enclosed address.

For most sites, comprehensive field surveys have not been conducted; the enclosed report only includes records from our databases. We cannot provide a definitive statement on the presence or absence of all rare or state-listed species or significant natural communities. This information should not be substituted for on-site surveys that may be required for environment impact assessment.

Our databases are continually growing as records are added and updated. If this proposed project is still under development one year from now, we recommend that you contact us again so that we may update this response with the most current information.

Sincerely,

Tara Seoane, Information Services
New York Natural Heritage Program

cc:

Natural Heritage Report on Rare Species

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- ~This report contains **SENSITIVE** information that should not be released to the public without permission from the NY Natural Heritage Program.
- ~Refer to the User's Guide for explanations of codes, ranks and fields.
- ~We do not provide maps for species most vulnerable to disturbance.

Natural Heritage Report on Rare Species and Ecological Communities



MAMMALS

Myotis sodalis Indiana Bat

NY Legal Status: Endangered

Federal Listing: Endangered

County: Orange

Town: Crawford, Wawayanda, Minisink, Warwick, Montgomery, Blooming Grove, New Windsor, I

Location: Documented within 2 miles of project site. Animals can move 2 miles or more from documented locations. For information on the population at this location and management considerations, please contact the NYS DEC Regional Wildlife Manager for the Region where the project is located, or the NYS DEC Endangered Species Unit at 518-402-8859.

NYS Rank: S1 - Critically imperiled

Global Rank: G2 - Imperiled

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More detailed information about many of the rare and listed animals in New York, including biology, identification, habitat, conservation, and management, are available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at www.acris.nynhp.org, from NatureServe Explorer at <http://www.natureserve.org/explorer>, and from NYSDEC at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7494.html>.