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April 19, 2017

Jamie LoGiudice, RLA Insite Engineering, Surveying & Landscape Architecture, P.C. 3 Garrett Place Carmel, NY 10512

Re: West End Lofts

County: Dutchess Town/City: City Of Beacon

Dear Ms. LoGiudice. RLA:

In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to the above project.

Enclosed is a report of rare or state-listed animals and plants, and significant natural communities that our database indicates occur in the vicinity of the project site.

For most sites, comprehensive field surveys have not been conducted; the enclosed report only includes records from our database. We cannot provide a definitive statement as to the presence or absence of all rare or state-listed species or significant natural communities. Depending on the nature of the project and the conditions at the project site, further information from on-site surveys or other sources may be required to fully assess impacts on biological resources.

Our database is 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.

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 NYS DEC Region 3 Office, Division of Environmental Permits, at dep.r3@dec.ny.gov, (845) 256-3054.

Sincerely,

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Information Resources Coordinator New York Natural Heritage Program

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The following state-listed animals have been documented in the vicinity of the project site.

The following list includes animals that are listed by NYS as Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern; and/or that are federally listed or are candidates for federal listing.

For information about any permit considerations for the project, please contact the Permits staff at the NYSDEC Region 3 Office at dep.r3@dec.ny.gov, (845) 256-3054. For information about potential impacts of the project on these species, and how to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any impacts, contact: for bald eagle -- Region 3 Wildlife staff, Wildlife.R3@dec.ny.gov, (845) 256-3098; for sturgeon -- Hudson River Fisheries Unit, HudsonRiverFish@dec.ny.gov, (845) 256-3071.

The following species have been documented in the Hudson River, which is about .3 mile from the project site.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NY STATE LISTING	FEDERAL LISTING	
Shortnose Sturgeon	Acipenser brevirostrum	Endangered	Endangered	1091
Atlantic Sturgeon	Acipenser oxyrinchus	No Open Season	Endangered	11464

The following species have been documented within 2.5 miles of the project site. Individual animals may travel 2.5 miles from documented locations.

The main impact of concern for bats is the removal of potential roost trees.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NY STATE LISTING	FEDERAL LISTING	
Indiana Bat	Myotis sodalis	Endangered	Endangered	11287
Maternity colony roost				

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If any rare plants or animals are documented during site visits, we request that information on the observations be provided to the New York Natural Heritage Program so that we may update our database.

Information about many of the listed animals in New York, including habitat, biology, identification, conservation, and management, are available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at www.guides.nynhp.org, and from NYSDEC at www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7494.html.

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