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Sent: Friday, October 10, 2014 3:49 PM
To: Fischl, Joseph; John Heilferty
Cc: Williams, Beth; Bock, John
Subject: RE: HUD CDBG-DR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW - EDA and DCA/NEP Programs - Project NCR 39566 – Endangered Species Review for Woodpecker

Joe,

The Landscape Project and NHP report is not necessary for our purposes here. Instead please reference the custom HUD-specific review tool we developed – NJDEP’s HUD Environmental Review Tool. You reference it below, but you’ll need to look at the HUD Parcel -Centroids layer component for state listed animal species. If the field for state listed animals does not show a “Yes” then there are no concerns for state-listed animal species. If the field does show a “Yes,” then please contact us.

Also, when you do make a request we require a GIS file, in either shapefile or feature class format, to be submitted.

Best,

Pat

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From: Fischl, Joseph [mailto:Joseph.Fischl@tetrattech.com]
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2014 4:13 PM
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Subject: HUD CDBG-DR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW - EDA and DCA/NEP Programs - Project NCR 39566 – Endangered Species Review for Woodpecker

Dear John:

During the Environmental Record Review, the following project was determined to be within the immediate vicinity of a documented occurrence of the red-headed woodpecker (state threatened):

Application ID Number: **NCR 39566**
Applicant: **Newark Housing Authority**

Project Location: 39-121 Ludlow Street, City of Newark, Essex County (Block 3764, Lot 1)

Project Description: Reconstruction of the Newark Housing Authority Training Recreation Education Center (TREC)

I am contacting you to conduct a review of the proposed project activities at this location to determine if the red-headed woodpecker would be affected by any eligible activities. The project does not overlap any federally listed zones identified on NJDEP's HUD Environmental Review Tool (see attached Endangered Species Map); however, search results of the Natural Heritage Database and the Landscape Project indicated a documented, non-breeding occurrence of the red-headed woodpecker (state threatened) within the immediate vicinity (one quarter mile). Your evaluation will enable us to complete the Environmental Review for the Activity/Project, which requires preparation of an Environment Assessment Pursuant to 24 CFR 58.36. Your response will also be attached to the form as supporting documentation.

For the proposed activities, the City of Newark is seeking funding to construct a new 25,000 SF facility located at 71 Ludlow Ave Newark, NJ for the Newark Housing's Training Recreation Education Center (TREC). The TREC would include a Gymnasium, Dance Studio, Fitness Center, Classrooms, meeting rooms, drop off child care, and common areas. The proposed facility would be new construction consisting of a steel frame finished with stucco and glass exterior measuring approximately 120' x 247' and would be a maximum of 32 feet high or 1 story. The building will be situated on a 2.368 acre lot currently owned by the Newark Housing Authority. The proposed lot improvements include a 53 car parking lot, utility upgrades, storm water retention system, site lighting and landscaping. The proposed site will be served by the city water, sewer utility as well as PSE&G for power and gas services. The current 12,500 SF, two story masonry Administration/Facilities building situated on the site is scheduled for demolition. The exiting building systems are no longer functional due to water damage; and the size and configuration is not adaptable to the proposed use. The demolition work includes removal of the existing building, all site remediation and removals of two 25,000 gallon underground fuel storage tanks.

I have attached maps of project location and the property in relation to the Threatened and Endangered Species zone to assist you in your review. I have also attached photographs of the project area.

Should you have any questions about this request, please contact me by e-mail or at the telephone number or address below.

Thank you.

Joe

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