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Lauren, I don't anticipate any conflicts of this with Ospreys that nest in the local area.

Kathy

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Lauren,

Based on the file you provided, ENSP has concluded that the project will not affect Northern Long-Eared Bat based on the following: although the project will occur in an area where Northern Long-Eared Bats may be present, tree removal will not occur.

Since this project requires a permit, other endangered and threatened wildlife concerns should be addressed in accordance with the normal Division of Land Use Regulation review process.

The site intersects a portion of an osprey nest buffer. Kathy Clark will be in touch regarding any anticipated impacts, but this will ultimately be handled by DLUR.

Best,

Pat

Please note new email address: patrick.woerner@dep.nj.gov

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From: LeBlanc, Lauren [mailto:lauren.leblanc@urs.com]
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Good morning,

I am conducting an environmental review on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for a CDBG Disaster Grant application under the Hurricane Sandy Disaster Recovery Program. The proposed project, which includes repairs and new improvements to a public facility with no change in land use, consists of approximately 47.87 acres which has been separated into Area 1 and Area 2 for ease of review purposes (see site location map attached). Area 1 will include the beachfront, fishing piers, the public park and esplanade, and seven tennis courts. Repairs and improvements to Area 1 will include refurbishing the boat ramp and installing a new rack for kayaks and canoes near Second Street as well as a new installation of six volleyball courts and bleachers on the beach. A new public restroom will be constructed on the park area adjacent from the beach in addition to two seasonal open beach wash-down stations installed at the ramps. Other improvements include four drinking fountains and five new tennis courts to replace five of the existing courts. Please see the attached Waterfront Recreation Improvements Map for locations of the improvements in this area. Bayview Park comprises Area 2. Bayview Park improvements include terracing the park to mitigate future erosion, installing ADA access ramps, and reconstructing a 6' wide and 6" thick sidewalk on Front Street. New curbs, striping, signage, and landscaping with drip irrigation will be installed. Damaged public lighting will be replaced. A Tideflex valve will be installed on the pipes discharging into Staten Island Sound which will prevent water from entering during high tide or storm surges. The final product will result in a new and improved waterfront. The improvements will greatly increase attraction to the new amenities and will become a protection for waterfront communities.

The Site location map showing the NDJEP Mapped ENSP Layers (please note that the site falls within the Bat Sensitivity layer), the Field Assessment of the site, a photo log for the site, site location map of the entire project area, and the NJDLUR jurisdictional determination are attached. Please let me know if there is any additional information or files you require for your review. Due to size, I will have to send some of the documentation in a following email.

I am requesting your review of the site for compliance with the Endangered Species Act. I do not anticipate that the proposed activity will affect threatened and endangered species, especially since most activities are improvements to what is already located at the site. Additionally, review of the USFWS iPaC Landscape Tool (attached) did not indicate species of concern in the area. Please let me know if you need any additional information to complete your review.

App ID	Street Address	Project Name	Construction Type	County	Municipality
NCR39567	Perth Amboy City, NJ 08861	City of Perth Amboy	Repairs and new improvements to a public facility	Middlesex	Perth Amboy City

Due to the urgency of this matter, please review and respond at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your time,

Lauren LeBlanc

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