



February 27, 2015

**State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection –
Natural Heritage Data Request Form**

The New Jersey Natural Heritage Program DEP-Office of Natural Lands Management
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Station Plaza #5, 4th Floor
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420
(609) 984-1339
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Hi,

URS is working with the New Jersey DEP on conducting site specific environmental reviews for the Community Development Block Grant Environmental and Historic Reviews Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation and Mitigation (RREM) Program. Attached you will find request a form for a site currently under review. The proposed project will include the reconstruction of a multi-unit residential structure that contained more than four units. The project is located at 1935 Ocean Avenue, Unit 21, Ortleigh Beach, New Jersey. Additionally, the structure was demolished post-storm, and has not yet been reconstructed. We do not anticipate that construction activities will impact threatened or endangered plant species; however, in order to conclude our environmental review, consultation with your program is required. Therefore, I am requesting a list of plant species that you feel will be affected by the project and some detail on why you believe the species will be affected. Results can be provided in any format you find best. If email is acceptable, please email the results to my email address included below.

Thank you so much in aiding our review. I look forward to hearing from you,

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PLEASE PRINT AND SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM WITH ATTACHMENTS TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE
 (Fields shown in bold font must be completed in order for data request to be processed.)

1. **Name:** Lauren LeBlanc Agency/Company: URS Corporation
Address: 7389 Florida Boulevard, Suite 300 **City:** Baton Rouge
State: LA **Zip:** 70806 **Daytime Phone:** (225) 231-6334 **Ext.:** N/A
Cell Phone: (225) 776-4283 **Email:** lauren.leblanc@urs.com

2. **Project Name:** Reconstruction of a multi-unit residential structure
Municipality(ies): Ortley Beach **County(ies):** Ocean
Block(s): 1016 **Lot(s):** 15

N.A.D. 1983 State Plane Coordinates (feet) 6 digits only: E (x): -74.0685 N (y): 39.9563

3. **Project Description:** The proposed project includes the reconstruction of a multi-unit residential structure that contained more than four units.

4. **USGS Quad:** X A copy of a USGS quad map(s) that clearly indicates the site boundary is included with this form. Specify name of USGS quad(s): Seaside Park, NJ

(USGS quad maps are required, unless prior arrangements have been made to submit site boundaries in an alternate format. Responses will be delayed if site locations are not delineated in a suitable format.)

5. **Flood Hazard Control Act Use:** Is this request submitted as part of a Flood Hazard Area Control Act rule (N.J.A.C. 7:13) application? Yes ___ No X

6. **Acknowledgement & Signature:** Any material supplied by the Office of Natural Lands Management will not be published without crediting the Natural Heritage Database as the source of the material. It is understood that there will be a charge of \$70.00 per hour for the services requested. An invoice will be sent with the request response and payment should be made by check or money order payable to "Office of Natural Lands Management."

Signed *Lauren LeBlanc* Date 2/27/2015

Time Frame for Response:
 Data requests are processed in the order in which they are received; please allow 30 days for response. If you would like to send in your data request via email, you may do so by sending it to Natlands@dep.state.nj.us. Due to the number of attachments, we cannot fax results. Unless you specifically request that your response be mailed or the response is unusually large, your response will be emailed to the address you provide.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED _____

Item Code: REG ___ ST ___ RTC ___ NC ___ REGEO ___ STEO ___ RTCEO ___ NCEO ___

Hrs: _____

Project Code: _____ Inv. #: _____

RRE0003694MF

Address: 1935 Ocean Avenue, Unit 21

Municipality: Toms River Township

USGS Quads:

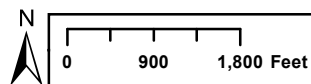
Seaside Park, NJ



● Site Location

▭ Proposed Action Site

▭ USGS Quad Boundary





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March 3, 2015

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Re: Reconstruction of a Multi-Unit Residential Structure

Dear Ms. LeBlanc:

Thank you for your data request regarding rare species information for the above referenced project site in Toms River Township (Ortley Beach Section), Ocean County.

Searches of the Natural Heritage Database and the Landscape Project (Version 3.1) are based on a representation of the boundaries of your project site in our Geographic Information System (GIS). We make every effort to accurately transfer your project bounds from the topographic map(s) submitted with the Request for Data into our Geographic Information System. We do not typically verify that your project bounds are accurate, or check them against other sources.

We have checked the Landscape Project habitat mapping and the Biotics Database for occurrences of any rare wildlife species or wildlife habitat on the referenced site. The Natural Heritage Database was searched for occurrences of rare plant species or ecological communities that may be on the project site. Please refer to Table 1 (attached) to determine if any rare plant species, ecological communities, or rare wildlife species or wildlife habitat are documented on site. A detailed report is provided for each category coded as 'Yes' in Table 1.

We have also checked the Landscape Project habitat mapping and Biotics Database for occurrences of rare wildlife species or wildlife habitat in the immediate vicinity (within ¼ mile) of the referenced site. Additionally, the Natural Heritage Database was checked for occurrences of rare plant species or ecological communities within ¼ mile of the site. Please refer to Table 2 (attached) to determine if any rare plant species, ecological communities, or rare wildlife species or wildlife habitat are documented within the immediate vicinity of the site. Detailed reports are provided for all categories coded as 'Yes' in Table 2. These reports may include species that have also been documented on the project site.

The Natural Heritage Program reviews its data periodically to identify priority sites for natural diversity in the State. Included as priority sites are some of the State's best habitats for rare and endangered species and ecological communities. Please refer to Tables 1 and 2 (attached) to determine if any priority sites are located on or in the vicinity of the site.

A list of rare plant species and ecological communities that have been documented from the project site, referenced above, can be downloaded from <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/natural/heritage/countylist.html>. If suitable habitat is present at the project site, the species in that list have potential to be present.

Status and rank codes used in the tables and lists are defined in EXPLANATION OF CODES USED IN NATURAL HERITAGE REPORTS, which can be downloaded from http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/natural/heritage/nhpcodes_2010.pdf.

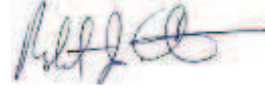
If you have questions concerning the wildlife records or wildlife species mentioned in this response, we recommend that you visit the interactive NJ-GeoWeb website at the following URL, <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/gis/geoweb splash.htm> or contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife, Endangered and Nongame Species Program at (609) 292-9400.

NHP File No. 15-3907481-7214

PLEASE SEE 'CAUTIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON NHP DATA', which can be downloaded from <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/natural/heritage/newcaution2008.pdf>.

Thank you for consulting the Natural Heritage Program. The attached invoice details the payment due for processing this data request. Feel free to contact us again regarding any future data requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Cartica', written over a light-colored rectangular background.

Robert J. Cartica
Administrator

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Table 1: On Site Data Request Search Results (7 Possible Reports)

<u>Report Name</u>	<u>Included</u>	<u>Number of Pages</u>
1. Possibly on Project Site Based on Search of Natural Heritage Database: Rare Plant Species and Ecological Communities Currently Recorded in the New Jersey Natural Heritage Database	No	0 pages included
2. On or In the Immediate Vicinity of the Project Site Based on Search of the Natural Heritage Database: Rare Plant Species and Ecological Communities Currently Recorded in the New Jersey Natural Heritage Database	No	0 pages included
3. Natural Heritage Priority Sites On Site	No	0 pages included
4. Rare Wildlife Species or Wildlife Habitat on the Project Site Based on Search of Landscape Project 3.1 Species Based Patches	No	0 pages included
5. Vernal Pool Habitat on the Project Site Based on Search of Landscape Project 3.1	No	0 pages included
6. Rare Wildlife Species or Wildlife Habitat on the Project Site Based on Search of Landscape Project 3.1 Stream Habitat File	No	0 pages included
7. Other Animal Species On the Project Site Based on Additional Species Tracked by Endangered and Nongame Species Program	No	0 pages included

Table 2: Vicinity Data Request Search Results (6 possible reports)

<u>Report Name</u>	<u>Included</u>	<u>Number of Pages</u>
1. Immediate Vicinity of the Project Site Based on Search of Natural Heritage Database Rare Plant Species and Ecological Communities Currently Recorded in the New Jersey Natural Heritage Database	No	0 pages included
2. Natural Heritage Priority Sites within the Vicinity	No	0 pages included
3. Rare Wildlife Species or Wildlife Habitat Within the Immediate Vicinity of the Project Site Based on Search of Landscape Project 3.1 Species Based Patches	Yes	1 page(s) included
4. Vernal Pool Habitat In the Immediate Vicinity of Project Site Based on Search of Landscape Project 3.1	No	0 pages included
5. Rare Wildlife Species or Wildlife Habitat In the Immediate Vicinity of the Project Site Based on Search of Landscape Project 3.1 Stream Habitat File	No	0 pages included
6. Other Animal Species In the Immediate Vicinity of the Project Site Based on Additional Species Tracked by Endangered and Nongame Species Program	No	0 pages included

<p>Rare Wildlife Species or Wildlife Habitat Within the Immediate Vicinity of the Project Site Based on Search of Landscape Project 3.1 Species Based Patches</p>
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Class	Common Name	Scientific Name	Feature Type	Rank	Federal Protection Status	State Protection Status	Grank	Srank
<i>Aves</i>								
	Caspian Tern	Hydroprogne caspia	Foraging	2	NA	Special Concern	G5	S3B,S4N
	Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	Foraging	2	NA	Special Concern	G5	S3B,S4N
	Least Tern	Sternula antillarum	Foraging	4	NA	State Endangered	G4	S1B,S1N
<i>Mammalia</i>								
	Fin Whale	Balaenoptera physalus	Live Individual Sighting	5	Federally Listed Endangered	State Endangered	G3G4	S1
	Humpback Whale	Megaptera novaeangliae	Foraging Area	5	Federally Listed Endangered	State Endangered	G4	S1
	Humpback Whale	Megaptera novaeangliae	Live Individual Sighting	5	Federally Listed Endangered	State Endangered	G4	S1
	North Atlantic Right Whale	Eubalaena glacialis	Live Individual Sighting	5	Federally Listed Endangered	State Endangered	G1	S1
<i>Reptilia</i>								
	Atlantic Leatherback	Dermochelys coriacea	Occupied Habitat	5	Federally Listed Endangered	State Endangered	G2	S1
	Atlantic Loggerhead	Caretta caretta	Occupied Habitat	5	Federally Listed Threatened	State Endangered	G3	S1