



January 19, 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
Mail Code 501-04; P.O. Box 420, 501 E. State Street, Station Plaza #5, 4th Floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420
(609) 984-1339; Fax No.: (609) 984-1427

Hi,

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 project will include the rehabilitation of a two-story wood frame structure located at 35 S. Annapolis Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey. The property consists of a sixteen space asphalt parking lot and a facility that employs seventeen staff for children (and their families) who are medically fragile and/or technologically dependent and who are eligible for Medicaid. The property is approximately 0.48 acres and is situated with S. Annapolis Avenue at its front and S. Parker Avenue at its rear between Clayhagy and Val Ranseler Avenues. The structure was damaged as a result of Superstorm Sandy. The goal of the project is to create an updated facility that could employ up to 36 staff and to add a marketing office and a medical clinic expansion program on the second floor that would provide needed services to the underprivileged residents of Atlantic City and Atlantic County.

The scope of this project will include interior and exterior repairs with no change in land use. Rehabilitation of Superstorm Sandy damages and structure improvements include repairing the roof, repairing exterior siding, replacing two steel entry doors, adding additional lighting for security, and installing an elevator to make the second floor accessible to handicapped children and clinic patients. Additional renovation work on the property includes some clearing and grubbing, re-grading, landscaping, paving for parking and access roads, and runoff control. The project will also include the purchase of equipment to be used to repair and maintain the facility. All activities would be limited to the disturbed area of the previously developed lot.

A topographic map showing the site location is attached. 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 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.

URS Application ID	Location	Latitude	Longitude	Quads
SBL39524	35 S. Annapolis Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ 08401	39.3488697°	-074.4583378°	Atlantic City, NJ

URS Corporation
7389 Florida Blvd., Suite 300
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
Tel: 225.922-5700
Fax: 225.922-5701
www.urscorp.com



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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Lauren LeBlanc'.

Lauren LeBlanc

Environmental Scientist

AECOM

7389 Florida Blvd. Suite 300, Baton Rouge, LA 70806

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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@aecom.com

2. **Project Name:** Rehabilitation of a building located at 35 S. Annapolis Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ
Municipality(ies): Atlantic City **County(ies):** Atlantic
Block(s): 199 **Lot(s):** 4

N.A.D. 1983 State Plane Coordinates (feet) 6 digits only: **E (x):** -74.4583 **N (y):** 39.3488

3. **Project Description:** The project will include the rehabilitation of a two-story wood frame structure. See attached letter for full project description.

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): Atlantic City, 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** 1-19-2015

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.

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DATE RECEIVED _____

Item Code: REG ST RTC NC REGEO STEO RTCEO NCEO

Hrs: _____

Project Code: _____ Inv. #: _____

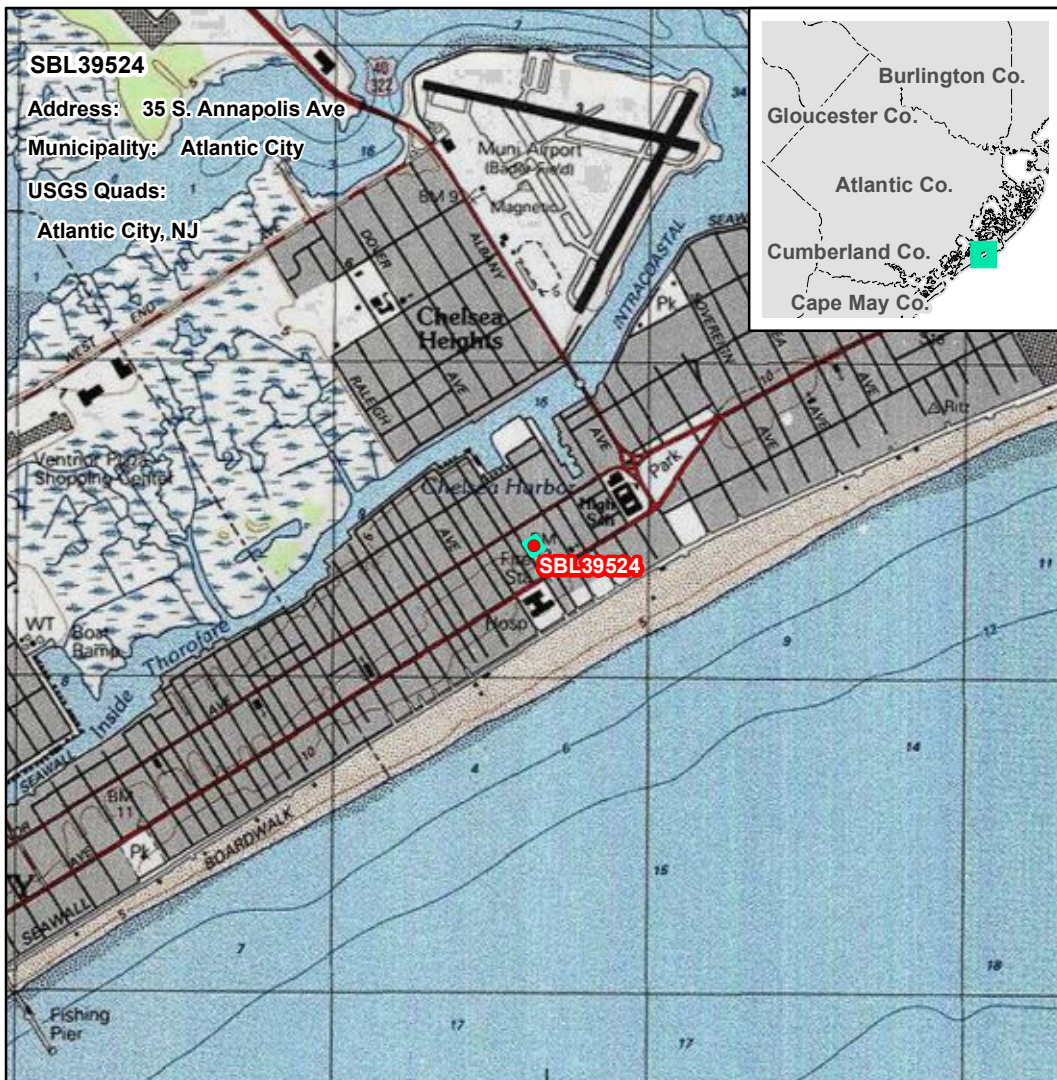
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Address: 35 S. Annapolis Ave

Municipality: Atlantic City

USGS Quads:

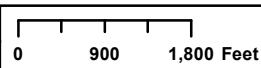
Atlantic City, NJ



● Site Location

▭ Proposed Action Site

▭ USGS Quad Boundary





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January 22, 2015

Lauren LeBlanc
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Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Re: Rehabilitation of a Building Located at 35 S. Annapolis Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ

Dear Ms. LeBlanc:

Thank you for your data request regarding rare species information for the above referenced project site in Atlantic City, Atlantic 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. 15-3907434-6982

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert J. Cartica', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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	2 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>								
	Black Skimmer	Rynchops niger	Foraging	4	NA	State Endangered	G5	S1B,S1N
	Black-crowned Night-heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	Foraging	3	NA	State Threatened	G5	S2B,S3N
	Caspian Tern	Hydroprogne caspia	Foraging	2	NA	Special Concern	G5	S3B,S4N
	Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	Foraging	2	NA	Special Concern	G5	S3B,S4N
	Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus	Foraging	2	NA	Special Concern	G5	S3B,S4N
	Least Tern	Sternula antillarum	Foraging	4	NA	State Endangered	G4	S1B,S1N
	Little Blue Heron	Egretta caerulea	Foraging	2	NA	Special Concern	G5	S3B,S3N
	Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	Foraging	3	NA	State Threatened	G5	S2B
	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus	Urban Nest	4	NA	State Endangered	G4	S1B,S3N
	Snowy Egret	Egretta thula	Foraging	2	NA	Special Concern	G5	S3B,S4N
	Tricolored Heron	Egretta tricolor	Foraging	2	NA	Special Concern	G5	S3B,S3N
	Yellow-crowned Night-heron	Nyctanassa violacea	Foraging	3	NA	State Threatened	G5	S2B,S2N
<i>Mammalia</i>								
	Fin Whale	Balaenoptera physalus	Live Individual Sighting	5	Federally Listed Endangered	State Endangered	G3G4	S1

**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**

Class	Common Name	Scientific Name	Feature Type	Rank	Federal Protection Status	State Protection Status	Grank	Srank
	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
Reptilia	Atlantic Leatherback	Dermochelys coriacea	Occupied Habitat	5	Federally Listed Endangered	State Endangered	G2	S1