

APPENDIX G – IDNR ECOCAT RESPONSE LETTER



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Keller Leet-Otley
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RE: TPE IL KN415, LLC
Project Number(s): 2402393
County: Kane

Dear Applicant:

This letter is in reference to the project you recently submitted for consultation. The natural resource review provided by EcoCAT identified protected resources that may be in the vicinity of the proposed action. The Department has evaluated this information and concluded that adverse effects are unlikely. Therefore, consultation under 17 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1075 is terminated.

However, state listed Blanding's turtles are known to occur in the general area. Construction and maintenance personnel should be educated about this species and instructed not to harass or move the turtles if encountered. The Department should be notified if a Blanding's turtle is encountered on the solar site.

This consultation is valid for two years unless new information becomes available that was not previously considered; the proposed action is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the project has not been implemented within two years of the date of this letter, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new consultation is necessary.

The natural resource review reflects the information existing in the Illinois Natural Heritage Database at the time of the project submittal, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are encountered during the project's implementation, you must comply with the applicable statutes and regulations. Also, note that termination does not imply IDNR's authorization or endorsement of the proposed action.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this review.

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IDNR Project Number: 2402393
Date: 08/07/2023

Project: TPE IL KN415, LLC
Address: Huntley Road, Dundee

Description: Construction of solar farm with associated access roads, utilities, and equipment on-site.

Natural Resource Review Results

Consultation for Endangered Species Protection and Natural Areas Preservation (Part 1075)

The Illinois Natural Heritage Database shows the following protected resources may be in the vicinity of the project location:

Blanding's Turtle (*Emydoidea blandingii*)

An IDNR staff member will evaluate this information and contact you to request additional information or to terminate consultation if adverse effects are unlikely.

Location

The applicant is responsible for the accuracy of the location submitted for the project.

County: Kane

Township, Range, Section:
42N, 7E, 1



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