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Mr. Eric Davison Davison Environmental 10 Maple Street Chester, CT 06412 eric@davisonenvironmental.com

Project: Preliminary Assessment for Burlington Solar One Located on Prospect Street in Burlington,

Connecticut

NDDB Preliminary Assessment No.: 201913067

Dear Eric Davison,

I have reviewed Natural Diversity Database maps and files regarding the area delineated on the map provided for Burlington Solar One located on Prospect Street in Burlington, Connecticut.

According to our records there are known extant populations of State Listed Species that occur within or close to the boundaries of this property. I have attached a list of species known from this area. Please be advised that this is a preliminary review and not a final determination. A more detailed review will be necessary to move forward with any environmental permit applications submitted to DEEP for the proposed project. **This preliminary assessment letter cannot be used or submitted with permit applications at DEEP**. This letter is valid for one year.

To prevent impacts to State-listed species, field surveys of the site should be performed by a qualified biologist with the appropriate scientific collecting permits at a time when these target species are identifiable. A report summarizing the results of such surveys should include:

- 1. Survey date(s) and duration.
- 2. Site descriptions and photographs.
- 3. List of component vascular plant and animal species within the survey area (including scientific binomials).
- 4. Data regarding population numbers and/or area occupied by State-listed species. Include special plant and/or animal forms found at:

https://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2702&q=323460&deepNav GID=1628

- 5. Detailed maps of the area surveyed including the survey route and locations of State listed species.
- 6. <u>Conservation strategies or protection plans that indicate how impacts may be avoided for all state listed species present on the site.</u>
- 7. Statement/résumé indicating the biologist's qualifications. Please be sure when you hire a consulting qualified biologist to help conduct this site survey that they have the proper experience with target taxon and have a CT scientific collectors permit to work with state listed species for this specific project.

The site surveys report should be sent to our CT DEEP-NDDB Program (deep.nddbrequest@ct.gov) for further review by our program biologists <u>along with an updated request</u> for another NDDB review. Incomplete reports may not be accepted.

If you do not intend to do site surveys to determine the presence or absence of state-listed species, then you should presume species are present and let us know how you will protect the state-listed species from being impacted by this project. You may submit these best management practices or protection plans with your new request for an NDDB review. After reviewing your new NDDB request form and the documents describing how you will protect this species from project impacts we will make a final determination and provide you with a letter from our program to use with DEEP-Permits.

Natural Diversity Database information includes all information regarding critical biological resources available to us at the time of the request. This information is a compilation of data collected over the years by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Natural History Survey, cooperating units of DEEP, landowners, private conservation groups and the scientific community. This information is not necessarily the result of comprehensive or site-specific field investigations. Consultations with the NDDB should not be substitutes for onsite surveys necessary for a thorough environmental impact assessment. The result of this review does not preclude the possibility that listed species may be encountered on site and that additional action may be necessary to remain in compliance with certain state permits.

Please contact me if you have further questions at (860) 424-3592, or deep.nddbrequest@ct.gov Thank you for consulting the Natural Diversity Data Base.

Sincerely,

Dawn M. McKay

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Species List for NDDB Request

	Scientific Name	Common Name	State Status
Freshwater Community - Other Classification			
	Medium fen		
Invertebrate Animal			
	Agonum darlingtoni	Ground beetle	SC
	Agonum mutatum	Ground beetle	SC
	Exyra fax	Pitcher plant moth	Т
	Leucorrhinia glacialis	Crimson-ringed whiteface	Т
	Margaritifera margaritifera	Eastern pearlshell	SC
Vascular Plant			
	Carex limosa	Mud sedge	Т
	Eriophorum vaginatum var. spissum	Hare's tail	Т
	Scheuchzeria palustris ssp. americana	Pod grass	Е
	Xyris montana	Northern yellow-eyed grass	Т
Vertebrate Animal			
	Botaurus lentiginosus	American bittern	Е
	Caprimulgus vociferus	Whip-poor-will	SC
	Cottus cognatus	Slimy sculpin	SC
	Heterodon platirhinos	Eastern hognose snake	SC
	Terrapene carolina carolina	Eastern box turtle	SC