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Project: Transmission Line Upgrade Project in Railroad Road Right Of Way from the Housatonic River to Baird Substation in Stratford
NDDDB Determination No.: 201808030

Dear Todd Berman,

I have reviewed Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDDB) maps and files regarding the area delineated on the map provided for the proposed Transmission Line Upgrade Project in Railroad Road Right Of Way from the Housatonic River to Baird Substation in Stratford, Connecticut. I do not anticipate negative impacts to State-listed species (RCSA Sec. 26-306) resulting from your proposed activity at the site based upon the information contained within the NDDDB. 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. This determination is good for two years. Please re-submit a new NDDDB Request for Review if the scope of work changes or if work has not begun on this project by June 19, 2020.

Natural Diversity Data Base 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 and cooperating units of DEEP, private conservation groups and the scientific community. This information is not necessarily the result of comprehensive or site-specific field investigations. Consultations with the Data Base should not be substitutes for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. Current research projects and new contributors continue to identify additional populations of species and locations of habitats of concern, as well as, enhance existing data. Such new information is incorporated into the Data Base as it becomes available.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dawn M. McKay".

Dawn M. McKay
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