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In Reply Refer To:

December 14, 2022

Project Code: 2022-0072194

Project Name: CHPE Package 8 - Segments 13, 14, and 15

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the ECOS-IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the ECOS-IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2) (c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological

evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

<http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/TOC-GLOS.PDF>

Migratory Birds: In addition to responsibilities to protect threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), there are additional responsibilities under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) to protect native birds from project-related impacts. Any activity, intentional or unintentional, resulting in take of migratory birds, including eagles, is prohibited unless otherwise permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)). For more information regarding these Acts see <https://www.fws.gov/birds/policies-and-regulations.php>.

The MBTA has no provision for allowing take of migratory birds that may be unintentionally killed or injured by otherwise lawful activities. It is the responsibility of the project proponent to comply with these Acts by identifying potential impacts to migratory birds and eagles within applicable NEPA documents (when there is a federal nexus) or a Bird/Eagle Conservation Plan (when there is no federal nexus). Proponents should implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize the production of project-related stressors or minimize the exposure of birds and their resources to the project-related stressors. For more information on avian stressors and recommended conservation measures see <https://www.fws.gov/birds/bird-enthusiasts/threats-to-birds.php>.

In addition to MBTA and BGEPA, Executive Order 13186: *Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds*, obligates all Federal agencies that engage in or authorize activities that might affect migratory birds, to minimize those effects and encourage conservation measures that will improve bird populations. Executive Order 13186 provides for the protection of both migratory birds and migratory bird habitat. For information regarding the implementation of Executive Order 13186, please visit <https://www.fws.gov/birds/policies-and-regulations/executive-orders/e0-13186.php>.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Code in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List

Official Species List

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

Long Island Ecological Services Field Office

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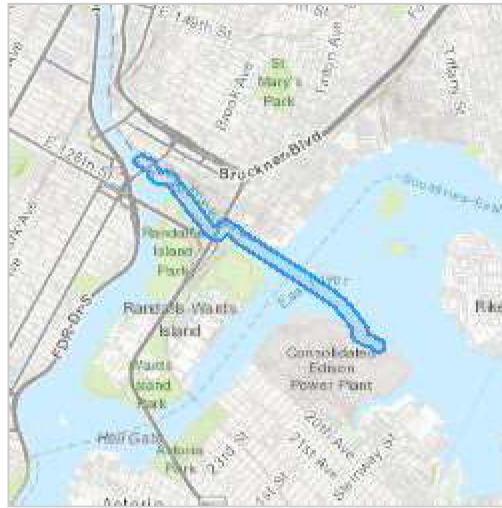
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Project Summary

Project Code: 2022-0072194
Project Name: CHPE Package 8 - Segments 13, 14, and 15
Project Type: Transmission Line - New Constr - Below Ground
Project Description: CHPE Package 8 - Segments 13, 14, and 15
Project Location:

Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/@40.7960099,-73.9135944,14z>



Counties: Bronx , New York , and Queens counties, New York

Endangered Species Act Species

There is a total of 6 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

1. [NOAA Fisheries](#), also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

Mammals

NAME	STATUS
Northern Long-eared Bat <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045	Endangered

Birds

NAME	STATUS
Piping Plover <i>Charadrius melodus</i> Population: [Atlantic Coast and Northern Great Plains populations] - Wherever found, except those areas where listed as endangered. There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6039	Threatened
Red Knot <i>Calidris canutus rufa</i> There is proposed critical habitat for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1864	Threatened
Roseate Tern <i>Sterna dougallii dougallii</i> Population: Northeast U.S. nesting population No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2083	Endangered

Insects

NAME	STATUS
Monarch Butterfly <i>Danaus plexippus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743	Candidate

Flowering Plants

NAME	STATUS
Seabeach Amaranth <i>Amaranthus pumilus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8549	Threatened

Critical habitats

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

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March 25, 2022

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Re: Champlain Hudson Power Express - Phase 1 - Packages 1A, 1B, 1C

County: Washington Town/City: Dresden, Putnam, Whitehall

Dear Nicole Frazer:

In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to the above project.

Enclosed is a report of rare or state-listed animals and plants, and significant natural communities that our database indicates occur in the vicinity of the project site.

For most sites, comprehensive field surveys have not been conducted; the enclosed report only includes records from our database. We cannot provide a definitive statement as to the presence or absence of all rare or state-listed species or significant natural communities. Depending on the nature of the project and the conditions at the project site, further information from on-site surveys or other sources may be required to fully assess impacts on biological resources.

The presence of the plants and animals identified in the enclosed report may result in this project requiring additional review or permit conditions. For further guidance, and for information regarding other permits that may be required under state law for regulated areas or activities (e.g., regulated wetlands), please contact the NYS DEC Region 5 Office, Division of Environmental Permits, at dep.r5@dec.ny.gov.

Sincerely,



Heidi Krahling
Environmental Review Specialist
New York Natural Heritage Program



The following state-listed animals have been documented
in the vicinity of the project site.

The following list includes animals that are listed by NYS as Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern; and/or that are federally listed.

For information about any permit considerations for your project, please contact the Permits staff at the NYSDEC Region 5 Office at dep.r5@dec.ny.gov, (518) 623-1286.

The following species has been documented within 1/2 mile of the project site near Putnam Station.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NY STATE LISTING	FEDERAL LISTING
Birds			
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Threatened	
Breeding			

12657

The following species has been documented within 1/3 mile of the project site in the Town of Putnam. Individual animals may travel 1.5 miles from documented locations.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NY STATE LISTING	FEDERAL LISTING
Reptiles			
Timber Rattlesnake	<i>Crotalus horridus</i>	Threatened	

8859

The following species has been documented in the Town of Dresden within 2.5 miles of the project site and in the Town of Hague within 4 miles of the project site. Individual animals may travel 5 miles from documented locations. The main impact of concern is the cutting or removal of potential roost trees.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NY STATE LISTING	FEDERAL LISTING
Mammals			
Northern Long-eared Bat	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Threatened	
<i>Hibernacula</i>			

14206

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If any rare plants or animals are documented during site visits, we request that information on the observations be provided to the New York Natural Heritage Program so that we may update our database.

Information about many of the listed animals in New York, including habitat, biology, identification, conservation, and management, are available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at www.guides.nynhp.org, and from NYSDEC at www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7494.html.



The following rare plants, rare animals, and significant natural communities have been documented at the project site, or in its vicinity.

We recommend that potential impacts of the proposed project on these species or communities be addressed as part of any environmental assessment or review conducted as part of the planning, permitting and approval process, such as reviews conducted under SEQRA. Field surveys of the project site may be necessary to determine whether a species currently occurs at the site, particularly for sites that are currently undeveloped and may still contain suitable habitat. Final requirements of the project to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential impacts are determined by the lead permitting agency or the government body approving the project.

The following natural communities are considered significant from a statewide perspective by the NY Natural Heritage Program. Each community is either an example of a community type that is rare in the state, or a high-quality example of a more common community type. By meeting specific, documented criteria, the NY Natural Heritage Program considers these community occurrences to have high ecological and conservation value.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NY STATE LISTING	HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS
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Upland/Terrestrial Communities

Red Cedar Rocky Summit

High Quality Occurrence of
Uncommon Community Type

12930 Documented within 100 yards of the project site in the Town of Dresden. Patches occur on either side of Route 22 in the northern portion of the Town of Dresden. This is a relatively small red cedar rocky summit, near its northern limit for this type, in very good condition within a very large, good quality forested landscape.

Wetland/Aquatic Communities

Deep Emergent Marsh

High Quality Occurrence of
Uncommon Community Type

3049 Enormous marsh complex occupying 50% of the upper portion of Lake Champlain with excellent native species diversity and one or more large cores with minimal disturbances, but with several cores with high concentration of invasive exotics.

Silver Maple-Ash Swamp

High Quality Occurrence of
Uncommon Community Type

10514 A narrow strip along the west shore of Lake Champlain near Chubb's Dock in the Town of Dresden. Exotics present, but not abundant.

The following plants are listed as Endangered or Threatened by New York State, and/or are rare in New York State, and so are a vulnerable natural resource of conservation concern.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NY STATE LISTING	HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS	
Hill's Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton hillii</i>	Threatened	Imperiled in NYS and Globally Uncommon	2263
Documented at the project site near Route 22 and B Lane near the border between the Towns of Dresden and Putnam. 1999-08-12: A beaver pond and small streamlets with sluggish water and muddy full exposures.				
Lake Water Cress	<i>Rorippa aquatica</i>	Threatened	Imperiled in NYS	9495
Documented within 1/4 mile east of the project site near Dresden. 1987-07-16: Rock piles along lakeward side of the railroad with loads of Trapa. Rocks and the railroad embankment near emergent marsh covered with Trapa.				

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If any rare plants or animals are documented during site visits, we request that information on the observations be provided to the New York Natural Heritage Program so that we may update our database.

Information about many of the rare animals and plants in New York, including habitat, biology, identification, conservation, and management, are available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at www.guides.nynhp.org, from NatureServe Explorer at www.natureserve.org/explorer, and from USDA's Plants Database at <http://plants.usda.gov/index.html> (for plants).

Information about many of the natural community types in New York, including identification, dominant and characteristic vegetation, distribution, conservation, and management, is available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at www.guides.nynhp.org. For descriptions of all community types, go to www.dec.ny.gov/animals/29384.html for Ecological Communities of New York State.

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April 1, 2022

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Re: Champlain Hudson Power Express - Phase 2 - Package 2
County: Washington Town/City: Fort Ann, Hartford, Kingsbury

Dear Nicole Frazer:

In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to the above project.

Enclosed is a report of rare or state-listed animals and plants, and significant natural communities that our database indicates occur in the vicinity of the project site.

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The presence of the plants and animals identified in the enclosed report may result in this project requiring additional review or permit conditions. For further guidance, and for information regarding other permits that may be required under state law for regulated areas or activities (e.g., regulated wetlands), please contact the NYSDEC Division of Environmental Permits.

Sincerely,



Nicholas Conrad
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The following state-listed animals have been documented along the Champlain-Hudson Power Express Phase 2 Package 2 alignment.

The following list includes animals that are listed by NYS as Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern; and/or that are federally listed.

For information about any permit considerations for the project, contact the NYSDEC Division of Environmental Permits.

The following species has been documented at two locations near the project alignment in the Lake Champlain Canal in the Town of Kingsbury.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NYS STATE LISTING	FEDERAL LISTING
Fish			

Eastern Sand Darter	<i>Ammocrypta pellucida</i>	Threatened	12842
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In the Lake Champlain Canal at Smiths Basin and at Lock 9, both within 160 yards of the alignment.

The following species has been documented nesting within 1/3 mile of the project alignment.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NYS STATE LISTING	FEDERAL LISTING
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Threatened	17280

East of the project alignment and south of Smiths Basin and Big Creek, Town of Kingsbury.

The following species has been documented breeding along Dike Road about 150 yards from the project alignment, northeast of Dunham Basin in the Town of Kingsbury.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NYS STATE LISTING	FEDERAL LISTING
Northern Harrier <i>Breeding</i>	<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	Threatened	6447

The following species have been documented at the Fort Edward Grasslands, a state significant Raptor Winter Concentration Area. The mapped area extends to within 1/3 mile of the project alignment northeast of Dunham Basin in the Town of Kingsbury.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NYS STATE LISTING	FEDERAL LISTING
Short-eared Owl <i>Wintering</i>	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	Endangered	2444
Northern Harrier <i>Wintering</i>	<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	Threatened	7292

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The following rare animals and significant natural communities have been documented along the Champlain-Hudson Power Express Phase 2 Package 2 alignment.

We recommend that potential impacts of the proposed project on these species or communities be addressed as part of any environmental assessment or review conducted as part of the planning, permitting and approval process, such as reviews conducted under SEQRA. Field surveys of the project site may be necessary to determine the status of a species at the site, particularly for sites that are currently undeveloped and may still contain suitable habitat. Final requirements of the project to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential impacts are determined by the lead permitting agency or the government body approving the project.

The following animals, while not listed by New York State as Endangered or Threatened, are rare in New York and are of conservation concern.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NY STATE LISTING	HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS
Fish	Bridle Shiner	<i>Notropis bifrenatus</i>	Unlisted
	Imperiled in NYS		and Globally Uncommon
Dragonflies and Damselflies	Comstock, Town of Fort Ann, 2008-08-08: Found adjacent to the project alignment where the alignment abuts the railroad, in an unnamed body of water approximately .6 mile south of Comstock, between US Route 4 and the railroad tracks.		
	Umber Shadowdragon	<i>Neurocordulia obsolota</i>	Unlisted
Pitch Pine-Oak-Heath Rocky Summit	Champlain Canal, Town of Fort Ann, 2009-06-24: Found in the project alignment in the Champlain Canal at Lock 11.		
	High Quality Occurrence of Uncommon Community Type		

The following natural community is considered significant from a statewide perspective by the NY Natural Heritage Program. As a high-quality example of an uncommon community type, this community occurrence has high ecological and conservation value.

COMMUNITY NAME	HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS
Pitch Pine-Oak-Heath Rocky Summit	High Quality Occurrence of Uncommon Community Type
Summit of Curtis Hill, 1/2 mile northeast of the village of Fort Ann, overlooking the project alignment. Moderate-sized undisturbed occurrence surrounded by natural forest, but in a moderately fragmented landscape.	

This report only includes records from the NY Natural Heritage database. For most sites, comprehensive field surveys have not been conducted, and we cannot provide a definitive statement as to the presence or absence of all rare or state-listed species. Depending on the nature of the project and the conditions at the project site, further information from on-site surveys or other sources may be required to fully assess impacts on biological resources.

Information about many of the rare animals and plants in New York, including habitat, biology, identification, conservation, and management, are available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at [www.plants.usda.gov/index.html](http://plants.usda.gov/index.html) (for plants). Information about many of the natural community types in New York, including identification, dominant and characteristic vegetation, distribution, conservation, and management, is available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at www.guides.nynhp.org. For descriptions of all community types, go to www.dec.ny.gov/animals/97703.html for Ecological Communities of New York State.

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Re: Champlain Hudson Power Express - Phase 2 - Package 3, Fort Edward to Milton
County: Saratoga, Washington

Dear Nicole Frazer:

In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to the above project.

Enclosed is a report of rare or state-listed animals and plants, and significant natural communities that our database indicates occur along the project alignment or in its vicinity.

For most sites, comprehensive field surveys have not been conducted; the enclosed report only includes records from our database. We cannot provide a definitive statement as to the presence or absence of all rare or state-listed species or significant natural communities. Depending on the nature of the project and the conditions at the project site, further information from on-site surveys or other sources may be required to fully assess impacts on biological resources.

The presence of the plants and animals identified in the enclosed report may result in this project requiring additional review or permit conditions. For further guidance, and for information regarding other permits that may be required under state law for regulated areas or activities (e.g., regulated wetlands), please contact the NYS DEC Division of Environmental Permits.

Sincerely,



Nicholas Conrad
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The following state-listed animals have been documented along the Champlain-Hudson Power Express Phase 2 Package 3 alignment.

The following list includes animals that are listed by NYS as Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern; and/or that are federally listed.

For information about any permit considerations for the project, contact the NYSDEC Division of Environmental Permits.

The following species have been documented within .5 mile of the project alignment in many locations in the Town of Wilton and the City of Saratoga Springs.

The first two species have been documented directly along the railroad serving as the route of the alignment between Geyser Road and Geyser Creek in the City of Saratoga Springs.

All three species have been documented directly along the railroad serving as the route of the alignment as it runs through the Saratoga Sand Plains State Wildlife Management Area (Wilton Wildlife Preserve) and its vicinity in Wilton.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NY STATE LISTING	FEDERAL LISTING
Butterflies			
Karner Blue	<i>Plebejus melissa samuelis</i>	Endangered	Endangered
Frosted Elfin	<i>Callophrys irus</i>	Threatened	
Persius Duskywing	<i>Erynnis persius persius</i>	Endangered	

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Information about many of the listed animals in New York, including habitat, biology, identification, conservation, and management, are available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at www.guides.nynhp.org, and from NYSDEC at www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7494.html.



The following rare plants, rare animals, and significant natural communities have been documented along the Champlain-Hudson Power Express Phase 2 Package 3 alignment.

We recommend that potential impacts of the proposed project on these species or communities be addressed as part of any environmental assessment or review conducted as part of the planning, permitting and approval process, such as reviews conducted under SEQR. Field surveys of the project site may be necessary to determine the status of a species at the site, particularly for sites that are currently undeveloped and may still contain suitable habitat. Final requirements of the project to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential impacts are determined by the lead permitting agency or the government body approving the project.

From Ballard Road to southwest of Edie Road in the Town of Wilton, the project alignment railroad runs through the Saratoga Sand Plains State Wildlife Management Area (Wilton Wildlife Preserve). The following animals and natural communities are documented within .5 mile of the project alignment, either in the Wildlife Management Area or in its vicinity.

The animals in this report, while not listed by New York State as Endangered or Threatened, are rare in New York and are of conservation concern.

The natural communities in this report are considered significant from a statewide perspective by the NY Natural Heritage Program. Each community is either an example of a community type that is rare in the state, or a high-quality example of a more common community type. By meeting specific, documented criteria, the NY Natural Heritage Program considers these community occurrences to have high ecological and conservation value.

A GIS layer of Natural Heritage significant natural communities is available from the NYS GIS Clearinghouse at <http://gis.ny.gov/gisdata/inventories/details.cfm?DSID=1241>.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NY STATE LISTING	HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS
Amphibians			
Eastern Spadefoot	<i>Scaphiopus holbrookii</i>	Special Concern	Imperiled in NYS
2019: The metamorphs were observed in a drying Pine Barrens Vernal Pool with tussock sedge, spirea, and gray birch and adjacent small wooded patches of mixed hardwoods with white oak, red oak, black oak, alder, white pine, and small grassy openings nearby. The soil is sandy and a few smaller vernal pools are present.			12397
Dragonflies and Damselflies			
Lyre-tipped Spreadwing	<i>Lestes unguiculatus</i>	Unlisted	Imperiled in NYS
2008-07-26: Vernal pool complex at Wilton Wildlife Preserve.			14695
Spatterdock Darner	<i>Rhionaeschna mutata</i>	Unlisted	Imperiled in NYS
2010-07-05: Four vernal ponds.			13569

COMMON NAME

HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS

Wetland/Aquatic Communities

Pine Barrens Vernal Pond

High Quality Occurrence of Rare Community Type

A moderate-sized pond system in very good condition within a good to fair landscape that is undergoing positive restoration efforts.

11609

Vernal Pool

High Quality Occurrence of Uncommon Community Type

This vernal pool complex is of moderate size and within a well protected, good quality landscape.

13560

Red Maple-Hardwood Swamp

High Quality Occurrence of Uncommon Community Type

Adjacent to west side of railroad from Edie Road south for 1/4 mile. This a moderately sized red maple-hardwood swamp in very good condition within a good landscape.

13557

Red Maple-Hardwood Swamp

High Quality Occurrence of Uncommon Community Type

This is a relatively small occurrence within a well protected landscape that is undergoing restoration efforts.

13563

Hemlock-Hardwood Swamp

High Quality Occurrence of Uncommon Community Type

Miller Swamp: This is a relatively large hemlock-hardwood swamp in good condition within a good quality landscape.

13553

Upland/Terrestrial Communities

Pitch Pine-Scrub Oak Barrens

High Quality Occurrence of Rare Community Type
and Globally Rare

The community is relatively small but in good condition within a good to fair landscape that is undergoing positive restoration efforts.

13550

Successional Northern Sandplain Grassland

High Quality Occurrence of Uncommon Community Type

Adjacent to railroad on State Wildlife Management Area north and south of Scout Road. This is a relatively small grassland of mostly artificial origin via restoration efforts, but may include remnant patches of natural origin, in a protected, good quality landscape that is under active management. These grasslands may succeed to pitch pine-scrub oak barrens in the future.

13554

Appalachian Oak-Pine Forest

High Quality Occurrence

Adjacent to railroad on State Wildlife Management Area north and south of Scout Road, and on private land north of West Lane. This Appalachian oak-pine matrix forest is in good condition and occurs in large patches in the Saratoga Sandplains landscape.

13565

The following plants are listed as Endangered or Threatened by New York State, and are a vulnerable natural resource of conservation concern.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NY STATE LISTING	HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS
Plants			
Goldenseal	<i>Hydrastis canadensis</i>	Threatened	Imperiled in NYS

Documented .2 mile from project alignment between Wilton-Greenfield Town Line and Clinton Street, in a beech-maple mesic forest on a fairly steep, rocky, terraced slope. 2715

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Re: Champlain Hudson Power Express - Phase 2 - Package 4
County: Saratoga, Schenectady Town/City: Ballston, Clifton Park, Glenville, Rotterdam

Dear Nicole Frazer:

In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to the above project.

Enclosed is a report of rare or state-listed animals and plants, and significant natural communities that our database indicates occur along the project alignment or in its vicinity.

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The presence of the plants and animals identified in the enclosed report may result in this project requiring additional review or permit conditions. For further guidance, and for information regarding other permits that may be required under state law for regulated areas or activities (e.g., regulated wetlands), please contact the NYS DEC Division of Environmental Permits.

Sincerely,



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The following state-listed animals have been documented along the Champlain-Hudson Power Express Phase 2 Package 4 alignment.

The following list includes animals that are listed by NYS as Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern; and/or that are federally listed.

For information about any permit considerations for the project, contact the NYSDEC Division of Environmental Permits.

The following species has been documented nesting within .2 mile of the project alignment in the Town of Ballston, Saratoga County; and within .5 mile of the project alignment in the Town of Glenville, Schenectady County.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NY STATE LISTING	FEDERAL LISTING
Birds			
Bald Eagle <i>Breeding</i>	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Threatened	

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The following rare plants have been documented directly on the Champlain-Hudson Power Express Phase 2 Package 4 alignment.

We recommend that potential impacts of the proposed project on these species or communities be addressed as part of any environmental assessment or review conducted as part of the planning, permitting and approval process, such as reviews conducted under SEQRA. Field surveys of the project site may be necessary to determine the status of a species at the site, particularly for sites that are currently undeveloped and may still contain suitable habitat. Final requirements of the project to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential impacts are determined by the lead permitting agency or the government body approving the project.

The following plant is listed as Endangered or Threatened by New York State, and so is a vulnerable natural resource of conservation concern.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NY STATE LISTING	HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS
Side Oats Grama	<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> var. <i>curtipendula</i>	Endangered	Imperiled in NYS

Wyatts Riverside Bluffs, including directly on the project alignment where it turns 90 degrees to cross the Mohawk River in the Town of Glenville, Schenectady County, between the railroad tracks and the river, 2005-08-09: This is an area of dry glacial till and calcareous Mohawk conglomerate forming bluffs along the Mohawk River. The banks along the river are very steep with exposed soil and weedy vegetation. The slopes are south-facing and very hot and dry in the sun. On top of the bluffs the land is level with an assortment of roads, railroads, buildings and quarries. The vegetation includes dry roadsides and fields and a few patches of woods.

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Re: Champlain Hudson Power Express - Phase 2 - Package 5
County: Albany, Schenectady Town/City: Bethlehem, Guilderland, New Scotland, Rotterdam

Dear Nicole Frazer:

In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to the above project.

Enclosed is a report of rare or state-listed animals and plants, and significant natural communities that our database indicates occur along the project alignment or in its vicinity.

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The following state-listed animals have been documented along the Champlain-Hudson Power Express Phase 2 Package 5 alignment.

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For information about any permit considerations for the project, contact the NYSDEC Division of Environmental Permits.

The following species have been documented breeding within .5 mile of the project alignment.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NY STATE LISTING	FEDERAL LISTING
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Threatened	
	Town of Guilderland, Albany County		
Least Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	Threatened	
	Towns of Guilderland and New Scotland, Albany County		

Throughout most of its route through Albany County, the project alignment is within 5 miles of one or more documented locations of the following species. Individual bats may travel 5 miles from documented locations.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NY STATE LISTING	FEDERAL LISTING
Northern Long-eared Bat	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Threatened	
		Threatened	

Part of the project alignment in the Towns of Bethlehem and Coeymans in Albany County is within 2.5 miles of a documented location of the following species. Individual bats may travel 2.5 miles from documented locations.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NY STATE LISTING	FEDERAL LISTING
Indiana Bat	<i>Myotis sodalis</i>	Endangered	
		Endangered	

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The following rare plant has been documented along the Champlain-Hudson Power Express Phase 2 Package 5 alignment.

We recommend that potential impacts of the proposed project on these species or communities be addressed as part of any environmental assessment or review conducted as part of the planning, permitting and approval process, such as reviews conducted under SEQRA. Field surveys of the project site may be necessary to determine the status of a species at the site, particularly for sites that are currently undeveloped and may still contain suitable habitat. Final requirements of the project to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential impacts are determined by the lead permitting agency or the government body approving the project.

The following plant is listed as Endangered or Threatened by New York State, and so is a vulnerable natural resource of conservation concern.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NY STATE LISTING	HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS
Side Oats Grama	<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> var. <i>curtipendula</i>	Endangered	Imperiled in NYS
Rotterdam Sand Springs, east of North Thompson Street, .5 mile east of the project alignment, 2005-08-09: The plants are in an old sand pit with bluffs on the south side curving around on the west side. Limey springs emanate from the base of these bluffs and run through the area forming wetlands that totals just over 12.4 acres. The wetland areas are principally <i>Phragmites</i> , but there are openings with large stands of <i>Equisetum variegatum</i> . In the sandy areas there is <i>Equisetum hyemale</i> , <i>Populus deltoides</i> , <i>Salix</i> sp., Russian olive, <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> , <i>Monarda fistulosa</i> , <i>Agalinis tenuiflora</i> .			

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Re: Champlain Hudson Power Express - Phase 2 - Package 6
County: Albany, Greene Town/City: Athens, Coeymans, Cossack, New Baltimore

Dear Nicole Frazer:

In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to the above project.

Enclosed is a report of rare or state-listed animals and plants, and significant natural communities that our database indicates occur along the project alignment or in its vicinity.

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Sincerely,



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The following state-listed animals have been documented along the Champlain-Hudson Power Express Phase 2 Package 6 alignment.

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For most of its route in the Town of Coxsackie, Greene County, the project alignment runs through the Coxsackie Flats, a state-significant Raptor Winter Concentration Area. The following birds have been documented wintering at Coxsackie Flats.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NYS STATE LISTING	FEDERAL LISTING
Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	Endangered	FEDERAL LISTING
Wintering			
Northern Harrier	<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	Threatened	
Wintering			

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NYS STATE LISTING	FEDERAL LISTING
King Rail	<i>Rallus elegans</i>	Threatened	
			15434
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Threatened	
			7092

Part of the project alignment in the Towns of Athens and Catskill in Greene County is within 5 miles of a documented location of the following species. Individual bats may travel 5 miles from documented locations.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NYS STATE LISTING	FEDERAL LISTING
Northern Long-eared Bat	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Threatened	
			14216

Part of the project alignment in the Towns of Bethlehem and Coeymans in Albany County is within 2.5 miles of a documented location of the following species. Individual bats may travel 2.5 miles from documented locations.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NYS STATE LISTING	FEDERAL LISTING
Indiana Bat	<i>Myotis sodalis</i>	Endangered	
			13608



The following rare plant has been documented near the Champlain-Hudson Power Express Phase 2 Package 6 alignment.

We recommend that potential impacts of the proposed project on these species or communities be addressed as part of any environmental assessment or review conducted as part of the planning, permitting and approval process, such as reviews conducted under SEQRA. Field surveys of the project site may be necessary to determine the status of a species at the site, particularly for sites that are currently undeveloped and may still contain suitable habitat. Final requirements of the project to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential impacts are determined by the lead permitting agency or the government body approving the project.

The following plant is listed as Endangered or Threatened by New York State, and so is a vulnerable natural resource of conservation concern.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NY STATE LISTING	HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS
Stiff Flat-topped Goldenrod	<i>Solidago rigida</i> var. <i>rigida</i>	Threatened	Imperiled in NYS
West Athens, large area from .2 to .5 mile west of project alignment, north and east of junction of County Route 28 (Schoharie Turnpike) and NY Route 9W, and east of a powerline, Town of Athens, Greene County, 2005-09-14: An old field, dominated by shrubs and herbs. Mostly flat, with wet and dry sections. Some purple loosestrife is invading in the wet areas. The area is dominated by <i>Aster dumosus</i> in October.			

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Re: Champlain Hudson Power Express - Phase 2 - Package 7
County: Greene Town/City: Catskill

Dear Nicole Frazer:

In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to the above project.

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The following state-listed animals have been documented along the Champlain-Hudson Power Express Phase 2 Package 7 alignment.

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The following species has been documented nesting at several locations in the Town of Catskill from .25 mile to one mile from the project alignment.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NY STATE LISTING	FEDERAL LISTING
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Threatened	
Breeding			

Part of the project alignment in the Towns of Athens and Catskill in Greene County is within 5 miles of a documented location of the following species. Individual bats may travel 5 miles from documented locations.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NY STATE LISTING	FEDERAL LISTING
Northern Long-eared Bat	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Threatened	Threatened
<i>Hibernaculum</i>			

The following species are found in the Hudson River, including at the southern terminus of this package of the project alignment.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NY STATE LISTING	FEDERAL LISTING
Shortnose Sturgeon	<i>Acipenser brevirostrum</i>	Endangered	Endangered
Atlantic Sturgeon	<i>Acipenser oxyrinchus</i>	No Open Season	Endangered

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Re: Champlain Hudson Power Express - Phase 2 - Package 7a
County: Rockland Town/City: Clarkstown, Haverstraw, Stony Point

Dear Nicole Frazer:

In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to the above project.

Enclosed is a report of rare or state-listed animals and plants, and significant natural communities that our database indicates occur along the project alignment or in its vicinity.

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The following state-listed animals have been documented along the Champlain-Hudson Power Express Phase 2 Package 7a alignment.

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For more information, including any permit considerations for the project, contact the NYSDEC Division of Environmental Permits.

The following species has been documented nesting within one mile of the project alignment, or closer, in several locations in the Towns of Stony Point, Haverstraw, and Clarkstown.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NYS STATE LISTING	FEDERAL LISTING
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Threatened	

Nesting within 125 yards of the project alignment in the Town of Stony Point.

Nesting within one mile of the project alignment in the Town of Haverstraw.

Nesting within 1/4 mile of the project alignment in the Town of Clarkstown, and within 200 yards of the southern entry of the alignment into the Hudson River.

Stony Point and the adjacent Hudson River are documented regular locations for wintering bald eagles.

The following species have been documented in the Hudson River, at both ends of the project alignment.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NYS STATE LISTING	FEDERAL LISTING
Shortnose Sturgeon	<i>Acipenser brevirostrum</i>	Endangered	Endangered
Atlantic Sturgeon	<i>Acipenser oxyrinchus</i>	No Open Season	Endangered

This stretch of the Hudson River has also been documented as supporting overwintering juvenile shortnose sturgeon.

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The following rare plants and significant natural communities have been documented along the Champlain-Hudson Power Express Phase 2 Package 7a alignment.

We recommend that potential impacts of the proposed project on these species or communities be addressed as part of any environmental assessment or review conducted as part of the planning, permitting and approval process, such as reviews conducted under SEQRA. Field surveys of the project site may be necessary to determine the status of a species at the site, particularly for sites that are currently undeveloped and may still contain suitable habitat. Final requirements of the project to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential impacts are determined by the lead permitting agency or the government body approving the project.

The following plants are listed as Endangered or Threatened by New York State, and are a vulnerable natural resource of conservation concern.

The following natural communities are considered significant from a statewide perspective by the NY Natural Heritage Program. Each community is either an example of a community type that is rare in the state, or a high-quality example of a more common community type. By meeting specific, documented criteria, the NY Natural Heritage Program considers these community occurrences to have high ecological and conservation value.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NY STATE LISTING	HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS
Oak-Tulip Tree Forest			Rare Community Type

3150 Adjacent to the project alignment south from the intersection of NYS Routes 9W and 303 in the Town of Clarkstown; then when the project alignment turns sharply from the road, it crosses through parts of the forest at it heads to the Hudson River, and the forest occupies the river shore at the alignment's entry to the river. This is a mature forest of moderate size with several nice, large tree patches within a roughly 1600 acre natural area (not including the adjacent river) along the west bank of the lower Hudson River.

The following natural community and rare plants occur at High Tor State Park on the ridge overlooking the project alignment. High Tor: Very diverse, good native species composition and moderate impact from trails. This occurrence is comprised of many small patches, regularly spaced along a diabase (traprock) ridge/line. There are few exotics. The landscape is relatively mature and in good condition.

Basil Mountain Mint	<i>Pycnanthemum clinopodioides</i>	Endangered	Critically Imperiled in NYS and Globally Rare 5186
High Tor, 2011-08-18: The plants are found on a south-facing slope in a rocky summit grassland and Appalachian oak-hickory forest (growing mainly in the woodland) on trap rock in the Palisades.			

Torrey's Mountain Mint	<i>Pycnanthemum torreyi</i>	Endangered	Critically Imperiled in NYS and Globally Rare 5134
High Tor, 2011-08-18: The plants are found on a south-facing slope in a rocky summit grassland and Appalachian oak-hickory forest (growing mainly in the woodland) on trap rock in the Palisades.			

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Information about many of the natural community types in New York, including identification, dominant and characteristic vegetation, distribution, conservation, and management, is available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at www.guides.nynhp.org. For descriptions of all community types, go to www.dec.ny.gov/animals/97703.html for Ecological Communities of New York State.

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Re: Champlain Hudson Power Express - Phase 2 - Package 8
County: Bronx, Queens Town/City: City Of New York

Dear Nicole Frazer:

In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to the above project.

We have no records of rare or state-listed animals or plants, or significant natural communities directly on the project alignment.

Within .5 mile of the project alignment in Bronx County is a documented nesting location of **Peregrine Falcon** (*Falco peregrinus*, NYS-listed as Endangered). For information about any permit considerations for your project, please contact the NYSDEC Division of Environmental Permits.

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Attachment 3

Summary of RTE Species and Significant Natural Communities Along Project Corridor

RTE Wildlife Species Documented along Project Corridor																				
Species	NYSDEC Mapped ESA #	Status	Overland Segments of Project Corridor																Suitable Habitat Present within LOW	AMM Measures
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Source		
Monarch Butterfly		Fed-Candidate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	USFWS Official Species Lists	All Segments	None required under Section 7 ESA.
Bald Eagle	ESA 1	NYS-T, Fed-MBT	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	NYSDEC Mapping; NYNHP Letters; USFWS Official Species List	Segments 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12	See Section 9.3 of the relevant EM&CPs.
Northern Long-eared Bat	ESA 9	NYS-T Fed-T	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NYNHP Letter; USFWS Official Species List; NYSDEC Mapping	Segments 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, and 11	See Section 9.3 of the relevant EM&CPs.
Timber Rattlesnake	ESA 14	NYS-T	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYSDEC Mapping; NYNHP Letters	Segments 1 and 3	See Section 9.3 of the relevant EM&CPs.
Eastern Sand Darter	ESA 2	NYS-T	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYSDEC Mapping; NYNHP Letters	None	100% Avoidance
Bridle Shiner		NYS-Unlisted, Imperiled in NYS	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	None	100% Avoidance
Umber Shadowdragon		NYS-Unlisted, Imperiled in NYS	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	None	100% Avoidance

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Species	NYSDEC Mapped ESA #	Status	Overland Segments of Project Corridor															Suitable Habitat Present within LOW	AMM Measures	
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15			Source
Short-eared Owl	ESA 12	NYS-E	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	NYSDEC Mapping; NYNHP Letters	Segment 10	See Section 9.3 of the relevant EM&CPs.
Northern Harrier	ESA 8	NYS-T	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	NYSDEC Mapping; NYNHP Letters	Segment 10	See Section 9.3 of the relevant EM&CPs.
Karner Blue Butterfly	ESA 5	NYS-E Fed-E	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYSDEC Mapping; NYNHP Letters; USFWS Official Species List	Segments 4 and 5	See Section 9.3 of the relevant EM&CPs.
Frosted Elfin	ESA 3	NYS-T	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYSDEC Mapping; NYNHP Letters; USFWS Official Species List	Segments 4 and 5	See Section 9.3 of the relevant EM&CPs.
Persius Duskywing	ESA 11	NYS-E	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYSDEC Mapping; NYNHP Letters	Segment 4	See Section 9.3 of the relevant EM&CPs.
Eastern Spadefoot		NYS-SC	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	None	100% Avoidance
Lyre-tipped Spreadwing		NYS-Unlisted, Imperiled in NYS	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	None	100% Avoidance
Spatterdock Darner		NYS-Unlisted, Imperiled in NYS	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	None	100% Avoidance

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Indiana Bat	ESA 4	NYS-EFed-E	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	NYSDEC Mapping; NYNHP Letters; USFWS Official Species List	Segments 9 and 10	See Section 9.3 of the relevant EM&CPs.
Least Bittern	ESA 7	NYS-T	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYSDEC Mapping; NYNHP Letters	None	100% Avoidance
King Rail	ESA 6	NYS-T	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	NYSDEC Mapping; NYNHP Letters	None	100% Avoidance
Shortnose Sturgeon	ESA 13	NYS-E Fed-E	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	NYSDEC Mapping; NYNHP Letters	None	100% Avoidance
Atlantic Sturgeon		NYS-Protected Fed-E	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	None	100% Avoidance
Peregrine Falcon	ESA 10	NYS-E	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	NYSDEC Mapping; NYNHP Letters	None	100% Avoidance
Piping Plover		Fed-T, NYS -T	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	USFWS Official Species List	None	100% Avoidance
Red Knot		Fed-T, NYS -T	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	USFWS Official Species List	None	100% Avoidance
Roseate Tern		Fed-E, NYS-E	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	USFWS Official Species List	None	100% Avoidance

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Source		
Hill's Pondweed	NYS-T	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	Segment 1	See Section 9.3 of the relevant EM&CP.
Lake Water Cress	NYS-T	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	No	100% Avoidance
Goldenseal	NYS-T	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	No	100% Avoidance
Side Oats Grama	NYS-E	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	Segments 6 and 7	Avoidance via HDD. See Section 9.3 of the relevant EM&CP.
Stiff Flat-topped Goldenrod	NYS-T	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	None	100% Avoidance
Basil Mountain Mint	NYS-E	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	None	100% Avoidance
Torrey's Mountain Mint	NYS-E	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	None	100% Avoidance
Seabeach Amaranth	Fed-T NYS-T	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	USFWS IpaC Official Species List	None	100% Avoidance

Significant Natural Communities Documented Along Project Corridor																		
Community	Overland Segments of the Project Corridor																Suitable Habitat Present Within LOW	AMM Measures
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Source		
Red Cedar Rocky Summit	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	None	100% Avoidance
Deep emergent Marsh	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	Segment 1	See Section 9.3 of the relevant EM&CP.
Silver Maple-Ash Swamp	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	Segment 1	See Section 9.3 of the relevant EM&CP.
Pitch Pine- Oak-Heath Rocky Summit	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	None	100% Avoidance
Pine Barrens Vernal Pond	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	None	100% Avoidance
Vernal Pool	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	None	100% Avoidance
Red Maple-Hardwood Swamp	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	Segments 4 and 5	See Section 9.3 of the relevant EM&CP.
Hemlock-Hardwood Swamp	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	None	100% Avoidance
Pitch Pine-Scrub Oak Barrens	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	None	100% Avoidance
Successional Northern Sandplain Grassland	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	Segments 4 and 5	See Section 9.3 of the relevant EM&CP.
Appalachian Oak-Pine Forest	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	Segments 4 and 5	See Section 9.3 of the relevant EM&CP.
Oak-Tulip Tree Forest	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	None	100% Avoidance
Rocky Summit Grassland	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	NYNHP letter	None	100% Avoidance