

26. Avoidance of Protected Lands – TNT Howard LLC – 8/12/26

A review conducted through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) EcoCAT system indicates that no state-listed threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the Project Area. One 9.4-acre Nature Preserve managed by the Kane County Forest Preserve District is located southwest of the Project boundary. However, this preserve is located at a sufficient distance from the development site and is not expected to be impacted by construction or operation of the proposed solar facility.

While the IDNR does not anticipate any adverse effects to protected lands, it recommends coordination with the Kane County Forest Preserve District as part of the local zoning and permitting process. This coordination will ensure that any concerns related to proximity to the Nature Preserve can be addressed proactively, if needed.

No Illinois Nature Preserves or registered Land and Water Reserves are present within or adjacent to the Project Area. The IDNR has concluded that adverse effects from the proposed project are unlikely. The IDNR Consultation Letter confirming these findings is included below for reference.



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Project: TNT Howard LLC
Address: Brookside Dr, Elgin

IDNR Project Number: 2417078
Date: 06/24/2024

Description: 5MW community solar project

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:

Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*)
Yellow-Headed Blackbird (*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*)

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:

41N, 8E, 8
41N, 8E, 17



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Disclaimer

The Illinois Natural Heritage Database cannot provide a conclusive statement on the presence, absence, or condition of natural resources in Illinois. This review reflects the information existing in the Database at the time of this inquiry, 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, compliance with applicable statutes and regulations is required.



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RE: TNT Howard LLC
Project Number(s): 2417078
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.

The Department recommends:

Establishing pollinator-friendly habitat as groundcover wherever feasible. Solar Site Pollinator Establishment Guidelines can be found here:
<https://dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/pollinatorscorecard.html>

The site should be de-compacted before planting.

Long term management of the site should be planned for prior to development to ensure successful native pollinator habitat establishment and prevent the spread of invasive species throughout the lifetime of this project. An experienced ecological management consultant should be hired to assist with long-term management.

Required fencing, excluding areas near or adjacent to public access areas, should have a 6-inch gap along the bottom to prevent the restriction of wildlife movement. Woven wire or a suitable habitat wildlife friendly fence should be used. Barbed wire should be avoided.

Trees should be cleared between November 1st and March 31st. All night lighting should follow IDA guidance.

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