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Re: Lake Shore Management - Little Silver Lake and Lake of the Lilies

Dear Mr. Merritt:

Thank you for your data request regarding rare species information for the above referenced project site in Point Pleasant Beach Borough, Ocean County.

Searches of the Natural Heritage Database and the Landscape Project (Version 2) are based on a representation of the boundaries of your project site in our Geographic Information System (GIS). We make every effort to accurately transfer your project bounds from the topographic map(s) submitted with the Request for Data into our Geographic Information System. We do not typically verify that your project bounds are accurate, or check them against other sources.

Neither the Natural Heritage Database nor the Landscape Project has records for occurrences of any rare wildlife species on or within 1/4 mile of the referenced site.

We have also checked the Natural Heritage Database for occurrences of rare plant species or ecological communities. The Natural Heritage Database has records for occurrences of *Artemisia campestris ssp. caudata* and *Myrtophyllum tenellum* that may be on the site and for *Limosella subulata* that may be on or in the immediate vicinity of the site and for *Schwalbea americana* that may be in the immediate vicinity of the site. The attached lists provide more information about these occurrences. Because some species are sensitive to disturbance or sought by collectors, this information is provided to you on the condition that no specific locational data are released to the general public. This is not intended to preclude your submission of this information to regulatory agencies from which you are seeking permits.

Also attached is a list of rare species and ecological communities that have been documented from Ocean County. If suitable habitat is present at the project site, these species have potential to be present.

Status and rank codes used in the tables and lists are defined in the attached EXPLANATION OF CODES USED IN NATURAL HERITAGE REPORTS.

The Natural Heritage Program reviews its data periodically to identify priority sites for natural diversity in the State. Included as priority sites are some of the State's best habitats for rare and endangered species and ecological communities. One of these sites is located within or near the areas you have outlined. Please refer to the enclosed Natural Heritage Priority Site Map for the location and boundary of this site. On the back of each Priority Site Map is a report describing the significance of the site.

If you have questions concerning the wildlife records or wildlife species mentioned in this response, we recommend that you visit the interactive I-Map-NJ website at the following URL, <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/gis/depsplash.htm> or contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife, Endangered and Nongame Species Program.

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED 'CAUTIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON NHP DATA'.