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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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December 9, 2008

Ms. Michele R. Martzke
Planning Resources, Inc.
402 West Liberty Drive
Wheaton, Illinois 60187

Dear Ms. Martzke:

This responds to your letter dated November 13, 2008 requesting information on endangered or threatened species for the proposed construction of an Urban Stream Research Center which include the removal of one dam. This proposed project is located at T39N, R9E, Section 35 in or near the City of Warrenville, DuPage County, Illinois as depicted on the map you enclosed.

Thank you for referencing the site location using GPS coordinates in decimal degrees as well as Township, Range, and Section number.

Eight wetlands are identified on-site all of low quality except wetland 5. This wetland exhibits a Native Mean C of 3.3 and a Floristic Quality Index of 21.0.

Additional information sent to this office on December 2, 2008 indicates that wetland 5 is situated southeast of Butterfield Road between Butterfield Road and the Prairie Path on the east side of the West Branch of the DuPage River. The research center building will be constructed north of Butterfield Road. No excavation will be performed within wetland 5. Wetland 5 was the recipient of previous restoration work due to past work on a nearby water main. This may account for the high floristic quality.

Based on the information provided in your submittal and a review of our records, we do not believe that any federally endangered or threatened species occur in the vicinity of the site. This conclusion is based on the best available information, including information in your submittal, the scientific and technical literature, and our own files. Newer information based on updated

surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of listed species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change the conclusion. This could become more likely if projects experience significant delays in implementation. Feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential presence of federally listed species.

These comments only address federally listed species. Please contact the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for information on State-listed species. Also, we may have the opportunity to review the project for a broader range of fish and wildlife impacts if it requires a Section 404 permit. We are willing to work with you in advance of formal submittal if it would help streamline the approval process.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Cathy Pollack at 847/381-2253 ext. 20, or Ms. Karla Kramer at 847/381-2253 ext. 12.

Sincerely,



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John D. Rogner
Field Supervisor