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## APPENDIX H

# New York State Natural Heritage Correspondence

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## NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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Justin Ames  
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Re: Riverside Sewage Treatment Plant  
County: Suffolk    Town/City: Southampton

Dear Justin Ames:

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 1 Office, Division of Environmental Permits, at [dep.r1@dec.ny.gov](mailto:dep.r1@dec.ny.gov).

Sincerely,



Heidi Kraehling  
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 the project, please contact the Permits staff at the NYSDEC Region 1 Office at [dep.r1@dec.ny.gov](mailto:dep.r1@dec.ny.gov), 631-444-0365.

**The following species has been documented within 1 mile (bachelor colony) and within 1.25 miles (maternity colony) of the project site.**

<i>COMMON NAME</i>	<i>SCIENTIFIC NAME</i>	<i>NY STATE LISTING</i>	<i>FEDERAL LISTING</i>
<b>Mammals</b>			
<b>Northern Long-eared Bat</b>	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Threatened	Threatened
<i>Bachelor colony -- Roost</i>			15854
<i>Maternity colony -- Roost</i>			15906
<i>Other non-winter location</i>			15515

This report only includes records from the NY Natural Heritage 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](http://www.guides.nynhp.org), and from NYSDEC at [www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7494.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7494.html).



**The following rare plants, rare animals, and significant natural communities have been documented at your 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 the status of a species at the site, particularly for sites that are currently undeveloped and may 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 of conservation concern to the state, and are considered rare by the New York Natural Heritage Program.**

<i>COMMON NAME</i>	<i>SCIENTIFIC NAME</i>	<i>NY STATE LISTING</i>	<i>HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS</i>
<b>Fish</b>			
<b>Atlantic Silverside</b>	<i>Menidia menidia</i>	Unlisted	Imperiled in NYS
Documented in the Peconic River, within 1/2 mile west of the project site. 2010-10-27.			15581

**The following significant natural community is considered significant from a statewide perspective by the NY Natural Heritage Program. By meeting specific, documented criteria, the NY Natural Heritage Program considers this community occurrence to have high ecological and conservation value.**

<i>COMMON NAME</i>	<i>HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS</i>
<b>Upland/Terrestrial Communities</b>	
<b>Pitch Pine-Oak Forest</b>	High Quality Occurrence of Rare Community Type
Documented within 1/4 mile of the project site. 2013: This is a very large sub-occurrence of pitch-pine oak forest located in a large barrens landscape recovering well from past disturbances and with an increasing influence of natural processes on its structure. It features the expected characteristic and inherent plant species, with invasive and exotic species cover of less than 1%. Its boundaries are adjoined by over 80% development or fragmenting features.	
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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.

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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](http://www.guides.nynhp.org). For descriptions of all community types, go to [www.nynhp.org/ecological-communities/](http://www.nynhp.org/ecological-communities/) for Ecological Communities of New York State.