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Barbara A. Folk
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Headquarters, United States Army Garrison, Fort Monmouth
Fort Monmouth, NJ 07703-5101

Re: Environmental Assessment for Implementation of the Base Realignment and Closure
Commission Recommendations at Fort Monmouth

Dear Ms. Folk:

We are in receipt of your request for information on the State's biological diversity at the above referenced site. The Natural Heritage Program can conduct a custom search of the Natural Heritage Database for your project site to identify records of rare or endangered species and natural communities. If you would like to request such a search, please complete, sign, and return or fax the enclosed Natural Heritage Data Request Form to the above address. The form includes explanations of our procedures and fees.

Sincerely,

Herbert A. Lord

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Data Request Specialist

Enclosure:
Natural Heritage Data Request Form



Natural Heritage Data Services



Established in 1984, the Natural Heritage Database is the state's most comprehensive, centralized source of information on rare plants, animals, and natural communities. The database is a compilation of information from a broad range of sources including museum and herbarium collection records, publications, knowledgeable experts, and fieldwork. It contains information collected by the Office of Natural Lands Management on rare plants, animals, and natural communities as well as data on rare animals provided by the Endangered and Nongame Species Program. The database is continuously updated and improved as new data is obtained. Information from this database is available to assist individuals in the preservation of habitat for rare species and natural communities.

Using the Database

Land-Use Planning

Resource planners can save time and money by referring to the database for comprehensive Natural Heritage data. By consulting the database early in the planning stages, planners can alleviate possible conflicts by determining whether the intended location for a given project includes known rare species occurrences. Municipalities and counties also can use the database information for inclusion in their natural resource inventories and open space plans.

Environmental Assessment and Permit Review

Database information can be used to plan and supplement field surveys that are conducted to assess impacts of projects on natural diversity. Reviewers of environmental impact statements and permit applications can consult the database to determine if impacts on known occurrences of protected species and communities have been assessed.

Natural Area Selection, Design, and Stewardship

Conservationists can use Natural Heritage data to identify the highest quality areas for natural diversity and those areas in most need of protection.

Information Available from Database

For any specified area in New Jersey, the Natural Heritage database can be searched for locational records of rare and endangered species and natural communities. The database contains thousands of locational records for rare and endangered plants, animals, and natural communities. The status of more than 750 plant and animal species and more than 50 natural communities are tracked by the database. This includes:

- Listed Federal Endangered Species
- Listed State Endangered Plant Species
- Listed State Endangered Wildlife
- Additional Plant Species of Concern
- Additional Nongame Animal Species
- Rare and Exemplary Natural Communities

To request data, write to the address below stating your data needs and include a completed Natural Heritage Data Request Form (see reverse side). Include the following information:

- Name and address of user or organization
- Type of data needed
- Copy of USGS quad with exact boundaries
- Explanation of how the information will be used

Time Frame for Response

Data requests are processed in the order in which they are received. The response time depends on the backlog at the time your request is logged in; however, the average turnaround time is 3-4 weeks. Due to the number of attachments, we cannot fax results. If you would like to have your response package returned by Federal Express, please include an account number with your request.

Fees

Fees are charged to cover the cost of providing data services. Minimum charge is \$20.00. Charges for searches exceeding one hour are charged in half-hour increments at \$20.00 per hour. A bill will be sent with the request response and payment should be made by check or money order payable to "Office of Natural Lands Management." A fee estimate can be given prior to initiating a search.

Send data requests to:

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22 South Clinton Avenue
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Fax No.: (609) 984-1427**



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PLEASE PRINT AND SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM WITH ATTACHMENTS TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE
(Fields shown in bold font must be completed in order for data request to be processed.)

1. Name: _____ Agency/Company: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Daytime Phone: _____ Ext.: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

2. Project Name: _____

Municipality(ies): _____ County(ies): _____

Block(s): _____ Lot(s): _____

N.A.D. 1983 State Plane Coordinates (feet) 6 digits only: _____ E (x): _____ N (y): _____

3. Project Description: _____

4. USGS Quad: _____ A copy of a USGS quad map(s) that clearly indicates the site boundary is included with this form. Specify name of USGS quad(s):

(USGS quad maps are required, unless prior arrangements have been made to submit site boundaries in an alternate format. Responses will be delayed if site locations are not delineated in a suitable format.)

5. Flood Hazard Control Act Use: Is this request submitted as part of a Flood Hazard Area Control Act rule (N.J.A.C. 7:13) application? Yes ___ No ___

6. Acknowledgement & Signature: Any material supplied by the Office of Natural Lands Management will not be published without crediting the Natural Heritage Database as the source of the material. It is understood that there will be a charge of \$20.00 per hour for the services requested. An invoice will be sent with the request response and payment should be made by check or money order payable to "Office of Natural Lands Management."

Signed _____ Date _____

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DATE RECEIVED _____

Item Code: REG ___ ST ___ RTC ___ NC ___ REGEO ___ STEO ___ RTCEO ___ NCEO ___

Hrs: _____

Project Code: _____ Inv. #: _____