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Dear Mr. Young:

In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to an Environmental Assessment for the proposed possible Wind Power Project - 6 Sites, as indicated on the maps you provided, located in the Counties of Chautauqua, Genesee and Erie.

PLEASE NOTE: We report known Avian and Bat Records within a 5-mile buffer of Wind Power Sites.

PLEASE NOTE: Arkwright Site #5 intersects Canadaway Creek Wildlife Management Area.


PLEASE NOTE: We found No Data at Sites #2 and #4.

Enclosed is a report of rare or state-listed animals and plants, significant natural communities, and other significant habitats, which our databases indicate occur, or may occur, on your site or in the immediate vicinity of your site. The information contained in this report is considered sensitive and may not be released to the public without permission from the New York Natural Heritage Program.

The presence of rare species may result in this project requiring additional permits, permit conditions, or review. 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 appropriate NYS DEC Regional Office, Division of Environmental Permits, at the enclosed address.

For most sites, comprehensive field surveys have not been conducted; the enclosed report only includes records from our databases. We cannot provide a definitive statement on the presence or absence of all rare or state-listed species or significant natural communities. This information should not be substituted for on-site surveys that may be required for environmental impact assessment.

Our databases are continually growing as records are added and updated. If this proposed project is still under development one year from now, we recommend that you contact us again so that we may update this response with the most current information.

Sincerely,

Heidi J. Krahling, Information Services
NY Natural Heritage Program

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