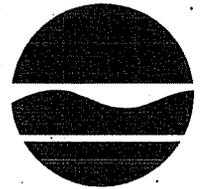


**APPENDIX H**

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
Division of Fish, Wildlife & Marine Resources  
New York Natural Heritage Program  
625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-4757  
Phone: (518) 402-8935 • FAX: (518) 402-8925



Alexander B. Grannis  
Commissioner

July 10, 2009

David Kennedy  
Vanasse Hangen Brustlin  
2150 Joshuas Path, Suite 300  
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

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 Residential Development - 'Avalon' at Huntington Station, site as indicated on the map you provided, located in the Town of Huntington, Suffolk County.

We have no records of known occurrences of rare or state-listed animals or plants, significant natural communities, or other significant habitats, on or in the immediate vicinity of your site.

The absence of data does not necessarily mean that rare or state-listed species, natural communities or other significant habitats do not exist on or adjacent to the proposed site. Rather, our files currently do not contain any information which indicates their presence. For most sites, comprehensive field surveys have not been conducted. For these reasons, we cannot provide a definitive statement on the presence or absence of rare or state-listed species, or of significant natural communities. This information should not be substituted for on-site surveys that may be required for environmental 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.

This response applies only to known occurrences of rare or state-listed animals and plants, significant natural communities and other significant habitats maintained in the Natural Heritage Data bases. Your project may require additional review or permits; 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.

Sincerely,  
*Tara Salerno*  
Tara Salerno, Information Services  
NY Natural Heritage Program

Enc.

cc: Reg. 1, Wildlife Mgr.



# New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

## Regional Permit Administrators

Region	Counties	Regional Permit Administrator
1	Nassau & Suffolk  FAX: 631-444-0360	Roger Evans NYSDEC 50 Circle Rd SUNY @ Stony Brook Stony Brook, NY 11790-3409 631-444-0365 631-444-0355 (Duty Analyst-M,W&F only)
2	New York City, (Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens & Staten Island)  FAX: 718-482-4975	John Cryan NYSDEC One Hunters Point Plaza 47-40 21st St. Long Island City, NY 11101-5407 718-482-4997
3	Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster & Westchester  FAX: 845-255-3042	Margaret Duke NYSDEC 21 South Putt Corners Rd. New Paltz, NY 12561-1620 845-256-3054
4	Albany, Columbia, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer & Schenectady  FAX: 518-357-2460	William Clarke NYSDEC 1130 North Westcott Rd. Schenectady, NY 12306-2014 518-357-2069
4(sub- office)	Delaware, Otsego & Schoharie  FAX: 607-652-2342	Kent Sanders* NYSDEC 65561 State Highway - Route 10 HCR #1, Box 3A Stamford, NY 12167-9503 607-652-7741
5	Clinton, Essex, Franklin & Hamilton  FAX: 518-897-1394	Thomas Hall NYSDEC Route 86, P.O. Box 296 Ray Brook, NY 12977-0296 518-897-1234
5(sub- office)	Fulton, Saratoga, Warren & Washington  FAX: 518-623-3603	Thomas Hall NYSDEC P.O. Box 220 232 Golf Course Rd. Warrensburg, NY 12885-0220 518-623-1281

6	Jefferson, Lewis & St. Lawrence  FAX: 315-785-2242	Larry Ambeau NYSDEC State Office Bldg. 317 Washington St. Watertown, NY 13601-3787 315-785-2245 or 2246
6(sub-office)	Herkimer & Oneida  FAX: 315-793-2748	Patrick Clearey* NYSDEC State Office Building 207 Genesee St. Utica, NY 13501-3787 315-793-2555
7	Cayuga, Madison, Onondaga & Oswego  FAX: 315-426-7425	John Feltman NYSDEC 615 Erie Blvd. West (Env. Permits Room 206) Syracuse, NY 13204-2400 315-426-7438
7(sub-office)	Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Tioga & Tompkins  FAX: 607-753-8532	Michael Barylski* NYSDEC 1285 Fisher Ave. Cortland, NY 13045-1090 607-753-3095
8	Chemung, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne & Yates  FAX: 585-226-2830	Peter Lent NYSDEC 6274 East Avon Lima Rd. Avon, NY 14414-9519 585-226-2466
9	Erie, Niagara & Wyoming  FAX: 716-851-7168	Steve Doleski NYSDEC 270 Michigan Ave. Buffalo, NY 14203-2999 716-851-7165
9(sub-office)	Allegany, Cattaraugus, & Chautauqua  FAX: 716-372-2113	Charles Cranston* NYSDEC Suite 3, 182 East Union Allegany, NY 14706-1328 716-372-0645

\*Deputy Regional Permit Administrator

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June 25, 2009

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Ref: 27656

Ms. Tara Salerno  
Information Services  
New York Natural Heritage Program  
New York State Department of  
Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Albany, New York 12233-4757

Re: Proposed Residential Development  
Avalon at Huntington Station  
North Side of East 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hamlet of Huntington Station, Town of Huntington  
Suffolk County, New York  
Suffolk County Tax Map Nos.: District 0400 - Section 104.04 - Block 01 - Lots 1 to 109, 112  
to 114 and 116 to 118

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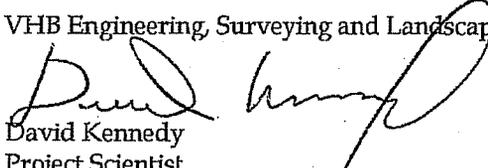
This firm is in the process of preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("DEIS") for a proposed 530-unit residential development ("Avalon at Huntington Station") at the above-referenced location. The proposed development would occur on a 26.5±-acre, undeveloped and mostly-wooded property situated on the north side of East 5<sup>th</sup> Street, between Lenox Road to the west, Park Avenue to the east and the Long Island Railroad tracks to the north, as illustrated on the attached topographic map and aerial photograph.

To ensure that the DEIS will address all significant issues, we are writing to ask whether there are any Heritage records of rare plants, animals and/or natural communities or significant wildlife habitats on, or proximate to, the subject site.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If additional information is required, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

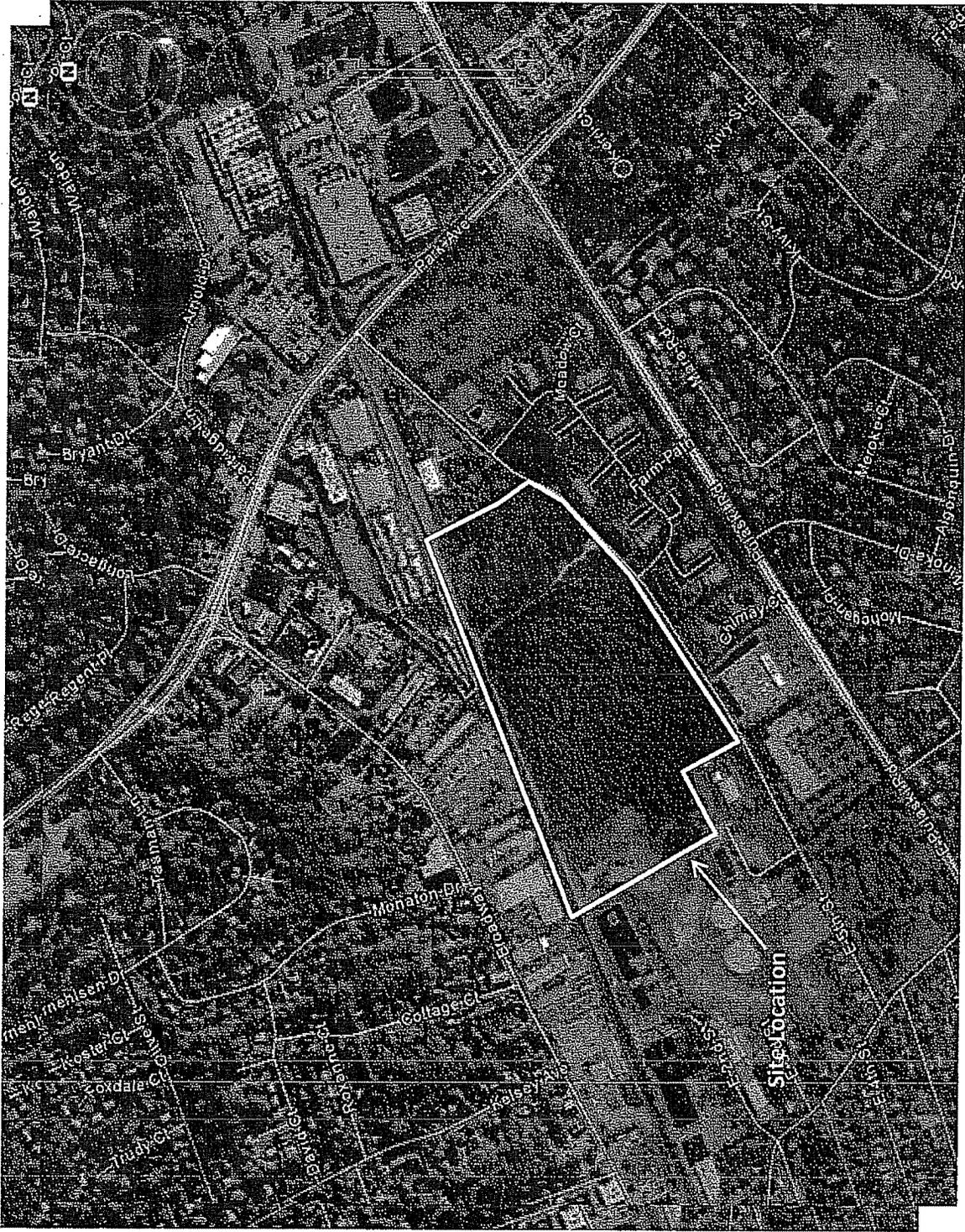
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USGS Topographic Map – Huntington Quadrangle



Site Location Map



**David Kennedy**

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Project Scientist

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Mr. Kennedy has delineated freshwater and tidal wetland boundaries under NYSDEC and local regulatory agency guidelines and conducted species inventories, habitat assessments and endangered/threatened species surveys under NYSDEC, NYNHP and USFWS guidelines.

Mr. Kennedy has performed over 25 Phase I Environmental Site Assessments at various locations. As part of the Phase I Assessments, he interprets information gathered from site inspections, municipal/historic records and database reviews in order to provide conclusions and recommendations regarding the environmental integrity of sites under study.

Further, Mr. Kennedy has carried out over 20 Phase II Environmental Site Assessments in conjunction with state and local regulatory agencies and has written and overseen 24 soil management plans for proposed cellular communication sites and residential developments.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**NYSDEC Fish and Wildlife Technician**

Performance of biological assessments, water quality evaluations, endangered species surveys and invasive species remediation projects as a Fish and Wildlife Technician for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

**Hydrogeologist**

Performance of groundwater monitoring and evaluation activities at federal, state and local government locations including the United States Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory facility.

**Visiting Scientist Position**

Performance of multi-disciplinary scientific research activities as a student (2003) and visiting scientist (2004) with The Nyanza Project, an international tropical lakes research program held annually at Lake Tanganyika, Tanzania, East Africa.

**Education**

MS, Geosciences, University of Arizona, 2005  
BS, *summa cum laude*, Environmental Science, Paul Smith's College, 2003  
Wetland Delineation Program, Rutgers University, 2007  
Vegetation Identification for Wetland Delineation, Rutgers University, 2007  
Hydrology of Wetlands, Rutgers University, 2007  
OSHA Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Training, 2006 & 2008.

**Mr. Kennedy is an Project Scientist with VHB. He became part of VHB as a result of the merger between Eschbacher VHB and Freudenthal & Elkowitz Consulting Group, Inc. (FECG). He conducts wetland delineations, ecological assessments, species inventories, Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments and soil management plans.**

**Publications**

Eggermont, H., Kennedy, D., Hasiotis, S.T., Verschuren D. & Cohen, A. 2008. Distribution of living larval Chironomidae (Insecta: Diptera) along a depth transect at Kigoma Bay, Lake Tanganyika: implications for palaeoenvironmental reconstruction. *African Entomology* 16(2): 162-184.

