

Appendix N-5
New York State Natural Heritage Program Correspondence

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Raymond Marino
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Re: The Preserve at Indian Hill Subdivision
County: Suffolk Town/City: Huntington

Dear Mr. Marino:

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.

Our database is 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.

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.

Sincerely,



Nicholas Conrad
Information Resources Coordinator
New York Natural Heritage Program

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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 or are candidates for federal listing.

For information about any permit considerations for the project, contact the NYSDEC Region 1 Office, Division of Environmental Permits, at dep.r1@dec.ny.gov.

A listing of Regional Office contacts is at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/558.html>.

The following species have been documented within .5 mile of the project site.

<i>COMMON NAME</i>	<i>SCIENTIFIC NAME</i>	<i>NY STATE LISTING</i>	<i>FEDERAL LISTING</i>	
Piping Plover <i>Breeding</i>	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	Endangered	Threatened	5811
Common Tern <i>Breeding</i>	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Threatened		7408
Least Tern <i>Breeding</i>	<i>Sternula antillarum</i>	Threatened		7508

This report only includes records from the NY Natural Heritage database.

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.

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, and from NYSDEC at www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7494.html.



**The following significant natural communities
have been documented in the vicinity of the project site.**

We recommend that potential impacts of the proposed project on these 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. 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 natural community is considered significant from a statewide perspective by the NY Natural Heritage Program. It is either an example of a community type that is rare in the state, or a high-quality example of a more common community type. By meeting specific, documented criteria, the NY Natural Heritage Program considers this community occurrence to have high ecological and conservation value.

COMMON NAME

HERITAGE CONSERVATION STATUS

High Salt Marsh

High Quality Occurrence of Uncommon Community Type

Salt marshes of Crab Meadow Park, as close as 300 yards from the project site: This is a large 242-acre well-developed high marsh within a 250-acre salt marsh complex. The marsh appears to be increasing in size.

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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. For descriptions of all community types, go to www.dec.ny.gov/animals/97703.html for Ecological Communities of New York State.