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RE: Natural Heritage Review of the proposed Tenant Farmer's House Removal,
T29N R29W, Section 30, T29N, R30W Section 25; Morrison County

Dear Diane Anderson,

As requested, the Minnesota Natural Heritage Information System has been queried to determine if any rare species or other significant natural features are known to occur within an approximate one-mile radius of the proposed project. Based on this query, rare features have been documented within the search area (for details, please visit the [Rare Species Guide Website](#) for more information on the biology, habitat use, and conservation measures of these rare species). Please note that the following rare features may be adversely affected by the proposed project:

Ecologically Significant Areas

- Charles A. Lindbergh State Park and some of the surrounding landscape are within an area Minnesota Biological Survey (MBS) has identified a Site of *Moderate* Biodiversity Significance. Sites of Biodiversity Significance have varying levels of native biodiversity and are ranked based on the relative significance of this biodiversity at a statewide level. Sites ranked as *Moderate* contain occurrences of rare species and/or moderately disturbed native plant communities, and/or landscapes that have a strong potential for recovery. This Site contains multiple DNR Native Plant Communities that are adjacent to the proposed project. Given the ecological significance of these areas, indirect impacts from surface runoff or the spread of invasive species should be considered and minimized during project construction.

State-listed Species

- Butternut (*Juglans cinerea*), a state-listed endangered plant, has been documented within Charles A. Lindbergh State Park. As mentioned in the information provided, this species does not occur within the project area or the nearby maintained picnic area. The nearest trees are 70 m away from the Tenant Farmer House and occur near the campground road, outside the project area. As such, no impacts to this species are anticipated. Please contact me if plans change and this species may be impacted.

Federally Protected Species

- To ensure compliance with federal law, conduct a federal regulatory review using the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) online [Information for Planning and Consultation \(IPaC\) tool](#).

Environmental Review and Permitting

- Please include a copy of this letter in any state or local license or permit application. Please note that measures to avoid or minimize disturbance to the above rare features may be included as restrictions or conditions in any required permits or licenses.

The Natural Heritage Information System (NHIS), a collection of databases that contains information about Minnesota's rare natural features, is maintained by the Division of Ecological and Water Resources, Department of Natural Resources. The NHIS is continually updated as new information becomes available, and is the most complete source of data on Minnesota's rare or otherwise significant species, native plant communities, and other natural features. However, the NHIS is not an exhaustive inventory and thus does not represent all of the occurrences of rare features within the state. Therefore, ecologically significant features for which we have no records may exist within the project area. If additional information becomes available regarding rare features in the vicinity of the project, further review may be necessary.

For environmental review purposes, the results of this Natural Heritage Review are valid for one year; the results are only valid for the project location (noted above) and the project description provided on the NHIS Data Request Form. Please contact me if project details change or construction has not occurred within one year as additional review may be required.

The Natural Heritage Review does not constitute review or approval by the Department of Natural Resources as a whole. Instead, it identifies issues regarding known occurrences of rare features and potential effects to these rare features. For information on the environmental review process or other natural resource concerns, you may contact your [DNR Regional Environmental Assessment Ecologist](#).

Thank you for consulting us on this matter, and for your interest in preserving Minnesota's rare natural resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samantha Bump". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light gray rectangular background.

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Cc: Melissa Collins