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David Ruff
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Re: Dutchess Shepherd LLC -- 6 Mulberry Street
County: Dutchess Town/City: Rhinebeck

Dear David Ruff:

In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to the above project.

We have no records of rare or state-listed animals or plants, or significant natural communities at the project site.

Within 3.5 miles of the project site is a documented winter hibernaculum of **Northern long-eared bat** (*Myotis septentrionalis*, state and federally listed as Endangered). The bats may travel five miles or more from documented locations. The main impact of concern for bats is the removal of potential roost trees. For information about any permit considerations for your project, please contact the Permits staff at the NYSDEC Region 3 Office, Division of Environmental Permits, at dep.r3@dec.ny.gov.

For most sites, comprehensive field surveys have not been conducted. We cannot provide a definitive statement on 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 resources may be required to fully assess impacts on biological resources.

For information regarding other permits that may be required under state law for regulated areas or activities (e.g., regulated wetlands), please contact the Permits staff at the NYSDEC Region 3 Office as described above.

Sincerely,



Heidi Krahlting
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New York Natural Heritage Program