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From: Ranalli, Nicole A <nicole_ranalli@fws.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2025 12:29 PM
To: Michael Ronco, PWS; Novak, Richard A
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] FW: PNDI-805812

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Michael,

Thank you for contacting our office concerning the negative phase 1 survey of September 3, 2024 for the Water Gap Wellness project. As a Qualified Bog Turtle Surveyor in Pennsylvania, your signature on the PNDI receipt serves as the USFWS response and concurrence that the project is not likely to result in take to bog turtles; thus, consultation is complete with the Service.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Thank you for your time,

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List of PA Qualified surveyors: <https://www.fws.gov/media/pennsylvania-qualified-surveyors>

From: Michael Ronco, PWS <mronco@barryisett.com>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2025 9:16 AM
To: Ranalli, Nicole A <nicole_ranalli@fws.gov>; Novak, Richard A <richard_novak@fws.gov>
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Nicole and Richard,

We are working on a project at Water Gap Wellness in Smithfield Township, Monroe County, PA. I previously ran the attached PNDI and did a Phase 1 Survey that determined absence of potential bog turtle habitat for wetlands

within 300 ft of the project area. Below and attached are the PNDI and Negative Phase 1 Survey Results by Qualified Bog Turtle Surveyor: USFWS Courtesy Copy that I submitted.

The township engineer reviewed the project and provided the attached Preliminary Land Development Plan Review No. 2 letter. Comment #30 (below) regards the PNDI and asks for USFWS clearance. Could you please reply or provide something to satisfy this comment? It would be appreciated.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Michael

30. In accordance with Section 1002.7.F, “natural areas containing rare or endangered plants as well as other features of natural significance exist throughout the Township. Some of been carefully documented (e.g., by the Statewide Natural Diversity Inventory), whereas only the general locations are known. Subdivision applicant/developers shall take all measures to protect significant natural areas and features either identified by the Township Potential Conservation Lands or by the applicant/developer’s Existing Resources and Site Plan by incorporating them into proposed conservation open space areas or avoiding them in areas proposed for development.” *A PNDI Search shall be completed and submitted*
Comment 26) A PNDI Receipt is provided with this submission and identifies further required by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Clearance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife shall be submitted upon receipt.

From: Michael Ronco, PWS
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 10:17 AM
To: ESPenn, IR1 <IR1_ESPenn@fws.gov>
Subject: PNDI-805812

Hello,

Please find attached the finalized and signed PNDI-805812 receipt and report of Negative Phase 1 Survey Results by Qualified Bog Turtle Surveyor: USFWS Courtesy Copy.

Sincerely,
Michael