March 13,2025

Recipient Name

Address | City, ST Zip Code

Re: Carleton Island Development – Endangered Species

Dear Mr. Boyer, Ms. Hart, Ms. Truskowski, and Ms. Iloff,

We have recently reviewed correspondence between the developer (and his representatives) and your organization. On March 12, 2024, the engineer for the project sent you the Full EAF and asked “We are writing to request information on the possible existence of threatened or endangered species within the above referenced project site. The project site was noted as containing species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered while completing the Full EAF.”

You responded on March 28th instructing that the developer “The applicant can voluntarily conduct tree cutting/removal for this project during the November 1 – March 31 time period to minimize impacts to endangered bat species.”

Instead of following that guidance, the applicant did extensive tree cutting and clearance in April 9, outside the window you permitted for such activity. While you did issue a Notice of Violation for failure to obtain a permit before clearing and excavating, the violation did not address the blatant disregard of your guidance on when it such work is permissible. This disregard of the protections you outlined to protect the environment is a further violation that should be documented and addressed.

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