

T&E Species – Process and Documentation

A complete PCN should include (paper and electronic):

- A copy of an IPaC Species List of T&E species;
 - ▶ Indiana bat found within approx. 40 miles from active hibernacula (except some urban areas);
 - ▶ NLEB in ALL counties in NYS;
 - ▶ Data updated by FWS regularly.
- A copy of response email/letter from NYNHP
 - ▶ OR printout of NYSDEC Env. Resource Mapper indicating NSP in vicinity**;
- Results of P/A or bridge surveys, if any.

** NSP - no records of species present when project site does not fall within an area displayed in the Rare Plants and Rare Animals layer



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A complete PCN should include (cont.):

- Completed Phase 1 Summer Habitat Assessment form;
 - ▶ Examples of unsuitable habitat:
 - Individual trees that are greater than 1000 feet from forested/wooded areas;
 - Urban street trees (trees found in highly-developed urban areas);
 - A pure (even-age) stand of living 5-inch dbh (Indiana bat) or 3-inch dbh (NLEB) trees (or less) that are not mixed with larger trees;
 - Apple orchards;
 - Buckthorn patches; and
 - Christmas tree stands that are actively managed.

<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/mammals/inba/inbasummersurveyguidance.html>



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A complete PCN should include (cont.):

- A discussion of suitable bat habitat within the project site, potential effects and conservation measures to minimize impacts;
 - ▶ Examples of conservation measures:
 - Avoidance of ‘good’ habitat (e.g. orange construction fencing);
 - Seasonal restriction for tree clearing activities.
- A completed Species Conclusion Table;
- A drawing showing the extent of tree clearing areas;
- Representative photographs of habitat to be cleared.

