

Attachment A

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Subject: Known occurrences of natural communities, plants and animals of highest priority conservation status on or near Albany Multimodal Transportation Center, Dougherty County, Georgia

Dear Mr. Sell:

This is in response to your request of June 3, 2014. According to our records, within a three-mile radius of the project site, there are the following Natural Heritage Database occurrences:

- Acipenser oxyrinchus desotoi* (Gulf Sturgeon) [EXTIRPATED] 0.4 mi. E of site in the Flint River
- GA *Alosa alabamae* (Alabama Shad) 0.4 mi. E of site in the Lower Flint River
- US *Amblema neislerii* (Fat Threeridge) [HISTORIC] 0.4 mi. E of site in the Flint River
- GA *Ameiurus serracanthus* (Spotted Bullhead) [HISTORIC] 0.4 mi. E of site in the Flint River
- GA *Cambarus cryptodytes* (Dougherty Plain Cave Crayfish) approx. 2.0 mi. S of site in Chameleon Springs
- GA *Cyprinella callitaenia* (Bluestripe Shiner) [HISTORIC] approx. 1.5 mi. NE of site in the Flint River
- GA *Elliptio arctata* (Delicate Spike) 0.4 mi. E of site in the Lower Flint River
- GA *Elliptio arctata* (Delicate Spike) approx. 2.0 mi. NE of site in the Lower Flint River
- Elliptio fraterna* (Brother Spike) 0.4 mi. E of site in the Lower Flint River
- Elliptio nigella* (Winged Spike) approx. 1.0 mi. SE of site in the Lower Flint River
- GA *Elliptio purpurella* (Inflated Spike) 0.4 mi. E of site in the Lower Flint River
- GA *Elliptio purpurella* (Inflated Spike) approx. 2.0 mi. NE of site in the Lower Flint River
- US *Elliptoideus sloatianus* (Purple Bankclimber) approx. 0.4 mi. E of site in the Lower Flint River
- US *Elliptoideus sloatianus* (Purple Bankclimber) approx. 2.0 mi. NE of site in the Lower Flint River
- US *Elliptoideus sloatianus* (Purple Bankclimber) approx. 2.0 mi. S of site in the Lower Flint River

US *Gopherus polyphemus* (Gopher Tortoise) approx. 1.0 mi. NE of site
 GA *Haideotriton wallacei* (Georgia Blind Salamander) [HISTORIC] approx. 2.0 mi. SW of site
 US *Hamiota subangulata* (Shinyrayed Pocketbook) [HISTORIC] approx. 1.5 mi. NE of site in the Flint River
 GA *Heterodon simus* (Southern Hognose Snake) [HISTORIC] approx. 0.5 mi. NE of site
 GA *Leitneria floridana* (Corkwood) [HISTORIC] approx. 1.0 mi. NW of site in Cooleewahee Creek
 US *Medionidus penicillatus* (Gulf Moccasinshell) [HISTORIC] 0.4 mi. E of site in the Flint River
 US *Pleurobema pyriforme* (Oval Pigtoe) [HISTORIC] 0.4 mi. E of site
Quadrula infucata (Sculptured Pigtoe) 0.4 mi. E of site in the Flint River
Quercus austrina (Bluff White Oak) approx. 1.0 mi. NE of site
 GA *Stylisma pickeringii* var. *pickeringii* (Pickering's Morning-glory) approx. 1.0 mi. E of site
 GA *Stylisma pickeringii* var. *pickeringii* (Pickering's Morning-glory) approx. 2.0 mi. E of site
 GA *Stylisma pickeringii* var. *pickeringii* (Pickering's Morning-glory) approx. 1.0 mi. NE of site
 FLINT RIVER GREENWAY [GDNR] approx. 0.5 mi. NE of site
 Greenspace [Dougherty County] approx. 0.5 mi. NE of site
 Greenspace [Dougherty County] approx. 2.0 mi. S of site
 Greenspace [Dougherty County] approx. 2.5 mi. S of site
 Flint River [High Priority Stream] 0.4 mi. E of site
 Kinchafoonee Creek [High Priority Stream] approx. 2.5 mi. N of site

* Entries above preceded by “US” indicates species with federal status in Georgia (Protected or Candidate). Species that are federally protected in Georgia are also state protected; “GA” indicates Georgia protected species.

Recommendations:

We have no records of high priority species or habitats within the project area. Since this project is in an urban setting, it is not likely to negatively impact rare species or habitats. Please use best management practices during construction and there should be minimal impact on the surrounding environment.

Disclaimer:

Please keep in mind the limitations of our database. The data collected by the Nongame Conservation Section comes from a variety of sources, including museum and herbarium records, literature, and reports from individuals and organizations, as well as field surveys by our staff biologists. In most cases the information is not the result of a recent on-site survey by our staff. Many areas of Georgia have never been surveyed thoroughly. Therefore, the Nongame Conservation Section can only occasionally provide definitive information on the presence or absence of rare species on a given site. Our files are updated constantly as new information is received. **Thus, information provided by our program represents the existing data in our**

files at the time of the request and should not be considered a final statement on the species or area under consideration.

If you know of populations of highest priority species that are not in our database, please fill out the appropriate data collection form and send it to our office. Forms can be obtained through our web site (<http://www.georgiawildlife.com/node/1376>) or by contacting our office. If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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Data Available on the Nongame Conservation Section Website

- Georgia protected plant and animal profiles are available on our website. These accounts cover basics like descriptions and life history, as well as threats, management recommendations and conservation status. Visit <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/node/2721>.
- Rare species and natural community information can be viewed by Quarter Quad, County and HUC8 Watershed. To access this information, please visit our GA Rare Species and Natural Community Information page at: <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/conservation/species-of-concern?cat=conservation>.
- Downloadable files of rare species and natural community data by quarter quad and county are also available. They can be downloaded from: <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/node/1370>.