



## Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission

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### Division of Environmental Services

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#### IN REPLY REFER TO

SIR# 52637

Lehigh Engineering Associates, Inc.  
Brian Gasda  
499 Riverview Road  
Walnutport, Pennsylvania 18088

**RE: Species Impact Review (SIR) – Rare, Candidate, Threatened and Endangered Species  
PNDI Search No. 697960\_1  
Waterfront Phase 2  
LEHIGH County: Allentown City**

Dear Brian Gasda:

This responds to your inquiry about a Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) Internet Database search “potential conflict” or a threatened and endangered species impact review. These projects are screened for potential conflicts with rare, candidate, threatened or endangered species under Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission jurisdiction (fish, reptiles, amphibians, aquatic invertebrates only) using the Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) database and our own files. These species of special concern are listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the Wild Resource Conservation Act, and the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Code (Chapter 75), or the Wildlife Code.

An element occurrence of a rare, candidate, threatened, or endangered species under our jurisdiction is known from the vicinity of the proposed project. However, given the nature of the proposed project, the immediate location, or the current status of the nearby element occurrence(s), no adverse impacts are expected to the species of special concern.

This response represents the most up-to-date summary of the PNDI data and our files and is valid for two (2) years from the date of this letter. An absence of recorded species information does not necessarily imply species absence. Our data files and the PNDI system are continuously being updated with species occurrence information. Should project plans change or additional information on listed or proposed species become available, this determination may be reconsidered, and consultation shall be re-initiated.

#### Our Mission:

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*To protect, conserve and enhance the Commonwealth's aquatic resources and provide fishing and boating opportunities.*

**If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact Kathy Gipe at 814-359-5186 and refer to the SIR # 52637.** Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this important matter of species conservation and habitat protection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Christopher A. Urban". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christopher A. Urban, Chief  
Natural Diversity Section

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