

## 1. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name: **Mt. Pocono North**

Date of Review: **12/6/2021 12:41:50 PM**

Project Category: **Development, New commercial/industrial development (store, gas station, factory)**

Project Area: **123.98 acres**

County(s): **Monroe**

Township/Municipality(s): **COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP**

ZIP Code:

Quadrangle Name(s): **TOBYHANNA**

Watersheds HUC 8: **Lehigh**

Watersheds HUC 12: **Stillwater Lake-Upper Tunkhannock Creek**

Decimal Degrees: **41.161203, -75.394014**

Degrees Minutes Seconds: **41° 9' 40.3312" N, 75° 23' 38.4519" W**



## 2. SEARCH RESULTS

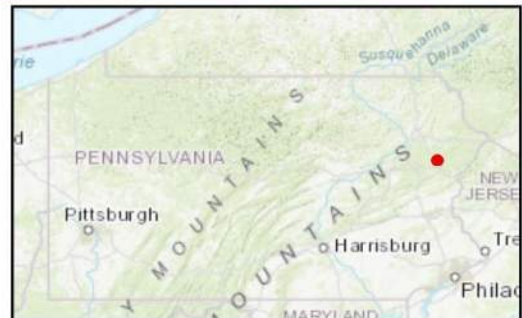
Agency	Results	Response
PA Game Commission	No Known Impact	No Further Review Required
PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	<b>Potential Impact</b>	<b>FURTHER REVIEW IS REQUIRED, See Agency Response</b>
PA Fish and Boat Commission	No Known Impact	No Further Review Required
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	No Known Impact	No Further Review Required

As summarized above, Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) records indicate there may be potential impacts to threatened and endangered and/or special concern species and resources within the project area. If the response above indicates "No Further Review Required" no additional communication with the respective agency is required. If the response is "Further Review Required" or "See Agency Response," refer to the appropriate agency comments below. Please see the DEP Information Section of this receipt if a PA Department of Environmental Protection Permit is required.

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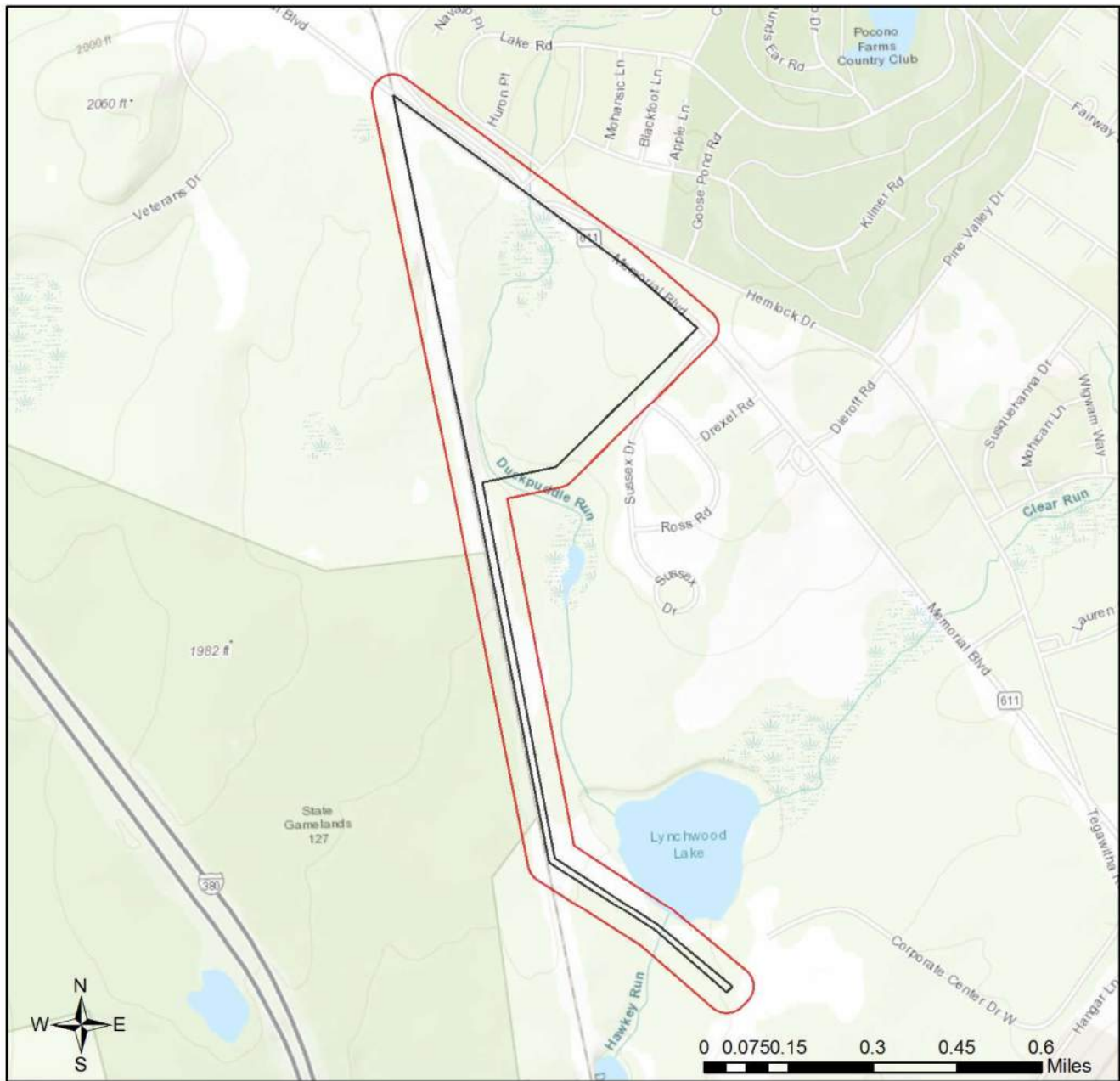




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-  Buffered Project Boundary



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## RESPONSE TO QUESTION(S) ASKED

**Q1:** Will the entire project occur within an existing building, parking lot, driveway, road, street, or maintained (periodically mowed) lawn?

**Your answer is:** No

**Q2:** The proposed project is in the range of the Indiana bat. Describe how the project will affect bat habitat (forests, woodlots and trees) and indicate what measures will be taken in consideration of this. Round acreages up to the nearest acre (e.g., 0.2 acres = 1 acre).

**Your answer is:** The project will affect 1 to 39 acres of forests, woodlots and trees.

**Q3:** Is tree removal, tree cutting or forest clearing of 40 acres or more necessary to implement all aspects of this project?

**Your answer is:** No

### 3. AGENCY COMMENTS

Regardless of whether a DEP permit is necessary for this proposed project, any potential impacts to threatened and endangered species and/or special concern species and resources must be resolved with the appropriate jurisdictional agency. In some cases, a permit or authorization from the jurisdictional agency may be needed if adverse impacts to these species and habitats cannot be avoided.

These agency determinations and responses are **valid for two years** (from the date of the review), and are based on the project information that was provided, including the exact project location; the project type, description, and features; and any responses to questions that were generated during this search. If any of the following change: 1) project location, 2) project size or configuration, 3) project type, or 4) responses to the questions that were asked during the online review, the results of this review are not valid, and the review must be searched again via the PNDI Environmental Review Tool and resubmitted to the jurisdictional agencies. The PNDI tool is a primary screening tool, and a desktop review may reveal more or fewer impacts than what is listed on this PNDI receipt. The jurisdictional agencies **strongly advise against** conducting surveys for the species listed on the receipt prior to consultation with the agencies.

#### PA Game Commission

##### RESPONSE:

No Impact is anticipated to threatened and endangered species and/or special concern species and resources.

#### PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

##### RESPONSE:

Further review of this project is necessary to resolve the potential impact(s). Please send project information to this agency for review (see WHAT TO SEND).

**DCNR Species:** (Note: The Pennsylvania Conservation Explorer tool is a primary screening tool, and a desktop review may reveal more or fewer species than what is listed below. After desktop review, if a botanical survey is required by DCNR, we recommend the DCNR Botanical Survey Protocols, available here:

<https://conservationexplorer.dcnr.pa.gov/content/survey-protocols>)

Scientific Name	Common Name	Current Status	Proposed Status	Survey Window
Carex oligosperma	Few-seeded Sedge	Threatened	Threatened	Fruits June - August
Glyceria obtusa	Blunt Manna-grass	Endangered	Endangered	Flowers July - August
Lycaena epixanthe	Bog Copper	Special Concern Species*	Special Concern Species*	One flight from June-September

#### PA Fish and Boat Commission

##### RESPONSE:

No Impact is anticipated to threatened and endangered species and/or special concern species and resources.

## U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

### RESPONSE:

No impacts to **federally** listed or proposed species are anticipated. Therefore, no further consultation/coordination under the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq. is required. Because no take of federally listed species is anticipated, none is authorized. This response does not reflect potential Fish and Wildlife Service concerns under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act or other authorities.

\* Special Concern Species or Resource - Plant or animal species classified as rare, tentatively undetermined or candidate as well as other taxa of conservation concern, significant natural communities, special concern populations (plants or animals) and unique geologic features.

\*\* Sensitive Species - Species identified by the jurisdictional agency as collectible, having economic value, or being susceptible to decline as a result of visitation.

## WHAT TO SEND TO JURISDICTIONAL AGENCIES

**If project information was requested by one or more of the agencies above**, upload\* or email the following information to the agency(s) (see AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION). Instructions for uploading project materials can be found [here](#). This option provides the applicant with the convenience of sending project materials to a single location accessible to all three state agencies (but not USFWS).

\*If information was requested by USFWS, applicants must email, or mail, project information to [IR1\\_ESPenn@fws.gov](mailto:IR1_ESPenn@fws.gov) to initiate a review. USFWS will not accept uploaded project materials.

### Check-list of Minimum Materials to be submitted:

\_\_\_ Project narrative with a description of the overall project, the work to be performed, current physical characteristics of the site and acreage to be impacted.

\_\_\_ A map with the project boundary and/or a basic site plan (particularly showing the relationship of the project to the physical features such as wetlands, streams, ponds, rock outcrops, etc.)

**In addition to the materials listed above, USFWS REQUIRES the following**

\_\_\_ **SIGNED** copy of a Final Project Environmental Review Receipt

### The inclusion of the following information may expedite the review process.

\_\_\_ Color photos keyed to the basic site plan (i.e. showing on the site plan where and in what direction each photo was taken and the date of the photos)

\_\_\_ Information about the presence and location of wetlands in the project area, and how this was determined (e.g., by a qualified wetlands biologist), if wetlands are present in the project area, provide project plans showing the location of all project features, as well as wetlands and streams.

## 4. DEP INFORMATION

The Pa Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requires that a signed copy of this receipt, along with any required documentation from jurisdictional agencies concerning resolution of potential impacts, be submitted with applications for permits requiring PNDI review. Two review options are available to permit applicants for handling PNDI coordination in conjunction with DEP's permit review process involving either T&E Species or species of special concern. Under sequential review, the permit applicant performs a PNDI screening and completes all coordination with the appropriate jurisdictional agencies prior to submitting the permit application. The applicant will include with its application, both a PNDI receipt and/or a clearance letter from the jurisdictional agency if the PNDI Receipt shows a Potential Impact to a species or the applicant chooses to obtain letters directly from the jurisdictional agencies. Under concurrent review, DEP, where feasible, will allow technical review of the permit to occur concurrently with the T&E species consultation with the jurisdictional agency. The applicant must still supply a copy of the PNDI Receipt with its permit application. The PNDI Receipt should also be submitted to the appropriate agency according to directions on the PNDI Receipt. The applicant and the jurisdictional agency will work together to resolve the potential impact(s). See the DEP PNDI policy at <https://conservationexplorer.dcnr.pa.gov/content/resources>.

## 5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The PNDI environmental review website is a preliminary screening tool. There are often delays in updating species status classifications. Because the proposed status represents the best available information regarding the conservation status of the species, state jurisdictional agency staff give the proposed statuses at least the same consideration as the current legal status. If surveys or further information reveal that a threatened and endangered and/or special concern species and resources exist in your project area, contact the appropriate jurisdictional agency/agencies immediately to identify and resolve any impacts.

For a list of species known to occur in the county where your project is located, please see the species lists by county found on the PA Natural Heritage Program (PNHP) home page ([www.naturalheritage.state.pa.us](http://www.naturalheritage.state.pa.us)). Also note that the PNDI Environmental Review Tool only contains information about species occurrences that have actually been reported to the PNHP.

## 6. AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

### PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Bureau of Forestry, Ecological Services Section  
400 Market Street, PO Box 8552  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8552  
Email: [RA-HeritageReview@pa.gov](mailto:RA-HeritageReview@pa.gov)

### PA Fish and Boat Commission

Division of Environmental Services  
595 E. Rolling Ridge Dr., Bellefonte, PA 16823  
Email: [RA-FBPACENOTIFY@pa.gov](mailto:RA-FBPACENOTIFY@pa.gov)

### U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Pennsylvania Field Office  
Endangered Species Section  
110 Radnor Rd; Suite 101  
State College, PA 16801  
Email: [IR1\\_ESPenn@fws.gov](mailto:IR1_ESPenn@fws.gov)  
NO Faxes Please

### PA Game Commission

Bureau of Wildlife Habitat Management  
Division of Environmental Planning and Habitat Protection  
2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9797  
Email: [RA-PGC\\_PNDI@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PGC_PNDI@pa.gov)  
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## 7. PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION

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## 8. CERTIFICATION

I certify that ALL of the project information contained in this receipt (including project location, project size/configuration, project type, answers to questions) is true, accurate and complete. In addition, if the project type, location, size or configuration changes, or if the answers to any questions that were asked during this online review change, I agree to re-do the online environmental review.

1-6-2022

applicant/project proponent signature

date

January 4, 2022

**PNDI Number: 726289**

Version: Final\_1; 12/6/21

**Michael Hartman**  
**dH Enterprises**  
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**Re: Mt. Pocono North**  
**Coolbaugh Township, Monroe County, PA**

Add notes

Dear Michael Hartman,

Thank you for the submission of your field survey for Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) Environmental Review Receipt Number **726289 (Final\_1)** for review. PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources screened this project for potential impacts to species and resources under DCNR's responsibility, which includes plants, terrestrial invertebrates, natural communities, and geologic features only.

#### **No Impact Anticipated per Habitat Avoidance**

PNDI records indicate species or resources under DCNR's jurisdiction are located in the vicinity of the project. A survey was conducted by Janet Ebert and Jack Holt on September 12, 2021. No species of concern were found in the project area, however a large, high quality wetland complex was found in the northern part of the property. Direct and indirect disturbance to this habitat should avoided to the greatest extent practicable. With the addition of these measures, DCNR has determined that no impact is likely. No further coordination with our agency is needed for this project.

#### **Recommended Actions:**

- Use a conservative project design that minimizes the area of disturbance to soil and native vegetation. This will conserve habitat and limit opportunities for invasive species
- Clean boot treads, construction equipment, and vehicles thoroughly (especially the undercarriage and wheels) before they are brought on site. This will remove invasive plant seeds and invasive earthworms/cocoons that may have been picked up at other sites.
- Do not transport unsterilized leaves, mulch, compost, or soil to the site from another location.
- Revegetate or cover disturbed soil and soil stockpiles as soon as possible to discourage the germination of invasive plants. Implement proper erosion control practices to stabilize soil and reduce runoff.
- Do not use seed mixes that include invasive species. Please also use weed-free straw or hay mixes. More information about invasive species in Pennsylvania can be found at the following link:  
<http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/WildPlants/InvasivePlants/Pages/default.aspx>
- Use habitat appropriate seed mixes. For example, when reseeding along a waterway, utilize a riparian seed mix. The Bureau of Forestry Planting & Seeding Guidelines can be found here for recommendations:  
[http://www.docs.dcnr.pa.gov/cs/groups/public/documents/document/dcnr\\_20031083.pdf](http://www.docs.dcnr.pa.gov/cs/groups/public/documents/document/dcnr_20031083.pdf)
- **Use native plants for landscaping, revegetation, and stormwater management. Do not use nonnative invasive species. Reduce the area of lawn and impermeable surfaces to the fullest extent practicable in favor of native gardens or native habitat restoration (e.g., forest, meadow, wetland, etc.).**

- Report occurrences of invasive species to iMapInvasives at <https://www.imapinvasives.org/>. Focus on large infestations and species that are not yet well established in the region or in Pennsylvania (<https://www.paimapinvasives.org/be-on-the-lookout>).

**Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Alexander Dogonniuck, Ecological Information Specialist, by phone (717-783-3913) or via email (c-alogonni@pa.gov).**

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Podnieszinski". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

Greg Podnieszinski, Section Chief  
Natural Heritage Section

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