

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**District Department of the Environment**



**FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE DIVISION**

United States Department of the Interior  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Attn: Mr. John Pitzecker, Superintendent  
National Mall & Memorial Parks  
900 Ohio Drive, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20024

October 12, 2010

Dear Mr. Pitzecker:

The District Department of the Environment (DDOE), Fisheries and Wildlife Division has reviewed the NATIONAL PARK'S SERVICE (NPS) request for information regarding rare, threatened, and endangered species with respect to NPS's National Mall turf and soil reconstruction project. DDOE finds that according to data derived from the District's Wildlife Action Plan 2006 (WAP), that no species of greatest conservation need (SGCN) inhabit nor are likely to inhabit the project areas described by NPS.

Additionally, according to the WAP, the proposed project areas do not harbor any species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA), species or ecological communities classified by NatureServe as G1 (critically imperiled) or G2 (imperiled), nor are any such species likely to occur on any of the sites described by NPS due to lack of suitable habitats and insufficient nearby habitat preferences.

Please be advised that this correspondence in no way precludes, supersedes, or circumvents any other permits or processes that may be required by the District of Columbia or any other permitting body to perform work within in the District.

For more information please contact me by phone at (202) 997-9607 or via email at [bryan.king@dc.gov](mailto:bryan.king@dc.gov).

Sincerely,

Bryan D. King  
Associate Director

