

***Attachment E***

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January 18, 2005

Mr. David A. Stilwell  
US Fish & Wildlife Service  
3817 Luker Road  
Cortland, NY 13045

Dear Mr. Stilwell:

Re: Request for Information on Protected Species and Habitats of Concern Within A  
One-mile Radius of the Tallman Island Water Pollution Control Plant in Queens,  
New York.

Telephone  
212.798.8500

TAMS Consultants, Inc., *an Earth Tech Company*, is preparing an Environmental  
Assessment Statement (EAS) for the proposed upgrade to the Tallman Island Water  
Pollution Control Plant in Queens, New York. The plant is currently owned and operated  
by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

Facsimile  
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As part of the EAS process, we hereby request all available information on protected  
species and habitats of concern within a one-mile distance of the plant. The plant is  
bordered by Long Island Sound to the north and Powell Cove to the east. Enclosed please  
find a copy of the Flushing USGS quadrangle that identifies the plant's location.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



John Rollino  
Ecologist

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# United States Department of the Interior

## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

3817 Luker Road  
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January 27, 2005

Mr. John Rollino  
Ecologist  
Earth Tech  
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New York, NY 10281

Dear Mr. Rollino:

This responds to your correspondence of January 18, 2005, requesting information on the presence of endangered or threatened species and significant habitats in the vicinity of the proposed upgrade of the Tallman Island Water Pollution Control Plant, Queens County, New York.

Except for occasional transient individuals, no Federally-listed or proposed endangered or threatened species under our jurisdiction are known to exist in the project impact area. In addition, no habitat in the project impact area is currently designated or proposed "critical habitat" in accordance with provisions of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). Therefore, no further ESA coordination or consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is required. Should project plans change, or additional information on listed species or critical habitat becomes available, this determination may be reconsidered. The most recent compilation of Federally-listed and proposed endangered and threatened species in New York\* is available for your information. If your project is not completed within one year from the date of this determination, we recommend that you contact us to ensure that the listed species presence/absence information for your proposed project is current.

The above comments pertaining to endangered or threatened species under our jurisdiction are provided pursuant to the ESA. This response does not preclude additional Service comments under other legislation.

Federally-listed endangered and threatened marine species may be found near the project area. These species are under the jurisdiction of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration/Fisheries (NOAA/F). You should contact Mr. Stanley Gorski, Habitat Conservation Division, Field Offices Supervisor, NOAA/F, James J. Howard Marine Sciences Laboratory, 74 Magruder Road, Highlands, NJ 07732, for additional information (telephone: [732] 872-3037).

For additional information on fish and wildlife resources or State-listed species, we suggest you contact the appropriate New York State Department of Environmental Conservation regional office(s), \* and:

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
New York Natural Heritage Program Information Services  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233-4757  
(518) 402-8935

Work in certain waters of the United States, including wetlands, may require a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). If a permit is required, in reviewing the application pursuant to the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, the Service may concur, with or without recommending additional permit conditions, or recommend denial of the permit depending upon potential adverse impacts on fish and wildlife resources associated with project construction or implementation. The need for a Corps permit may be determined by contacting Mr. Michael Vissichelli, Eastern Permits Section, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, Jacob K. Javits Federal Building, New York, NY 10278-0090, for additional information (telephone: [212] 264-3564).

If you require additional information or assistance please contact Jill Olin of our Long Island Field Office at (631) 581-2941.

Sincerely,



David A. Stilwell  
Field Supervisor

\* Additional information referred to above may be found at our website at:  
<http://nyfo.fws.gov/es/esdesc.htm>.

cc: NYSDEC, Long Island City, NY (Environmental Permits)  
NYSDEC, Albany, NY (Natural Heritage Program)  
COE, New York, NY  
NOAA/F, Highlands, NJ (Attn: S. Gorski)  
NOAA/F, Milford, CT (Attn: M. Ludwig)

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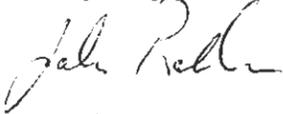
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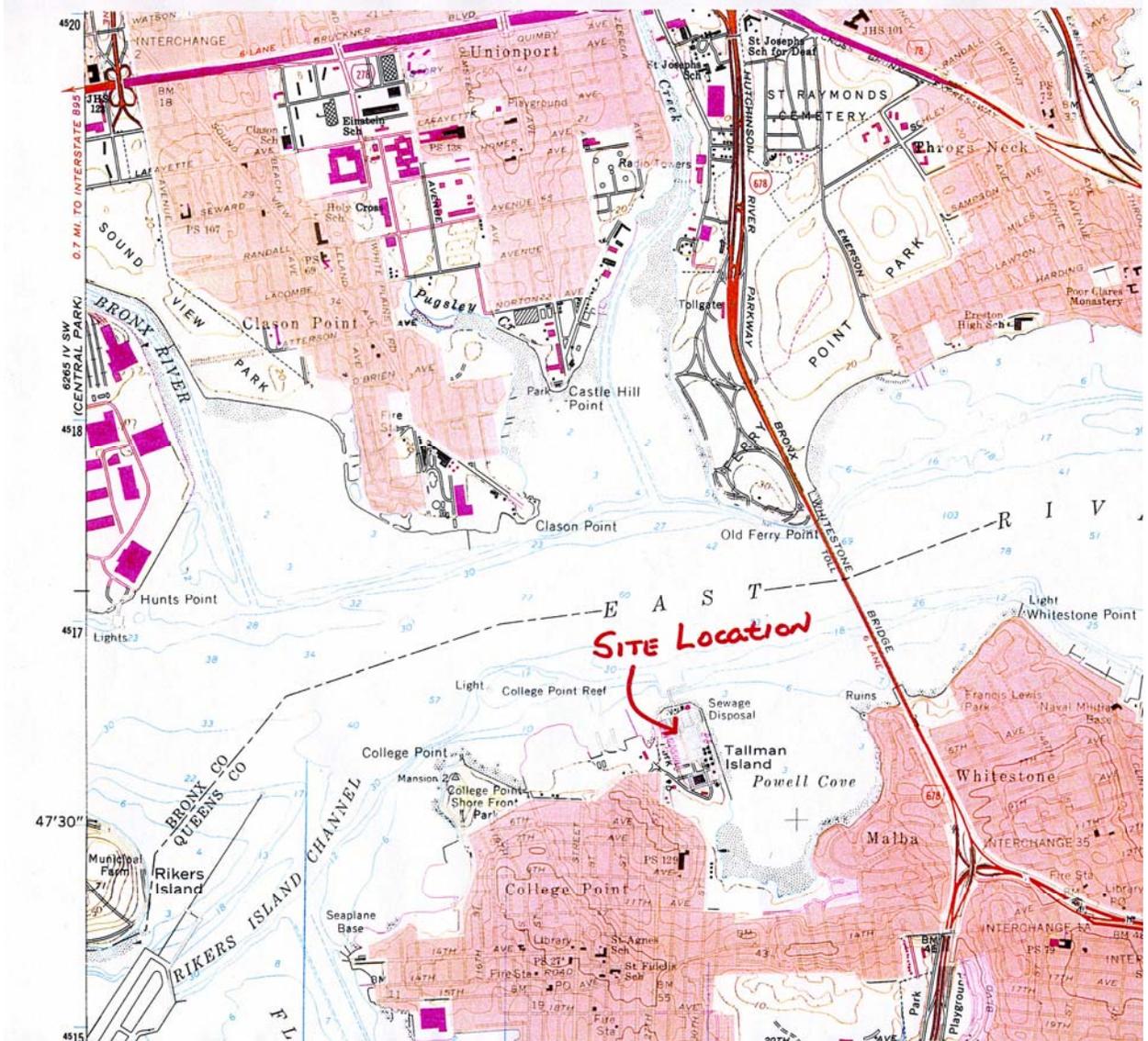
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Source: USGS Maps - Flushing Quadrangle