

**Appendix F-2
New York State Natural Heritage Program Correspondence**

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Commissioner

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Dear Ms. Pomi-Urbat:

In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to the proposed single family subdivision at the St. Ignatius property located at 251 Seasingtown Road, Village of North Hills, Town of North Hempstead, Nassau County.

We have no recent records of rare or state-listed animals or plants, or of significant natural communities, at this site or in its immediate vicinity.

Our database does have a historical record of a rare plant in the area of the project site: in 1928, **Yellow Giant-hyssop** (*Agastache nepetoides*, listed by NYS as Threatened) was collected from "Roslyn, edge of woods, hilly rich woods". We do not know the precise location of this collection, we have no recent information on this population, and there is uncertainty regarding its continued presence. We provide this information for your general reference. While its current status is not known, if suitable habitat for this plant is present in the vicinity of the project site, it is possible that it may still be found there. We recommend that any field surveys to the site include a search for this species, particularly at sites that are currently undeveloped and may still contain suitable habitat. If any rare plants or animals are documented during site visits, we request that information on the observations be provided to the New York Natural Heritage Program so that we may update our database.

Information about many of the rare animals and plants in New York, including habitat, biology, identification, conservation, and management, are available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at www.guides.nynhp.org, from NatureServe Explorer at <http://www.natureserve.org/explorer>, and from USDA's Plants Database at <http://plants.usda.gov/index.html> (for plants).

For most sites, comprehensive field surveys have not been conducted; the above information only includes records from our databases. We cannot provide a definitive statement as to the presence or absence of all rare or state-listed species or significant natural communities. Depending on the nature of the project and the conditions at the project site, further information from on-site surveys or other resources may be required to fully assess impacts on biological resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Conrad". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

Nicholas Conrad
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New York Natural Heritage Program