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The Service has reviewed the bog turtle (*Glyptemys muhlenbergii*, threatened) Phase 1 survey results, dated May 27, 2022 that were submitted to this office in regard to the proposed construction by BHT properties of an office building, an equipment and material storage facility, and six infiltration basins in Andover township, Sussex County, New Jersey

The Service concurs with the survey results showing that bog turtle habitat is not present in Wetlands A, B, C, D, and E. Based on the survey results, the Service concurs with the determination that the proposed project is not likely to adversely affect bog turtle in these wetlands. The negative surveys will be considered valid for 5 years from the date of the first survey.

Thank you!

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