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The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) database determined that one endangered species, three threatened species, one proposed endangered species, and two proposed threatened species may be located within the boundaries of the proposed project area.

Table 1. Endangered, Threatened, and Proposed Species Identified by IPaC (USFWS)

Species	Status	Habitat	Effects Determination
Pondberry (*Lindera melissifolia*)	Endangered	wetland habitats, low-lying areas	No Effect
Eastern Black Rail (*Lateralllus jamaicensis ssp.jamaicensis*)	Threatened	dense, moist, shallow flooded marsh areas	No Effect
Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*)	Threatened	open sandy or gravel beaches or shorelines	No Effect
Rufa Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*)	Threatened	coastal, sandbars, or shoals	No Effect
Tricolored Bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*)	Proposed Endangered	forested areas, rock crevices, tree cavities, buildings	No Jeopardy
Alligator Snapping Turtle (*Macrochelys temminckii*)	Proposed Threatened	deep water of slow-moving rivers, swamps, and ponds	No Jeopardy
Monarch Butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*)	Proposed Threatened	milkweed plants, prairies, meadows, fields	No Jeopardy

Based on the lack of suitable habitat and the distance to known species, the proposed project will have no effect on all listed species (pondberry, eastern black rail, piping plover, and rufa red knot). The Alligator Snapping Turtle and Monarch Butterfly are currently a proposed threatened species, and the Tricolored Bat is a proposed endangered species; however, the proposed project will not jeopardize the continued existence of these species. If one of the proposed species becomes actively listed before impacts of the project occur, concurrence through USFWS will need to be obtained and restrictions for that species will need to be followed. The proposed project will not impact critical habitat for any listed species.

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Project Code: 2026-0139638
Project Name: Queensway Industrial Site Lot 1

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological

evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/endangered-species-consultation-handbook.pdf

Migratory Birds: In addition to responsibilities to protect threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), there are additional responsibilities under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) to protect native birds from project-related impacts. Any activity resulting in take of migratory birds, including eagles, is prohibited unless otherwise permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)). For more information regarding these Acts see https://www.fws.gov/program/migratory-bird-permit/what-we-do.

It is the responsibility of the project proponent to comply with these Acts by identifying potential impacts to migratory birds and eagles within applicable NEPA documents (when there is a federal nexus) or a Bird/Eagle Conservation Plan (when there is no federal nexus). Proponents should implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize the production of project-related stressors or minimize the exposure of birds and their resources to the project-related stressors. For more information on avian stressors and recommended conservation measures see https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/threats-birds.

In addition to MBTA and BGEPA, Executive Order 13186: *Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds*, obligates all Federal agencies that engage in or authorize activities that might affect migratory birds, to minimize those effects and encourage conservation measures that will improve bird populations. Executive Order 13186 provides for the protection of both migratory birds and migratory bird habitat. For information regarding the implementation of Executive Order 13186, please visit https://www.fws.gov/partner/council-conservation-migratory-birds.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Code in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List

OFFICIAL SPECIES LIST

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Code: 2026-0139638
Project Name: Queensway Industrial Site Lot 1
Project Type: Commercial Development
Project Description: City of Searcy ball fields and sports complex being sold.
Project Location:

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: https://www.google.com/maps/@35.231712400000006,-91.72511713836685,14z



Counties: White County, Arkansas

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SPECIES

There is a total of 7 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries[1], as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

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1. NOAA Fisheries, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

MAMMALS

NAME	STATUS
Tricolored bat *Perimyotis subflavus* No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10515	Proposed Endangered

BIRDS

NAME	STATUS
Eastern Black rail *Laterallus jamaicensis jamaicensis* No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10477	Threatened
Piping Plover *Charadrius melodus* Population: [Atlantic Coast and Northern Great Plains populations] - Wherever found, except those areas where listed as endangered. There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6039	Threatened
rufa red knot *Calidris canutus rufa* There is **proposed** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1864	Threatened

REPTILES

NAME	STATUS
Alligator snapping turtle *Macrochelys temminckii* No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4658	Proposed Threatened

INSECTS

NAME	STATUS
Monarch butterfly *Danaus plexippus* There is **proposed** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743	Proposed Threatened

FLOWERING PLANTS

NAME	STATUS
Pondberry *Lindera melissifolia* No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1279	Endangered

CRITICAL HABITATS

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO DETERMINE IF YOUR PROJECT(S) MAY HAVE EFFECTS ON ALL ABOVE LISTED SPECIES.

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Project Name: Queensway Industrial Site Lot 1

Subject:

Dear Bill Bailey:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) received on **August 31, 2026** your effect determination(s) for the 'Queensway Industrial Site Lot 1' (the Action) using the Arkansas DKey within the Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) system. The Service developed this system in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (87 Stat.884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Based on the answers provided, the proposed Action is consistent with a determination of “no effect” for the following species as outlined in the Service’s Arkansas Determination Key for project review and guidance for federally listed species.

Species	**Listing Status**	**Determination**
Eastern Black rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis jamaicensis*)	Threatened	No effect
Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*)	Threatened	No effect
Pondberry (*Lindera melissifolia*)	Endangered	No effect
rufa red knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*)	Threatened	No effect

Status

Coordination with the Arkansas Ecological Services Office is complete. Thank you for considering Federally listed species during your project planning.

The Service recommends that your agency contact the Arkansas Ecological Services Field Office or re-evaluate this key in IPaC if: 1) the scope, timing, duration, or location of the proposed project changes, 2) new information reveals the action may affect listed species or designated critical habitat; 3) a new species is listed or critical habitat designated. If any of the above conditions occurs, additional consultation with the Arkansas Ecological Services Field Office should take place before project changes are final or resources committed.

Proposed Species and/or Critical Habitats: Thank you for informing our office that your project is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any species proposed for listing or any proposed designations of critical habitat that may occur within the project area. You have met the requirements under Section 7(a)(4) of ESA by informing our office of this determination for these species/critical habitats, and therefore no further coordination is necessary. We recommend documenting your justification for this determination in your administrative record. (Note: If the status of any proposed listed species changes to threatened or endangered before project completion, reinitiation of consultation under Section 7(a)(2) of ESA may be required.)

Candidate species are not afforded protection under the ESA; however, we recommend they be considered in project planning and that conservation measures be implemented to avoid or minimize impacts to individuals or their habitat as much as possible.

Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act: The following resources are provided to project proponents and consulting agencies as additional information. Bald and golden eagles are not included in this section 7(a)(2) consultation and this information does not constitute a determination of effects by the Service.

The Service developed the National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines to advise landowners, land managers, and others who share public and private lands with Bald Eagles when and under what circumstances the protective provisions of the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act may apply to their activities. The guidelines should be consulted prior to conducting new or intermittent activity near an eagle nest. Activity specific guidelines begin on page 10 of the document. To access a copy of the National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines please visit the Service's Bald and Golden Eagle Management webpage and scroll down to the Guidance and Tools section: https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/bald-and-golden-eagle-management

If the recommendations detailed in the National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines cannot be followed, you may apply for a permit to authorize removal or relocation of an eagle nest in certain instances. To obtain an application form or contact information for Regional Migratory Bird Permit Offices please visit the Service's Bald and Golden Eagle Management webpage and scroll down to the Permits section: https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/bald-and-golden-eagle-management

Action Description
You provided to IPaC the following name and description for the subject Action.

1. Name

Queensway Industrial Site Lot 1

2. Description

The following description was provided for the project 'Queensway Industrial Site Lot 1':

> City of Searcy ball fields and sports complex being sold.

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Species Protection Measures

QUALIFICATION INTERVIEW

1. Have you made an effects determination of "no effect" for all species in the area of the project?

   A "no effect" determination means the project will have no beneficial effect, no short-term adverse effects, and no long-term adverse effects on any of the species on the IPaC-generated species list for the proposed project or those species habitat. A project with effects that cannot be meaningfully measured, detected or evaluated, effects that are extremely unlikely to occur, or entirely beneficial effects should not have a "no effect" determination. (If unsure, select "No").

   No

2. Would you like to make a “no jeopardy” determination for all species **proposed** for listing or any proposed designations of critical habitat that may occur in your project area? By answering “yes” you are documenting that you’ve determined that the proposed project is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of all species that may occur in the project area that are currently “**proposed**” for listing or result in the destruction or adverse modification of any proposed critical habitat.

   Yes

3. Is the action authorized, funded, or being carried out by a Federal agency?

   No

4. [Semantic] Does the project intersect designated critical habitat for the Leopard Darter?

   Automatically answered
   No

5. [Semantic] Does the project intersect designated critical habitat for the Neosho Mucket?

   Automatically answered
   No

6. [Semantic] Does the project intersect designated critical habitat for Yellowcheek Darter?

   Automatically answered
   No

7. [Semantic] Does the project intersect designated critical habitat for Rabbitsfoot?

   Automatically answered
   No

8. [Semantic] Does the project intersect designated critical habitat for Ouachita Fanshell?

   Automatically answered
   No

9. [Semantic] Does the project intersect the American burying beetle consultation area?

   Automatically answered
   No

10. [Semantic] Does the project intersect the red-cockaded woodpecker species list area?

    Automatically answered
    No
11. [Semantic] Does the project intersect the Eastern black rail species list area?

    Automatically answered
    Yes
12. Will the project take place in freshwater herbaceous wetlands and/or wet prairies?

    No
13. [Semantic] Does the project intersect the red knot species list area?

    Automatically answered
    Yes
14. Will the project affect sand and gravel areas or shorelines along rivers, lakes, or reservoirs?

    No
15. Does the project take place in marshy or flooded open field habitat?

    No
16. [Semantic] Does the project intersect the Piping Plover species list area?

    Automatically answered
    Yes
17. [Semantic] Does the project intersect the Whooping Crane species list area?

    Automatically answered
    No
18. [Semantic] Does the project intersect the interior least tern species list area?

    Automatically answered
    No
19. [Semantic] Does the project intersect the Gray Bat species list area?

    Automatically answered
    No
20. [Semantic] Does the project intersect the Ozark Big-eared Bat species list area?

    Automatically answered
    No
21. [Semantic] Does the project intersect the Indiana bat species list area?

    Automatically answered
    No
22. [Semantic] Does the project intersect the Benton County Cave Crayfish species list area?

    Automatically answered
    No
23. [Semantic] Does the project intersect the Hell Creek Cave Crayfish species list area?

    Automatically answered
    No

24. [Semantic] Does the project intersect the Ozark cavefish species list area?

    Automatically answered
    No

25. [Semantic] Does the project intersect the Missouri bladderpod species list area?

    Automatically answered
    No

26. [Semantic] Does the project intersect the Geocarpon species list area?

    Automatically answered
    No

27. [Semantic] Does the project intersect the Pondberry species list area?

    Automatically answered
    Yes

28. Does the proposed project clear suitable habitat for Pondberry or alter the hydrology of bottomland hardwood or sand ponds?

    No

29. [Semantic] Does the project intersect the interior least tern range?

    Automatically answered
    No

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