



Coastal Zone Management Act Federal Consistency Form

Initial Review: _____
 Updated On: _____
 Complete: _____
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This document provides the Delaware Coastal Management Program (DCMP) with a Federal Consistency Determination or Certification for activities regulated under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, and NOAA's Federal Consistency Regulations, 15 C.F.R. Part 930. Federal agencies and other applicants for federal consistency are not required to use this form; it is provided to applicants to facilitate the submission of a Consistency Determination or Consistency Certification. In addition, federal agencies and applicants are only required to provide the information required by NOAA's Federal Consistency Regulations.

Project/Activity Name: _____

I. Federal Agency or Non-Federal Applicant Contact Information:

Contact Name/Title: _____

Federal Agency Contractor Name (if applicable): _____

Federal Agency: _____
 (either the federal agency proposing an action or the federal agency issuing a federal license/permit or financial assistance to a non-federal applicant)

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____ Telephone #: _____

II. Federal Consistency Category:

Federal Activity or Development Project
(15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart C)

Outer Continental Shelf Activity
(15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart E)

Federal Financial Assistance
(15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart F)

Federal License or Permit Activity
(15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart D)

Federal License or Permit Activity which occurs
wholly in another state (interstate consistency
activities identified in DCMP's Policy document)

III. Detailed Project Description (attach additional sheets if necessary):

IV. General Analysis of Coastal Effects (attach additional sheets if necessary):

V. Detailed Analysis of Consistency with DCMP Enforceable Policies (attach additional sheets if necessary):

Policy 5.1: Wetlands Management

Policy 5.2: Beach Management

Policy 5.3: Coastal Waters Management (includes wells, water supply, and stormwater management. Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Policy 5.4: Subaqueous Land and Coastal Strip Management

Policy 5.5: Public Lands Management

Policy 5.6: Natural Lands Management

Policy 5.7: Flood Hazard Areas Management

Policy 5.8: Port of Wilmington

Policy 5.9: Woodlands and Agricultural Lands Management

Policy 5.10: Historic and Cultural Areas Management

Policy 5.11: Living Resources

Policy 5.12 Mineral Resources Management

Policy 5.13: State Owned Coastal Recreation and Conservation

Policy 5.14: Public Trust Doctrine

Policy 5.15: Energy Facilities

Policy 5.16: Public Investment

Policy 5.17: Recreation and Tourism

Policy 5.18: National Defense and Aerospace Facilities

Policy 5.19: Transportation Facilities

Policy 5.20: Air Quality Management

Policy 5.21: Water Supply Management

Policy 5.22: Waste Disposal Management

Policy 5.23: Development

Policy 5.24: Pollution Prevention

Policy 5.25: Coastal Management Coordination

VI. JPP and RAS Review (Check all that apply):

Has the project been reviewed in a monthly Joint Permit Processing and/or Regulatory Advisory Service meeting?

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JPP

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RAS

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None

*If yes, provide the date of the meeting(s): _____

VII. Statement of Certification/Determination and Signature (Check one and sign below):

☐ **FEDERAL AGENCY CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION.** Based upon the information, data, and analysis included herein, the federal agency, or its contracted agent, listed in (I) above, finds that this proposed activity is consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Delaware Coastal Management Program.

OR

☐ **FEDERAL AGENCY NEGATIVE DETERMINATION.** Based upon the information, data, and analysis included herein, the federal agency, or its contracted agent, listed in (I) above, finds that this proposed activity will not have any reasonably foreseeable effects on Delaware's coastal uses or resources (Negative Determination) and is therefore consistent with the enforceable policies of the Delaware Coastal Management Program.

OR

☐ **NON-FEDERAL APPLICANT'S CONSISTENCY CERTIFICATION.** Based upon the information, data, and analysis included herein, the non-federal applicant for a federal license or permit, or state or local government agency applying for federal funding, listed in (I) above, finds that this proposed activity complies with the enforceable policies of the Delaware Coastal Management Program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with such program.

Signature:			
Printed Name:		Date:	

Pursuant to 15 C.F.R. Part 930, the Delaware Coastal Management Program must provide its concurrence with or objection to this consistency determination or consistency certification in accordance with the deadlines listed below. Concurrence will be presumed if the state's response is not received within the allowable timeframe.

Federal Consistency Review Deadlines:

Federal Activity or Development Project (15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart C)	60 days with option to extend an additional 15 days or stay review (15 C.F.R. § 930.41)
Federal License or Permit (15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart D)	Six months, with a status letter at three months. The six month review period can be stayed by mutual agreement. (15 C.F.R. § 930.63)
Outer Continental Shelf Activity (15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart E)	Six months, with a status letter at three months. If three month status letter not issued, then concurrence presumed. The six month review period can be stayed by mutual agreement. (15 C.F.R. § 930.78)
Federal Financial Assistance to State or Local Governments (15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart F)	State Clearinghouse schedule

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Reviewed By:	Fed Con ID:	Date Received:
Public notice dates: _____ to _____	Comments Received: ☐ NO ☐ YES [attach comments]	
Decision type: (objections or conditions attach details)	Decision Date: _____	

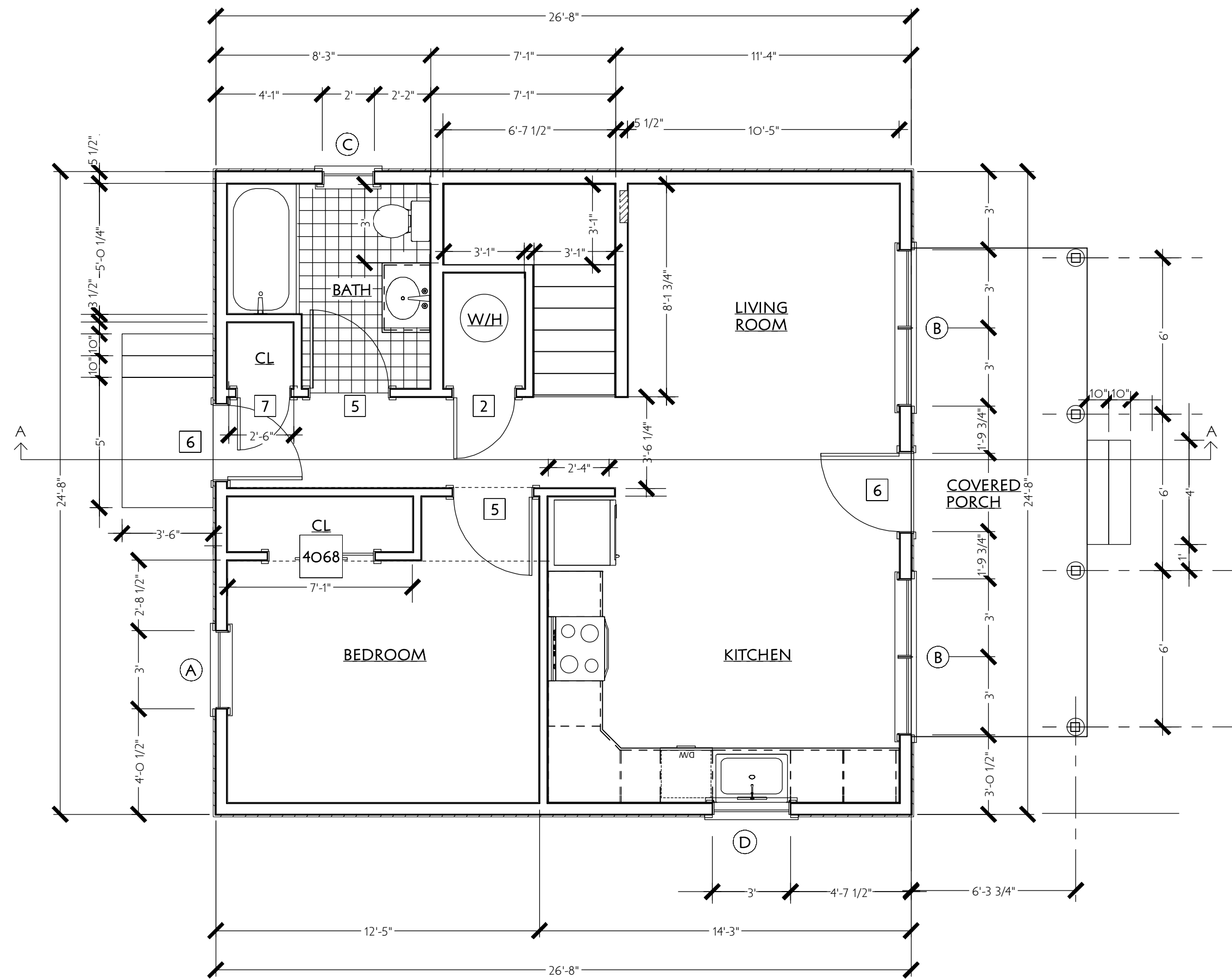
Appendix A

Scope of Work Diagram and Sample Floor Plan

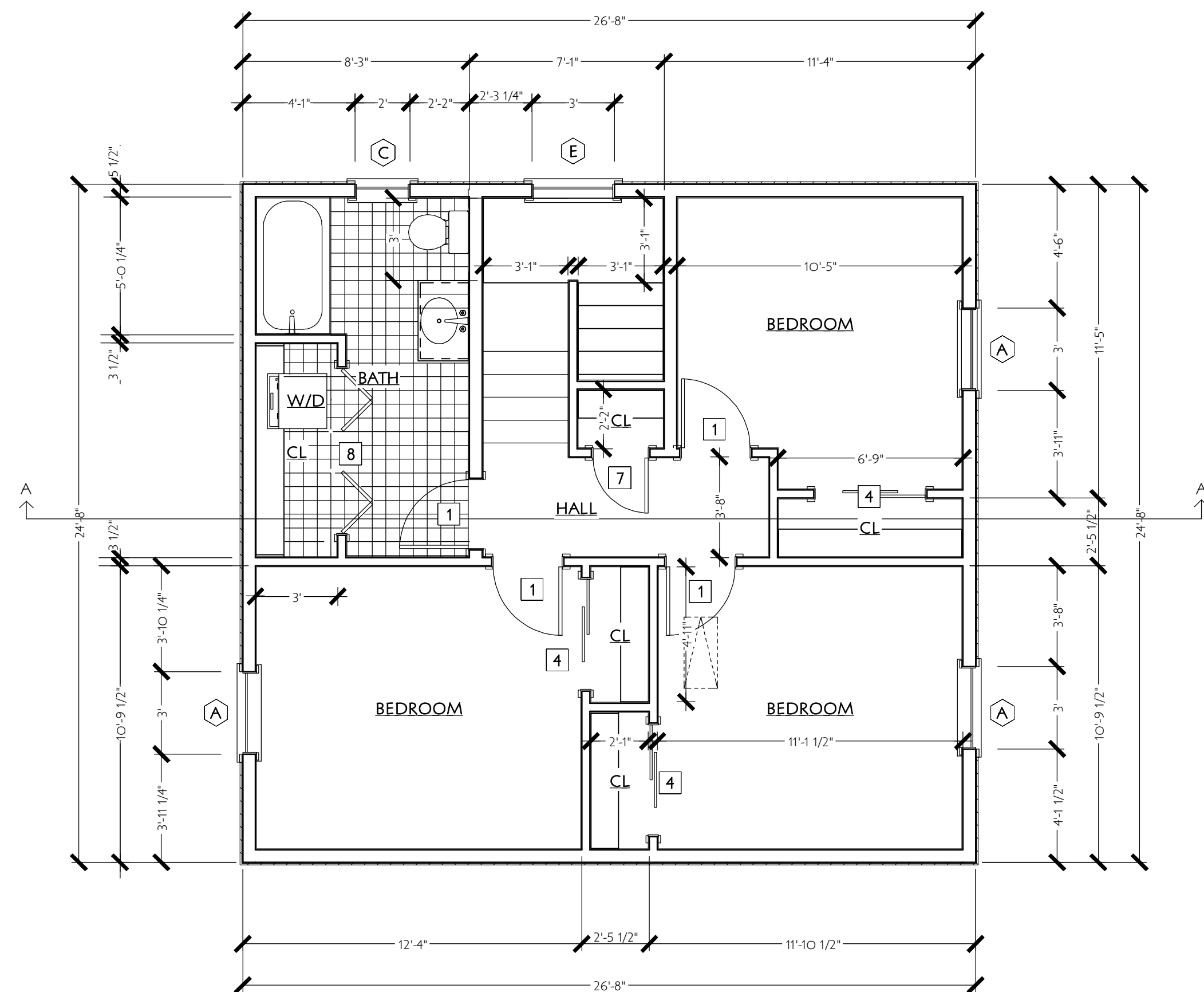


Property Boundaries and proposed project areas

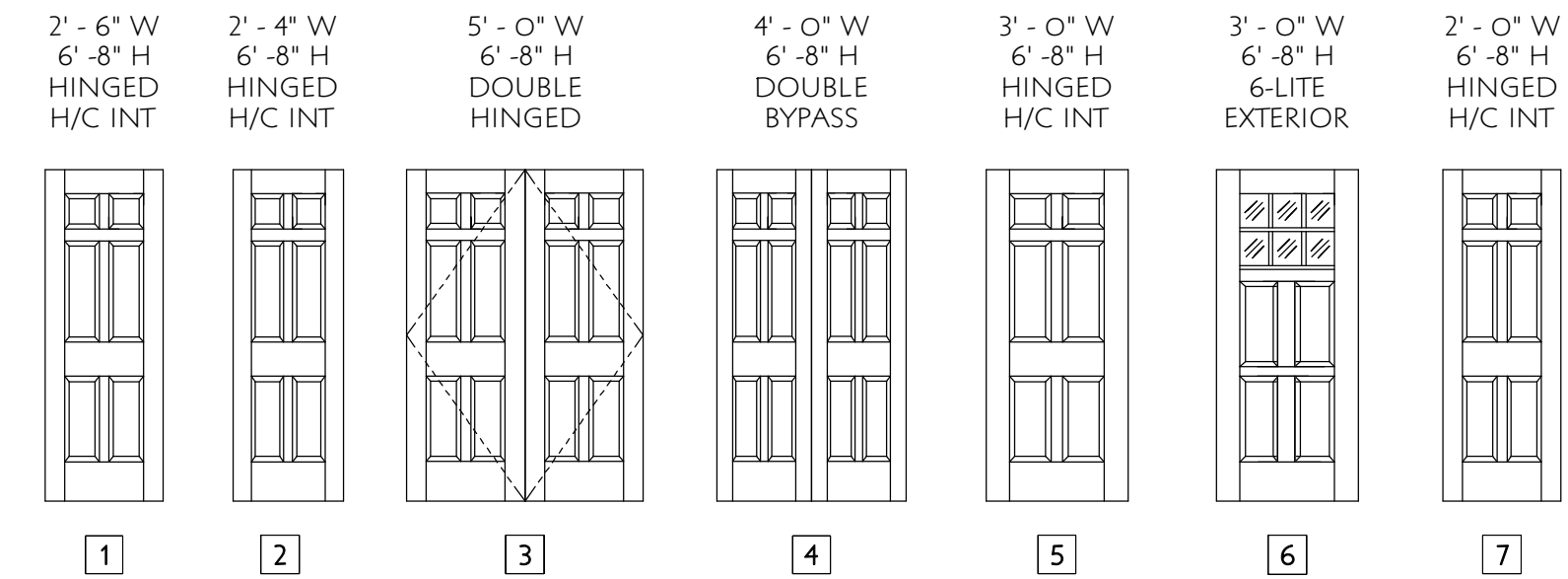
- Property Boundaries
- Expected home placement



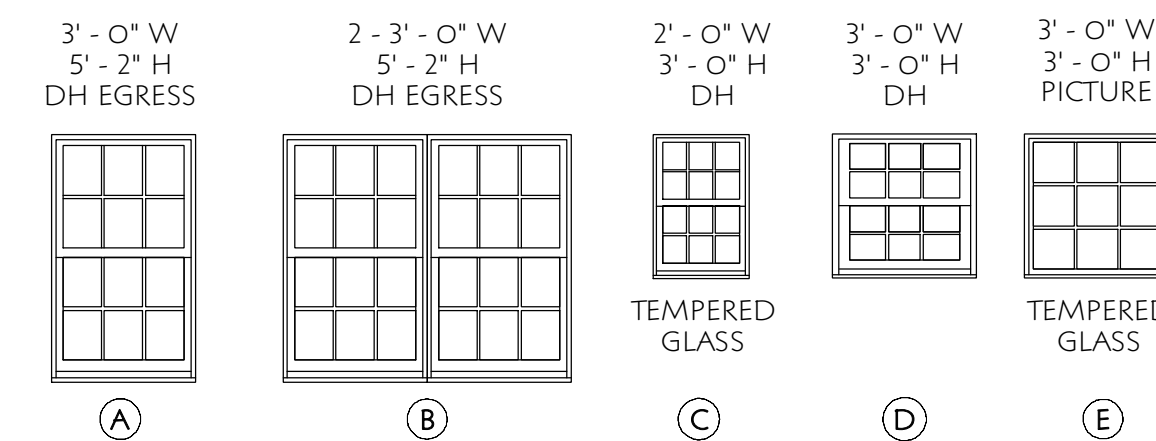
FIRST FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 1/4" = 1' - 0"



SECOND FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 1/4" = 1' - 0"



DOOR SCHEDULE



WINDOW SCHEDULE

NOTES

1 GENERAL

ALL CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE 2018 EDITION AS AMENDED BY MILFORD, DELAWARE. IT IS THE CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT ALL WORK AND CONSTRUCTION MEETS ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL CODES, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS.

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED WITHIN THESE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS IS ISSUED TO SHOW DESIGN INTENT AND BASIC FRAMING DETAILS PERTANENT TO THE BUILDING SITE.

DO NOT SCALE DRAWINGS. USE DIMENSIONS ONLY. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY ALL DIMENSIONS IN THE FIELD PRIOR TO BEGINNING ANY WORK. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL REPORT ANY DISCREPANCIES TO THE OWNER.

2. CONCRETE

CONCRETE COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH AT THE END OF 28 DAYS SHALL BE 3,500 PSI.

ALL SLABS POURED ON GRADE SHALL BE MINIMUM 4" THICK AND PLACED OVER VAPOR BARRIER AND 4" OF COMPACTED SAND UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. SLABS ON GRADE SHALL BE REINFORCED WITH 6x6 - W1.4xW1.4 WELDED WIRE FABRIC PLACED AT MID DEPTH OF SLAB, WELDED WIRE FABRIC SHALL BE LAPPED ONE FULL MESH AT ENDS AND SIDES.

PROVIDE 3" MINIMUM CONCRETE COVER OVER REINFORCING STEEL FOR CONCRETE CAST AGAINST AND PERMANLY EXPOSED TO EARTH (FOOTINGS).

3. WOOD

ALL WOOD MEMBERS SHALL BE FRAMED, ANCHORED, TIED AND BRACED TO DEVELOP THE STRENGTH AND RIGIDITY NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THEY ARE USED.

PREPARATION, FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION OF WOOD MEMBERS AND GLUES, CONNECTORS AND MECHANICAL DEVICES FOR THE FASTENING THEREOF SHALL CONFORM TO GOOD ENGINEERING PRACTICES.

ALL LUMBER USED FOR LOAD BEARING PURPOSES SHALL BE NEW AND SHALL BE IDENTIFIED BY THE GRADE MARK OF AN APPROVED LUMBER GRADING OR INSPECTION AGENCY, LUMBER SHALL SATISFY THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM STANDARDS:

A. FRAMING LUMBER (COLUMNS): TREATED WITH CCA, NET RETENTION .40 POUNDS PER CUBIC FOOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AWPA STANDARDS.

B. FRAMING LUMBER (5" NOMINAL AND WIDER JOISTS) NO. 1 SPF FB: = 1200 PSI, FC (REPETITIVE MEMBER)

C. PLATES IN CONTACT WITH CONCRETE OR MASONRY: TREATED WITH CCA, NET RETENTION .40 POUNDS PER CUBIC FOOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AWPA STANDARDS.

Appendix B

Property Area Map



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Appendix C

Whole Property Site Visit Images

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4 W 6th St lots
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16 W 6th St lots
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WGS84

±11ft

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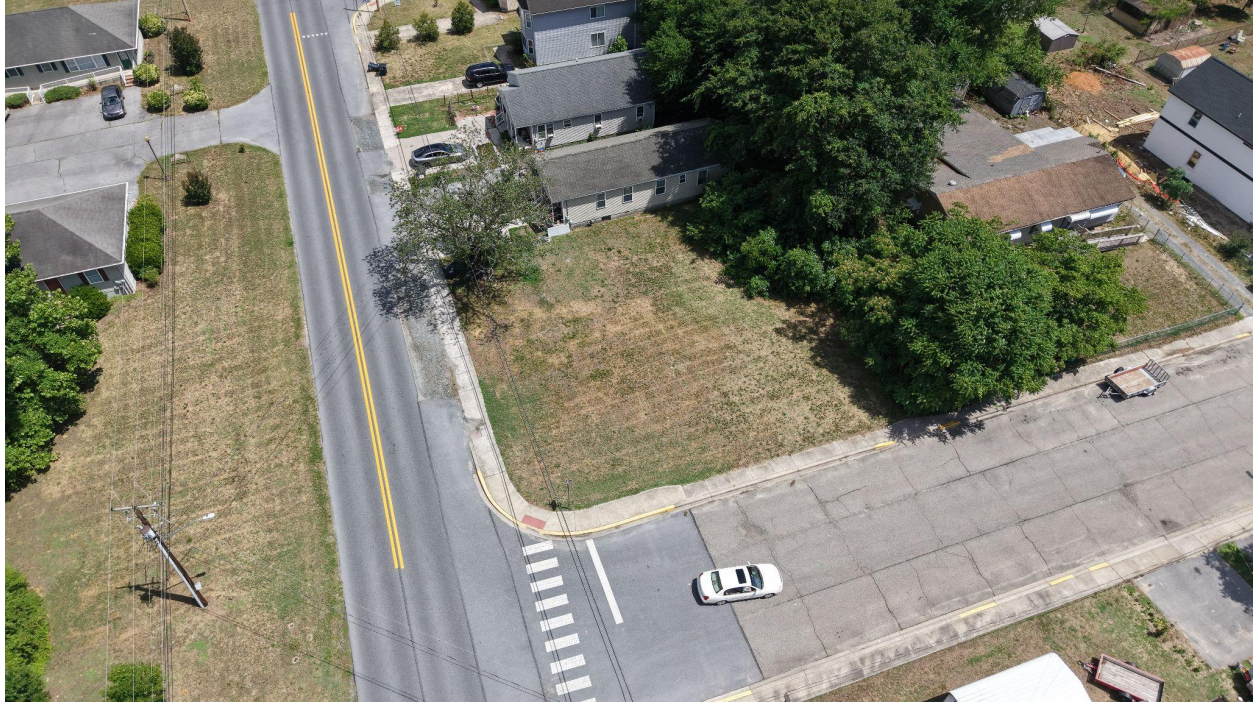


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32 W 6th St lots
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Appendix D

USFWS IPaC Species List

USFWS IPaC Key



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Chesapeake Bay Ecological Services Field Office
177 Admiral Cochrane Drive
Annapolis, MD 21401-7307
Phone: (410) 573-4599 Fax: (410) 266-9127



In Reply Refer To:

07/10/2026 16:57:24 UTC

Project Code: 2026-0114672

Project Name: 3 Single Family Homes on W 6th Street, Laurel DE

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

- USFWS National Wildlife Refuges and Fish Hatcheries
- Wetlands

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:

Chesapeake Bay Ecological Services Field Office

177 Admiral Cochrane Drive

Annapolis, MD 21401-7307

(410) 573-4599

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Code: 2026-0114672

Project Name: 3 Single Family Homes on W 6th Street, Laurel DE

Project Type: Residential Construction

Project Description: The project scope involves the new construction of three (3) single family homes along W 6th Street in Laurel, DE. These homes will be placed on 3 non-adjacent but nearby undeveloped parcels, identified as 432-8.05-29.00, 432-8.05-56.00, and 432-8.05-59.01. These homes will be 3-5 bedrooms and be sold to individuals making within 30-80% of the AMI. Sussex County Habitat for Humanity is already the current owner for the property. The parcel is zoned for residential and will not require a land use change.

Project Location:

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/@38.55819915,-75.5834686681799,14z>



Counties: Sussex County, Delaware

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SPECIES

There is a total of 2 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 Fisheries¹, 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 <i>Perimyotis subflavus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10515	Proposed Endangered

INSECTS

NAME	STATUS
Monarch butterfly <i>Danaus plexippus</i> 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

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.

USFWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE LANDS AND FISH HATCHERIES

Any activity proposed on lands managed by the [National Wildlife Refuge](#) system must undergo a 'Compatibility Determination' conducted by the Refuge. Please contact the individual Refuges to discuss any questions or concerns.

THERE ARE NO REFUGE LANDS OR FISH HATCHERIES WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA.

WETLANDS

Impacts to [NWI wetlands](#) and other aquatic habitats may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal statutes.

For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District](#).

Please note that the NWI data being shown may be out of date. We are currently working to update our NWI data set. We recommend you verify these results with a site visit to determine the actual extent of wetlands on site.

FRESHWATER EMERGENT WETLAND

- PEM1T

FRESHWATER FORESTED/SHRUB WETLAND

- PFO1/4R

RIVERINE

- R1UBV

IPAC USER CONTACT INFORMATION

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In Reply Refer To:

07/10/2026 17:01:49 UTC

Project code: 2026-0114672

Project Name: 3 Single Family Homes on W 6th Street, Laurel DE

Federal Nexus: yes

Federal Action Agency (if applicable): Department of Housing and Urban Development

Subject: Technical assistance for '3 Single Family Homes on W 6th Street, Laurel DE'

Dear Nathaniel Alper:

This letter records your determination using the Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) system provided to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) on July 10, 2026, for '3 Single Family Homes on W 6th Street, Laurel DE' (here forward, Project). This project has been assigned Project Code 2026-0114672 and all future correspondence should clearly reference this number. **Please carefully review this letter. Your Endangered Species Act (Act) requirements may not be complete.**

Ensuring Accurate Determinations When Using IPaC

The Service developed the IPaC system and associated species' determination keys in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and based on a standing analysis. All information submitted by the Project proponent into IPaC must accurately represent the full scope and details of the Project.

Failure to accurately represent or implement the Project as detailed in IPaC or the Northern Long-eared Bat and Tricolored Bat Range-wide Determination Key (Dkey), invalidates this letter. ***Answers to certain questions in the DKey commit the project proponent to implementation of conservation measures that must be followed for the ESA determination to remain valid. Note that conservation measures for northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat may differ. If both bat species are present in the action area and the key suggests more conservative measures for one of the species for your project, the Project may need to apply the most conservative measures in order to avoid adverse effects. If unsure which conservation measures should be applied, please contact the appropriate Ecological Services Field Office***

Determination for the Northern Long-Eared Bat and Tricolored Bat

Based upon your IPaC submission and a standing analysis completed by the Service, your project has reached the following effect determination(s):

Species	Listing Status	Determination
Tricolored bat (<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>)	Proposed	NLAA
	Endangered	

Federal agencies must consult with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) when an action *may affect* a listed species. Tricolored bat is proposed for listing as endangered under the ESA, but not yet listed. For actions that may affect a proposed species, agencies cannot consult, but they can *confer* under the authority of section 7(a)(4) of the ESA. Such conferences can follow the procedures for a consultation and be adopted as such if and when the proposed species is listed. Should the tricolored bat be listed, agencies must review projects that are not yet complete, or projects with ongoing effects within the tricolored bat range that previously received a NE or NLAA determination from the key to confirm that the determination is still accurate.

Other Species and Critical Habitat that May be Present in the Action Area

The IPaC-assisted determination key for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat does not apply to the following ESA-protected species and/or critical habitat that also may occur in your Action area:

- Monarch butterfly *Danaus plexippus* Proposed Threatened

You may coordinate with our Office to determine whether the Action may cause prohibited take of the animal species listed above. Note that if a new species is listed that may be affected by the identified action before it is complete, additional review is recommended to ensure compliance with the Endangered Species Act.

Next Steps

Consultation with the Service is necessary. The project has a federal nexus (e.g., Federal funds, permit, etc.), but you are not the federal action agency or its designated (in writing) non-federal representative. Therefore, the ESA consultation status is incomplete and no project activities should occur until consultation between the Service and the Federal action agency (or designated non-federal representative), is completed.

As the federal agency or designated non-federal representative deems appropriate, they should submit their determination of effects to the Service by doing the following.

1. Log into IPaC using an agency email account and click on My Projects, click "Search by record locator" to find this Project using **462-184427026**. (Alternatively, the originator of the project in IPaC can add the agency representative to the project by using the Add Member button on the project home page.)
2. Review the answers to the Northern Long-eared Bat and Tricolored Bat Range-wide Determination Key to ensure that they are accurate.

3. Click on Review/ Finalize to convert the ‘not likely to adversely affect’ technical assistance letter to a concurrence letter. Download the concurrence letter for your files if needed.

If no changes occur with the Project or there are no updates on listed species, no further consultation/coordination for this project is required for the northern long-eared bat. However, the Service recommends that project proponents re-evaluate the Project in IPaC if: 1) the scope, timing, duration, or location of the Project changes (includes any project changes or amendments); 2) new information reveals the Project may impact (positively or negatively) federally listed species or designated critical habitat; or 3) a new species is listed, or critical habitat designated. If any of the above conditions occurs, additional coordination with the Service should take place before project implements any changes which are final or commits additional resources.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or need further assistance, please contact the Chesapeake Bay Ecological Services Field Office and reference Project Code 2026-0114672 associated with this Project.

Action Description

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

1. Name

3 Single Family Homes on W 6th Street, Laurel DE

2. Description

The following description was provided for the project '3 Single Family Homes on W 6th Street, Laurel DE':

The project scope involves the new construction of three (3) single family homes along W 6th Street in Laurel, DE. These homes will be placed on 3 non-adjacent but nearby undeveloped parcels, identified as 432-8.05-29.00, 432-8.05-56.00, and 432-8.05-59.01. These homes will be 3-5 bedrooms and be sold to individuals making within 30-80% of the AMI. Sussex County Habitat for Humanity is already the current owner for the property. The parcel is zoned for residential and will not require a land use change.

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DETERMINATION KEY RESULT

Based on the answers provided, the proposed Action is consistent with a determination of “may affect, but not likely to adversely affect” for a least one species covered by this determination key.

QUALIFICATION INTERVIEW

1. Does the proposed project include, or is it reasonably certain to cause, intentional take of listed bats or any other listed species that is not covered by an existing section 10 (a)(1)(A) Recovery Permit, exempted under section 4(d) or authorized by a section 6 cooperative agreement? **Note:** Intentional take is defined as take that is the intended result of a project. Intentional take could refer to research, direct species management, surveys, and/or studies that include intentional handling/encountering, harassment, collection, or capturing of any individual of a federally listed threatened, endangered or proposed species?

No

2. Is the action area wholly within Zone 2 of the year-round active area for northern long-eared bat and/or tricolored bat?

Automatically answered

No

3. Does the action area intersect Zone 1 of the year-round active area for northern long-eared bat and/or tricolored bat?

Automatically answered

No

4. Does any component of the action involve leasing, construction or operation of wind turbines? Answer 'yes' if the activities considered are conducted with the intention of gathering survey information to inform the leasing, construction, or operation of wind turbines.

No

5. Is the proposed action authorized, permitted, licensed, funded, or being carried out by a Federal agency in whole or in part?

Note for projects in Pennsylvania: Projects requiring authorization under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act would be considered as having a federal nexus. Since the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has issued the Pennsylvania State Programmatic General Permit (PASPGP), which may be verified by the PA Department of Environmental Protection or certain Conservation Districts, the need to receive a Corps authorization to perform the work under the PASPGP serves as a federal nexus. As such, if proposing to use the PASPGP, you would answer ‘yes’ to this question.

Yes

6. Is the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), or Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding or authorizing the proposed action, in whole or in part?

No

7. Are you an employee of the federal action agency or have you been officially designated in writing by the agency as its designated non-federal representative for the purposes of Endangered Species Act Section 7 informal consultation per 50 CFR § 402.08?

Note: This key may be used for federal actions and for non-federal actions to facilitate section 7 consultation and to help determine whether an incidental take permit may be needed, respectively. This question is for information purposes only.

No

8. Is the lead federal action agency the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or Federal Communications Commission (FCC)? Is the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or Federal Communications Commission (FCC) funding or authorizing the proposed action, in whole or in part?

No

9. Is the lead federal action agency the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)?

No

10. [Semantic] Is the action area located within 0.5 miles of a known bat hibernaculum or winter roost? Note: The map queried for this question contains proprietary information and cannot be displayed. If you need additional information, please contact your state wildlife agency.

Automatically answered

No

11. Does the action area contain any winter roosts or caves (or associated sinkholes, fissures, or other karst features), mines, rocky outcroppings, or tunnels that could provide habitat for hibernating bats?

No

12. Is the action located in New England (CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, or VT)?

No

13. Will the action cause effects to a bridge?

Note: Covered bridges should be considered as bridges in this question.

No

14. Will the action result in effects to a culvert or tunnel at any time of year?

No

15. Are trees present within 1000 feet of the action area? **Note:** If there are trees within the action area that are of a sufficient size to be potential roosts for bats answer "Yes". If unsure, additional information defining suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat can be found in the USFWS' [Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared bat Survey Guidelines](#).

Yes

16. Does the action include the intentional exclusion of bats from a building or building-like structure? **Note:** Exclusion is conducted to deny bats' entry or reentry into a building. To be effective and to avoid harming bats, it should be done according to established standards. If your action includes bat exclusion and you are unsure whether northern long-eared bats or tricolored bats are present, answer "Yes." Answer "No" if there are no signs of bat use in the building/structure. If unsure, contact your local Ecological Services Field Office to help assess whether northern long-eared bats or tricolored bats may be present. Contact a Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator (NWCO) for help in how to exclude bats from a structure safely without causing harm to the bats (to find a NWCO certified in bat standards, search the Internet using the search term "National Wildlife Control Operators Association bats"). Also see the White-Nose Syndrome Response Team's guide for bat control in structures.

No

17. Does the action involve removal, modification, or maintenance of a human-made building-like structure (barn, house, or other building) **known or suspected to contain roosting bats?**

No

18. Will the action cause construction of one or more new roads open to the public?

For federal actions, answer 'yes' when the construction or operation of these facilities is either (1) part of the federal action or (2) would not occur but for an action taken by a federal agency (federal permit, funding, etc.).

No

19. Will the action include or cause any construction or other activity that is reasonably certain to increase average night-time traffic permanently or temporarily on one or more existing roads? **Note:** For federal actions, answer 'yes' when the construction or operation of these facilities is either (1) part of the federal action or (2) would not occur but for an action taken by a federal agency (federal permit, funding, etc.).

No

20. Will the action include or cause any construction or other activity that is reasonably certain to increase the number of travel lanes on an existing thoroughfare?

For federal actions, answer 'yes' when the construction or operation of these facilities is either (1) part of the federal action or (2) would not occur but for an action taken by a federal agency (federal permit, funding, etc.).

No

21. Will the proposed Action involve the creation of a new water-borne contaminant source (e.g., leachate pond, pits containing chemicals that are not NSF/ANSI 60 compliant)?

Note: For information regarding NSF/ANSI 60 please visit <https://www.nsf.org/knowledge-library/nsf-ansi-standard-60-drinking-water-treatment-chemicals-health-effects>

No

22. Will the proposed action involve the creation of a new point source discharge from a facility other than a water treatment plant or storm water system?

No

23. Will the action include drilling or blasting?

No

24. Will the action involve military training (e.g., smoke operations, obscurant operations, exploding munitions, artillery fire, range use, helicopter or fixed wing aircraft use at night)?

No

25. Will the proposed action involve the use of herbicides or pesticides (e.g., fungicides, insecticides, or rodenticides)?

No

26. Will the action include or cause activities that are reasonably certain to cause chronic or intense nighttime noise (above current levels of ambient noise in the area) in suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat or tricolored bat during the active season? Chronic noise is noise that is continuous or occurs repeatedly again and again for a long time. Sources of chronic or intense noise that could cause adverse effects to bats may include, but are not limited to: road traffic; trains; aircraft; industrial activities; gas compressor stations; loud music; crowds; oil and gas extraction; construction; and mining.

Note: Additional information defining suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat can be found in the USFWS' [Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared bat Survey Guidelines](#).

No

27. Does the action include, or is it reasonably certain to cause, the use of permanent or temporary artificial lighting within 1000 feet of suitable forested northern long-eared bat or tricolored bat roosting habitat? **Note:** Additional information defining suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat can be found in the USFWS' [Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared bat Survey Guidelines](#).

Yes

28. Will the action cause an increase in the extent of suitable forested habitat exposed to artificial lighting?

No

29. Will the action include tree cutting or other means of knocking down or bringing down trees, tree topping, or tree trimming?

Yes

30. Is the project related to the production of coal, including projects that support the mining of coal, as well as the production and/or distribution of energy produced from coal?

No

31. Will the proposed action occur exclusively in an already established and currently maintained utility right-of-way?

No

32. Does the action include emergency cutting or trimming of hazard trees in order to remove an imminent threat to human safety or property? See hazard tree note at the bottom of the key for text that will be added to response letters

Note: A "hazard tree" is a tree that is an immediate threat to lives, public health and safety, or improved property.

No

33. Does the project intersect with the 0- 9.9% forest density category?

Automatically answered

No

34. Does the project intersect with the 10.0- 19.9% forest density category map?

Automatically answered

Yes

35. Does the project intersect with the 20.0- 29.9% forest density category map?

Automatically answered

No

36. Does the project intersect with the 30.0- 100% forest density category map?

Automatically answered

No

37. Will the action cause trees to be cut, knocked down, or otherwise brought down across an area greater than 5 acres in total extent?

No

38. Will the proposed action result in the use of prescribed fire?

Note: If the prescribed fire action includes other activities than application of fire (e.g., tree cutting, fire line preparation) please consider impacts from those activities within the previous representative questions in the key. This set of questions only considers impacts from flame and smoke.

No

39. Does the action area intersect the tricolored bat species list area?

Automatically answered

Yes

40. Is the action area located within 0.5-mile of radius of an entrance/opening to any known tricolored bat hibernacula or winter roost?

Note: The map queried for this question contains proprietary information and cannot be displayed. If you need additional information, please contact your state wildlife agency.

Automatically answered

No

41. [Semantic] Is the action area located within 0.25 miles of a culvert that is known to be occupied by northern long-eared or tricolored bats? **Note:** The map queried for this question contains proprietary information and cannot be displayed. If you need additional information, please contact your State wildlife agency.

Automatically answered

No

42. Has a presence/probable absence bat survey targeting the [tricolored bat and following the Service's Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern Long-Eared Bat Survey Guidelines](#) been conducted within the project area?

No

43. Is suitable summer habitat for the tricolored bat present within 1000 feet of project activities? (If unsure, answer ""Yes."") **Note:** If there are trees within the action area that may provide potential roosts for tricolored bats (e.g., clusters of leaves in live and dead deciduous trees, Spanish moss (*Tillandsia usneoides*), clusters of dead pine needles of large live pines) answer ""Yes."" For a complete definition of suitable summer habitat for the tricolored bat, please see the [Service's Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared Bat Survey Guidelines](#).

Yes

44. Do any of the trees proposed for cutting or other means of knocking down, bringing down, topping, or trimming provide potential roosts for tricolored bats (e.g., clusters of leaves in live and dead deciduous trees, Spanish moss (*Tillandsia usneoides*), clusters of dead pine needles of large live pine trees)? **Note:** Additional information defining suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat can be found in the USFWS' [Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared bat Survey Guidelines](#).

Yes

45. Will any tree cutting/trimming or other knocking or bringing down of trees be conducted during the Pup Season for tricolored bat? **Note:** Bat activity periods for your state can be found in Appendix 2 of the Service's [Northern Long-eared Bat and Tricolored Bat Voluntary Environmental Review Process for Developmental Projects](#).

No

46. Do you have any documents that you want to include with this submission?

No

PROJECT QUESTIONNAIRE

Enter the extent of the action area (in acres) from which trees will be removed - round up to the nearest tenth of an acre. For this question, include the entire area where tree removal will take place, even if some live or dead trees will be left standing.

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Appendix E

National Wetlands Inventory Mapper Results

