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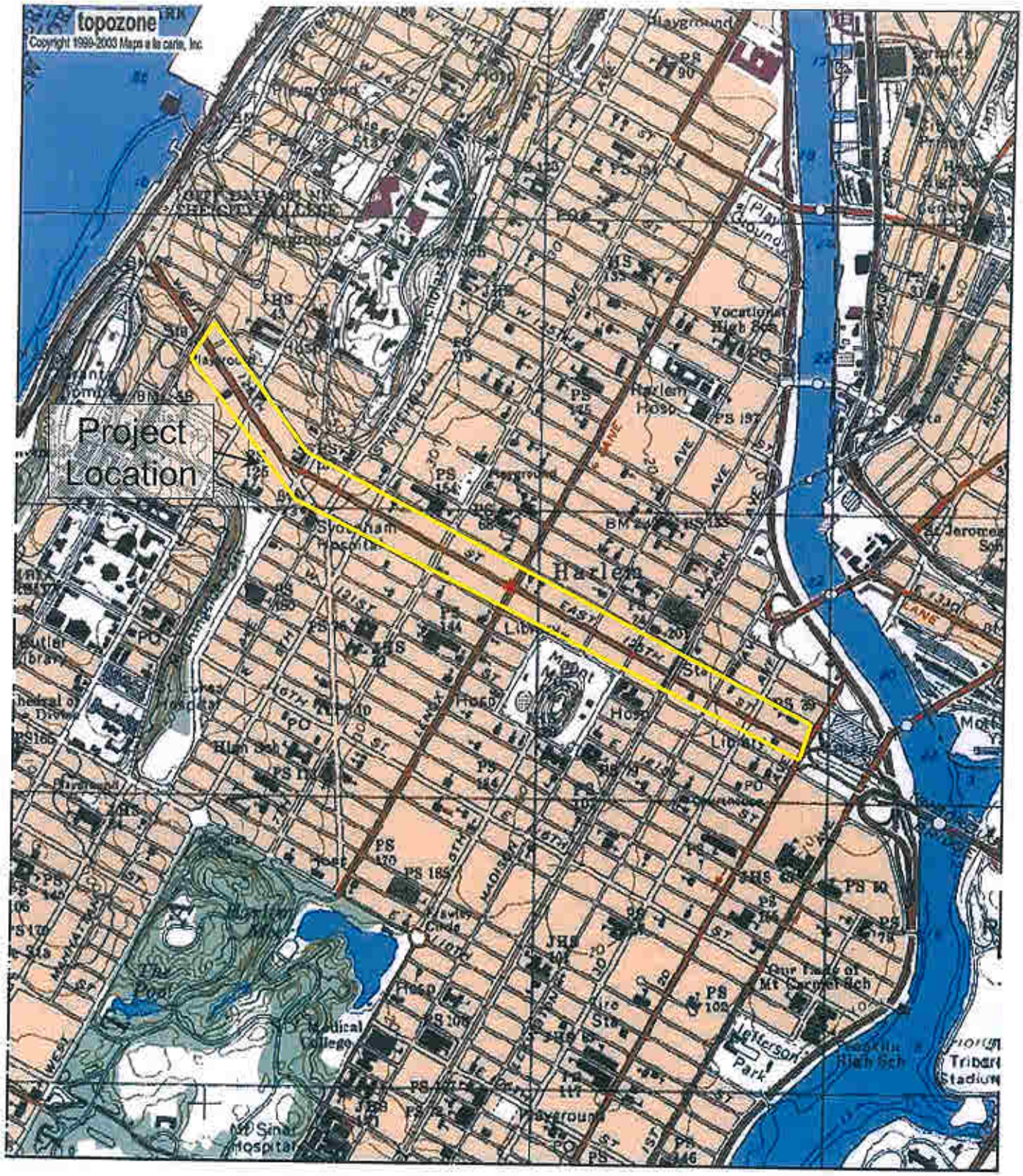
NATURAL RESOURCE APPENDIX

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December 12, 2006

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Dear Ms. Kisela:

In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program databases with respect to an Environmental Assessment for the proposed 125th Street Rezoning Environmental Impact Statement, area as indicated on the map you provided, located in Manhattan, New York County.

> We have no records of known occurrences of rare or state-listed animals or plants, significant natural communities, or other significant habitats, on or in the immediate vicinity of your site.

The absence of data does not necessarily mean that rare or state-listed species, natural communities or other significant habitats do not exist on or adjacent to the proposed site. Rather, our files currently do not contain any information which indicates their presence. For most sites, comprehensive field surveys have not been conducted. For these reasons, we cannot provide a definitive statement on the presence or absence of rare or state-listed species, or of significant natural communities. This information should not be substituted for on-site surveys that may be required for environmental assessment.

Our databases are continually growing as records are added and updated. If this proposed project is still under development one year from now, we recommend that you contact us again so that we may update this response with the most current information.

This response applies only to known occurrences of rare or state-listed animals and plants, significant natural communities and other significant habitats maintained in the Natural Heritage Data bases. Your project may require additional review or permits; for information regarding other permits that may be required under state law for regulated areas or activities (e.g., regulated wetlands), please contact the appropriate NYS DEC Regional Office, Division of Environmental Permits, at the enclosed address.

Sincerely,

Tara Seoane, Information Services
New York Natural Heritage Program

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FAX TRANSMITTAL RE: LISTED SPECIES REQUEST

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January 19, 2007

To: Ms. Angela Kisela
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This responds to your November 8, 2006, request for information of Federally listed species in the vicinity of 125th Street, Manhattan, NY.

Except for occasional transient individuals, no Federally-listed or proposed endangered or threatened species under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) are known to exist within 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 Service is required. Should project plans change, or if additional information on listed or proposed 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 the proposed project is not completed within one year from the date of this FAX, we recommend that you contact us to ensure that the listed species presence/absence information for the proposed project is current. Should our determination change and any part of the proposed project be authorized, funded, or carried out, in whole or in part, by a Federal agency, further consultation between the Service and that Federal agency pursuant to the ESA may be necessary.

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

For additional information on fish and wildlife resources or State-listed species, we suggest you contact the appropriate State regional office(s),* and:

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If you require additional information please contact me at (631) 581 - 2941.

Sincerely,

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Fish and Wildlife Biologist

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