

CHAPTER 15: NATURAL RESOURCES

The study area comprises a densely developed urban environment that does not support any natural resources, with the exception of street trees, shrubs and amenity plants. Wildlife is limited to transient individuals of common avian species and urban species such as squirrels, rock doves and rats. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Natural Heritage Program Database were contacted to identify any endangered, threatened, or special concern terrestrial species in the study area and response was received on February 6, 2008 stating that NYSDEC has “no records of known occurrences of rare or state-listed animals or plants, significant natural communities, or other significant habitats, on or in the vicinity of your site” (See Appendix D – Correspondence).