

## **APPENDIX E**

### **NYSDEC NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM CORRESPONDENCE**

## NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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June 11, 2020

Emily Moll  
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Re: Round Swamp Substation  
County: Nassau, Suffolk    Town/City: Huntington, Oyster Bay

Dear Ms. Moll:

In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to the above project.

We have no records of rare or state-listed animals or plants, or significant natural communities at the project site or in its immediate vicinity.

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Sincerely,



Heidi Krahling  
Environmental Review Specialist  
New York Natural Heritage Program



May 29, 2020

New York Natural Heritage Program - Information Resources  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway, 5th Floor  
Albany, NY 12233-4757

Re: Rare or Listed Species and Significant Natural Communities Data Request

Education

Via email: [NaturalHeritage@dec.ny.gov](mailto:NaturalHeritage@dec.ny.gov)

Energy Utility

Dear Information Resources:

Forensics

Healthcare

Hospitality

Public Sector

Real Estate

Science & Technology

On behalf of PSEG Long Island, as Agent for the Long Island Lighting Company d/b/a LIPA, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Long Island Power Authority ("LIPA"), Paulus, Sokolowski and Sartor Engineering, PC (PS&S) respectfully request New York Natural Heritage Program data to be utilized in the evaluation of potential environmental impacts resulting from the proposed construction of the Round Swamp Substation (the "Proposed Substation") and installation of two underground ("UG") 69kV transmission circuits and two UG 13kV distribution exit feeders, collectively referred to as the "Proposed Action." A previous request was sent by PS&S on August 28, 2018. A response was received from NYNHP on October 3, 2018 stating there are no records of rare or state-listed animals or plants, or significant natural communities at the project site or in its immediate vicinity.

The Proposed Substation will be constructed within an existing Nassau County owned and operated stormwater recharge basin located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Old Country Road and Round Swamp Road in Plainview, Town of Oyster Bay, New York. The Proposed Action will also include the installation of two new UG 69kV transmission circuits. One transmission circuit will be installed between the existing LIPA Plainview Substation located at 599 Plainview Road in Plainview, New York and the Proposed Substation (approximately 1.66 miles). A second transmission circuit will be installed between the Proposed Substation and the existing LIPA Ruland Road Substation located at 49 Ruland Road in Melville, New York (approximately 3.40 miles). In addition, two new UG 13kV distribution exit feeders will be installed and will exit the Proposed Substation to the south and east, respectively. Land uses immediately adjacent to the Proposed Action include commercial, light industrial, residential uses, and open spaces.

On behalf of PSEG Long Island, PS&S is requesting records of federal and/or state listed threatened or endangered species, rare species, species of special concern, habitats of special concern, and significant natural communities (Elemental Occurrence Data) within the Project Area (see Figure 1). Geographic Information System (GIS) compatible data on the presence of these species is preferred. Please see the attached GIS shape file depicting the limits of the Project Area.

The information provided by the New York Natural Heritage Program (NYNHP) will be used to develop and evaluate the Proposed Action. Information on the specific locations of rare species provided by the New York Heritage Program will also be used so potential impacts can be avoided, minimized, or mitigated. However, map(s) showing specific locations of sensitive species or habitats developed from the GIS data provided by NYNHP will not be published in any public document.

Please send the requested information to me at this email address indicated: [ssalmon@psands.com](mailto:ssalmon@psands.com).

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 516-333-4113 or [ssalmon@psands.com](mailto:ssalmon@psands.com). Thank you for your time in providing us with this information.



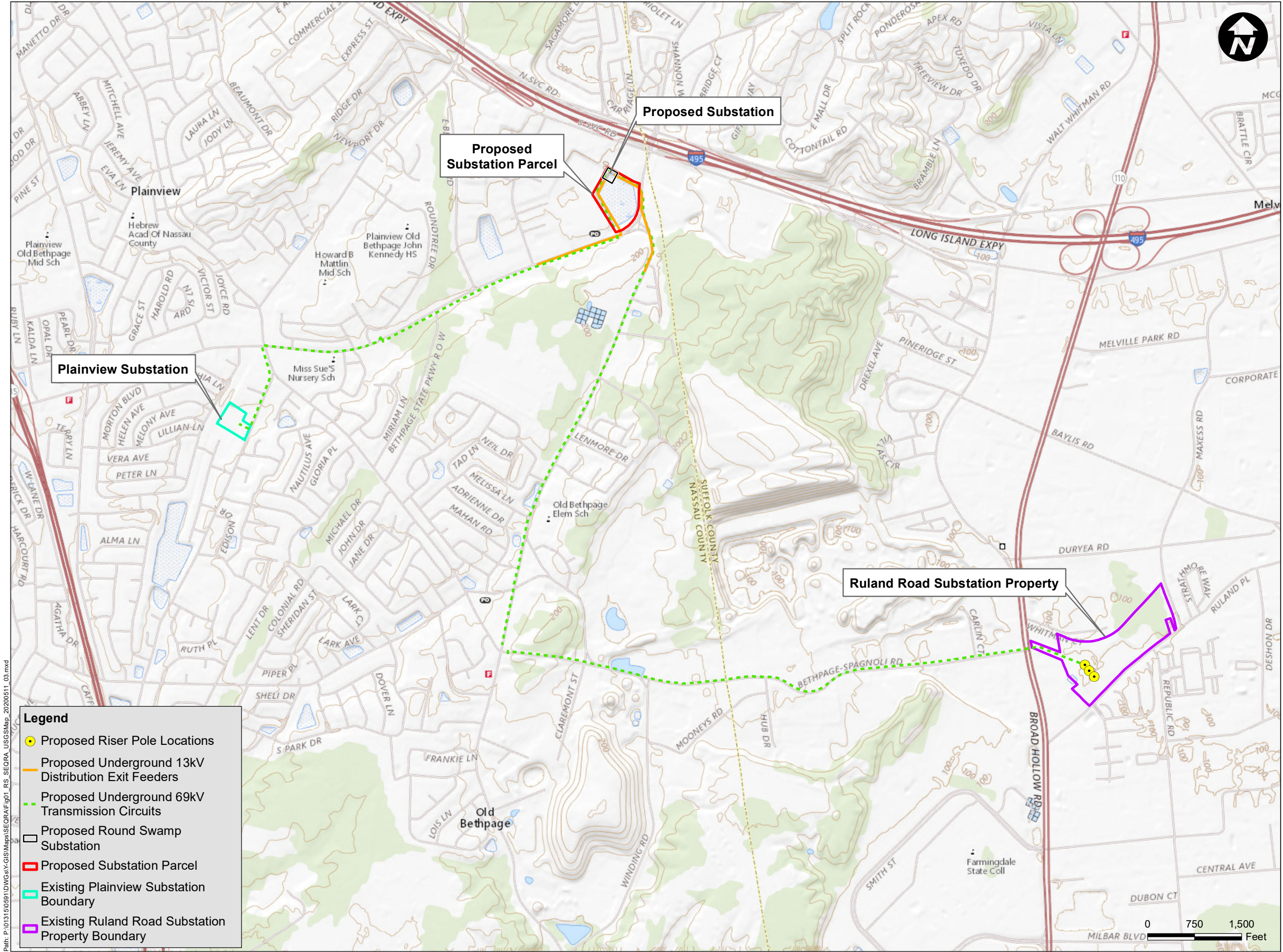
Sincerely,  
PS&S

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Salmon', followed by a long, horizontal, wavy line.

Scott Salmon  
Project Manager II

cc: Christopher Kiernan (PSEG Long Island)  
Lindsay Peppe (PSEG Long Island)





Sources:  
Proposed Substation Parcel extracted from Suffolk County GIS Viewer Version: 2.9.18, Parcel Data Set, 2016. Accessed on 03/28/2019.  
Proposed Round Swamp Substation Boundary taken from PSEG plan, received by PS&S on 3/27/2020.  
Plainview Substation Boundary (Portion of Block G, Lot 46) extracted from Nassau County Land Records Viewer, Parcel Data Set, Accessed on 03/28/2019.  
USGS, US Topo, The National Map Huntington Quad, 2016 STATE PLANE COORDINATES  
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PROJECT TITLE

Round Swamp Substation  
Distribution and Transmission  
Interconnections

SHEET TITLE

USGS SITE LOCATION MAP

PROJ. NO. 01315.0591

DATE 5/11/2020

DRN. BY ML

CHK. BY MH

SCALE 1" = 1500'

FIGURE NO. 1



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October 3, 2018

Megan Hayes  
Paulus, Sokolowski and Sartor Engineering, P.C.  
One Larkin Plaza, 2nd Floor  
Yonkers, NY 10701

Re: Proposed Round Swamp Substation and Associated Transmission Line in Old Bethpage  
County: Nassau, Suffolk    Town/City: Oyster Bay, Huntington

Dear Ms. Hayes:

In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to the above project.

We have no records of rare or state-listed animals or plants, or significant natural communities at the project site or in its immediate vicinity.

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