



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** June 29, 2006

**TO:** Stephen J. Del Giudice, Property Manager  
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**FROM:** Robert Munson, Planning Bureau Manager  
Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

**SUBJECT:** DCR-06-32: WMATA Crystal City/Potomac Yard Transit Improvement Project

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has searched its Biotics Data System for occurrences of natural heritage resources from the area outlined on the submitted map. Natural heritage resources are defined as the habitat of rare, threatened, or endangered plant and animal species, unique or exemplary natural communities, and significant geologic formations.

Biotics documents the presence of natural heritage resources in the project area. However, due to the scope of the activity and the distance to the resources, we do not anticipate that this project will adversely impact these natural heritage resources.

Under a Memorandum of Agreement, DCR represents the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) in comments regarding potential impacts on state-listed threatened and endangered plant and insect species. The current activity will not affect any documented state-listed plants or insects.

In addition, our files do not indicate the presence of any State Natural Area Preserves under DCR's jurisdiction in the project vicinity.

Any absence of data may indicate that the project area has not been surveyed, rather than confirm that the area lacks natural heritage resources. New and updated information is continually added to Biotics. Please contact DCR for an update on this natural heritage information if a significant amount of time passes before it is utilized.

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries maintains a database of wildlife locations, including threatened and endangered species, trout streams, and anadromous fish waters, which may contain information not documented in this letter. Their database may be accessed from [http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/info\\_map/index.html](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/info_map/index.html), or contact Shirly Dressler at (804) 367-6913.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert S. Munson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Robert S. Munson  
Planning Bureau Manager