



March 25, 2025

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RE: ENDANGERED AND THREATENED BAT REVIEW, FORMER NEWPORT SCHOOL,  
NEWPORT, NY (HRP PROJECT VIL5000.BA) MVEDD CA#4B 96219500

Ms. Hummel:

A public commenter raised a concern about bats during a community outreach meeting conducted November 14, 2024, regarding the demolition of the former Newport School (Site). Specifically, the commentor believed there were bats in the abandoned building, and that demolition would drive the bats to the commentor's domicile.

To address the comment, Herkimer Next, Inc. (Next), on behalf of the Village of Newport, retained a NYS licensed pest management firm, Bite Back Pest Management, to conduct an inspection of the Site building. Bite Back Pest Management completed an inspection and noted that there were no bats noted, nor evidence of previous roosting by bats.

Additionally, HRP contacted the NYSDEC Division of Wildlife regarding bats in the area of the Site. Mr. Jeff Eller, Senior Fish & Wildlife Technician at NYSDEC determined no endangered or threatened bats are present on-set or in the vicinity.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at (518) 978-2387.

Sincerely,

Thomas S. Seguljic PE, PG  
Principal