

# Exhibit DD.

## Lacombe Business Park

### LA Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries Letter



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August 22, 2024

CSRS, Inc.  
Attn: Brandon Stelly  
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## Lacombe Business Park LA Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries Letter

Dear Mr. Stelly,

After review of your gopher tortoise survey information and exhibit with site photographs provided on 17 July 2024 of the proposed Lacombe Business Park in St Tammany Parish as a potential Certified Site through Louisiana Economic Development, it is concluded that the project will not likely impact Gopher Tortoises or their burrows.

If at any time Gopher Tortoises or their burrows are encountered within the project area, please contact Keri Lejeune at 337-735-8676 or [klejeune@wlf.la.gov](mailto:klejeune@wlf.la.gov). If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Carolyn Michon, Wildlife Diversity Program Biologist, at 225-765-2357 or [cmichon@wlf.la.gov](mailto:cmichon@wlf.la.gov).

Sincerely,

*Keri L. Lejeune*

Keri Lejeune, State Herpetologist  
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**Date** November 17, 2023  
**Name** Brandon Stelly  
**Company** CSRS, Inc.  
**Street Address** 8555 United Plaza Blvd  
**City, State Zip** Baton Rouge, LA 70809  
**Project** Lacombe Business Park  
St. Tammany Parish  
**Project ID** 442023  
**Invoice Number** 23111701

Personnel of the Louisiana Wildlife Diversity Program (WDP) have reviewed the preliminary data for the captioned project.

One State-designated Scenic Stream — Bayou LaCombe — occurs within a 1/4 mile of the project. Please contact Amelia Wolfe at 225-765-2357 for more information.

The proposed project is located within the range of the Gopher Tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*) in Louisiana. The Gopher Tortoise, the only native tortoise in the southeastern United States, is listed as federally THREATENED under the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544) and as state THREATENED under L.A.C. 76: I.317. The Gopher Tortoise lives in extensive subterranean burrows in dry upland habitats, including Longleaf Pine sandhills, pine flatwoods, and, occasionally, pastures and grassy roadsides. The species also occurs in maintained transmission rights-of-way within Washington, Tangipahoa, and St. Tammany parishes. Suitable Gopher Tortoise habitat requires relatively well-drained sandy soils for digging burrows, herbaceous food plants, and open sunny areas for nesting and basking. Habitat alteration and land development pose the most serious threats to the continued persistence of the Gopher Tortoise in Louisiana. If a Gopher Tortoise or Gopher Tortoise burrow is located within the project area, please contact Keri Lejeune at 337-735-8676 for further consultation.

After careful review of our database, no other impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species or critical habitats are anticipated for the proposed project. The Wildlife Diversity Program (WDP) has compiled data on rare, endangered, or otherwise significant plant and animal species, plant communities, and other natural features throughout the state of Louisiana. WDP reports summarize the existing information known at the time of the request regarding the location in question. The quantity and quality of data collected by the WDP are dependent on the research and observations of many individuals. In most cases, this information is not the result of comprehensive or site-specific field surveys; many natural areas in Louisiana have not been surveyed. This report does not address the occurrence of wetlands at the site in question. WDP reports should not be considered final statements on the biological elements or areas being considered, nor should they be substituted for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. WDP requires that this office

be acknowledged in all reports as the source of all data provided here. If at any time WDP tracked species are encountered within the project area, please contact the WDP Data Manager at 225-763-3554. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please call 337-735-8734.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicole Lorenz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nicole" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Lorenz".

Nicole Lorenz, Program Manager  
Wildlife Diversity Program