New Jersey Building/Structure Inspection Form for Evidence of Bat Occupancy

For reporting bat presence/absence to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's New Jersey Field Office (Service) and NJDEP Fish and Wildlife's Endangered and Nongame Species Program (ENSP)

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It is recommended to survey buildings/structures in New Jersey for evidence of bat occupancy prior to construction, maintenance, or demolition activities that may disturb or directly harm bats. For background information and survey protocols, see the "New Jersey Guidance on Surveying Buildings/Structures for Evidence of Bat Occupancy" document. Submit survey results by emailing this fillable survey form and your associated photo log to MacKenzie.Hall@dep.nj.gov and the appropriate Service contact (Alicia_Protus@fws.gov for NJDOT projects, or Sarah_Crestol@fws.gov for non-NJDOT projects).

If evidence of bat occupancy is observed at a structure, further coordination must be conducted with both the Service and ENSP before work can proceed. Both agencies will need to determine the species of bat and colony size present before issuing guidance, so please take and provide *clear, diagnostic reference photos* with your data submission. If accessible, bat guano should be photographed beside a ruler for scale. Guano pellets may be collected for genetic testing.

Lead		Surveyor		Email:			
Surveyor:		Affiliation:					
Phone:		Additional					
		Surveyors:					
Project			Building				
Name:			Name/ID:				
Latitude/	Municip	ality		IPaC Project			
Longitude:	and Cou	nty:		Code:			
Inspection	Survey	Гіте	Weather conditions				
Date:	(start-en	d):	during survey:				
Structure Type:							
Residence (unoccupied) Residence		e (occupied) O	hed, detached garage)				
Commercial Building Church		Other structure (c	describe):				
Is the structure used on a regular basis by peop		ole?YESNO)				
Structure description, comments, or o	letails (in	cluding potential entry/	exit points):				

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Structural Features	Condition (Check one, if feature is present)				Evidence of Bats? (Check all that apply)					
(see Figures 1-3 in	Excellent	Minor	Moderate	Dilapidated		,	Yes		Feature	Feature
guidance document)	or bat-	warping,	damage,	or open	Bats	Guano	Other*	Unsure	Completely	Present,
	proof	gaps, or	gaps	access					Inspected	But Not
		damage								Inspected
Siding										
Shutters										
Eave soffit, fascia										
Moldings, frieze										
boards										
Gutters & space										
behind										
Chimney seams										
Roofing & ridge vents										
Attic vents & interior										
screens										
Attic interior (rafters,										
joists, floor)										
Basement, crawl space										
Outbuilding(s)										

^{*}Other bat indicators can include staining from body oils or urine, hearing bats vocalizing, or smell.

Check here if the inspection was thorough and complete Is a follow-up emergence survey recommended due to an inability to thoroughly inspect the structure?
Additional notes about the survey, bat indicators observed, and any uncertainties, including parts of the structure that were NOT inspected thoroughly due to unsafe conditions or inaccessibility: