

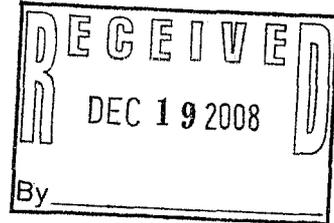


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Ms. Catherine Thompson Parks
ARRO Consulting, Inc.
1101 Opal Court
Hagerstown, MD 21740-5941



RE: Environmental Review for Comprehensive Plan – Keedysville, Washington County, Maryland.

Dear Ms. Parks:

The Wildlife and Heritage Service's Natural Heritage database indicates that there is a record for the state-listed endangered Biggers' Cave Amphipod (*Stygobromus biggersi*) known to occur within the town limits. It is documented as occurring in the reduced flow area to a large spring that feeds into Little Antietam Creek off of Spring Road on the east side of the town. We would encourage the town to disallow any activities that might impact the catchment basin to this spring system, or to the spring itself, in order to reduce the likelihood of adverse impacts to this important native animal.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to review this project. If you should have any further questions regarding this information, please contact me at (410) 260-8573.

Sincerely,

Lori A. Byrne,
Environmental Review Coordinator
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