

Northwest Indiana Paddling Association
Meadowbrook Conservation Center and Preserve
109 West 700 North
Valparaiso, Indiana 46385

Attn: Dan Plath, President
dplath@nwipa.org

Ms. Corita Waters
National Park Service
National Recreation Trail Coordinator

Dear Ms. Waters,

On behalf of the Residents of the 5th Ward in the City of Kankakee, Illinois, I am writing to express our support for designation of the Kankakee River Water Trail as a National Water Trail. We support the designation of a National Water Trail for the entire 133 miles of the Kankakee River from the headwaters of the Kankakee River in rural St. Joseph County, Indiana, to the Des Plaines River in Illinois.

Based on the benefits of the creation of the Kankakee River National Water Trail, including increasing community-based recreational opportunities, increased public access, tourism, economic growth, public health improvements and environmental education, the Residents of the 5th Ward in the City of Kankakee, Illinois, supports the Northwest Indiana Paddling Association and the Illinois representatives who are working together to apply for National Water Trail designation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tyler D. Tall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T".

Alderman Tyler D. Tall, Alderman 5th Ward
City of Kankakee, Illinois