

February 17, 2015

Ms. Corita Waters  
National Park Service  
National Recreation Trail Coordinator

Dear Ms. Waters,

On behalf of the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club 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. We have many paddlers who have paddled the Kankakee over our 53 years as a canoe and kayak club.

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 Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club supports the Northwest Indiana Paddling Association and the Illinois representatives who are working together to apply for National Water Trail designation.

Sincerely,

Mariann Davis, Skipper: Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club on behalf of the Club.