



THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

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The Izaak Walton League of America passed a motion in support of the creation of the Kankakee River National Water Trail for its entire length from South Bend, Indiana to Wilmington, Illinois at a meeting of its board of directors on February 14th, 2015 in Fort Myers, Florida.

At our national convention in July, the League will consider a resolution adding National Water Trails to our conservation policy manual as a new tool to promote increased recreational opportunities and instill a stronger conservation ethic in our members and in the general public.

Providing more access to rivers for the American public will foster increased education and conservation efforts for those rivers.

A National Water Trails program will help the League to further implement the goals of our new Strategic Plan adopted in 2013. Specifically, the targets of getting more of our chapters involved in youth education activities, increased conservation and river restoration projects, more partnerships, and raising the public profile of the IWLA as a leader in conservation.

The Izaak Walton League of America is proud to support a National Water Trail on the Kankakee River.

Sincerely,

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