

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

Ms. Corita Waters  
National Park Service  
National Recreation Trail Coordinator

Dear Ms. Waters,

On behalf of the IWLA Michigan City Chapter #7 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 Plains River in Illinois

Based on the benefits of the creation of the Kankakee River National Water Trail, including increasing community based recreation opportunities, increased public access, tourism, economic growth, public health improvements, and environmental education, the Michigan City Chap. # 7 supports the Northwest Indiana Paddling Association and the Illinois representatives to the Kankakee River National Water Trail Development Project's application for National Water Trail designation.

Sincerely

Bob Curry

CI Michigan City Izaak Walton Chapter #7