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Ms. Corita Waters
National Park Service
National Recreation Trail Coordinator

Dear Ms. Waters,

As Porter County Surveyor, an officer of the Kankakee River Basin Commission and a member of the Northwestern Indiana Planning Commission, I am writing to express my support for designation of the Kankakee River Water Trail as 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.

The creation of the Kankakee River National Water Trail will have multiple benefits for the river and its environs. The possibilities include an increase of community-based recreational opportunities, public access and stewardship of the river, tourism, economic growth, public health improvements, and environmental education.

The Porter County Surveyor supports the efforts of Northwest Indiana Paddling Association and its Illinois associates who are working on an application for National Water Trail designation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin D. Breitzke".

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