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Tuesday, November 25, 2014

Ms. Corita Waters
National Park Service
National Recreation Trail Coordinator

Dear Ms. Waters,

On behalf of the St. Joseph County Parks Department 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.

The St. Joseph County Parks Department operates a small public access site along the Kankakee River Water Trail called the Jasinski Public Access Canoe Launch.

For several years, we have provided public access for paddlers at the Jasinski Public Access Canoe Launch along the very successful Kankakee River Water Trail.

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 St. Joseph County Parks Department supports the Northwest Indiana Paddling Association and the Illinois representatives who are working together to apply for National Water Trail designation.

Sincerely,

Steve Slauson

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