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Ms Corita Waters

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National Parks Service

National Recreation Trail Coordinator

Dear Ms. Water

On behalf of the St. Joseph County Indiana Farm Bureau Inc. I am writing to express our support for the 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 headwater 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 recreational opportunities, increased public access, tourism, economic growth, public health improvements, and environmental education, the St Joseph County Farm Bureau Inc. supports the Northwest Indiana Paddling Association and the Illinois representatives who are working together to apply for the National Water Trail designation.

Sincerely,

St Joseph County Farm Bureau Inc.

Vice President

Nathaniel Ness