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## Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge & Conservation Area

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**Sent:** Wed Feb 08 2017 18:51:49 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** <r3planning@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge & Conservation Area

Dear Ms. Holler,

This e-mail is in response to your request for public comment on the conservation planning documents USFWS has developed for the Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge & Conservation Area.

The Refuge units delineated on your Conservation Opportunities map include natural resources of regional and global significance, and also identifies restorable acreage to create buffer for important natural areas and corridors for wildlife. Your focus on the broader landscape like this is critical for preserving natural areas and for people that like to visit them. I agree with your conservation priorities, and particularly like how USFWS will acquire conservation easements from private (and willing) landowners in addition to traditional land acquisition.

I support your agency's approach to growing the Kankakee Refuge. I am a huge fan of nature and outdoor activities. This Refuge will open up new opportunities to enjoy nature.

Sincerely,  
Theresa Juodis

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**From:** DENNIS P CLATTERBUCK <dclatterbuck@sbcglobal.net>  
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**Subject:** Subject KANKAKEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE & CONSRVATION AREA

DEAR JEANNE HOLLER,

I WANT TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR THE TASK OF LAND ACQUISITION FROM WILLING SELLERS IN THE FOCUS AREA TO EXPAND THE KANKAKEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AND CONSERVATION AREA.

I BELIEVE THAT THIS AREA NEEDS TO BE PRESERVED BECAUSE OF ITS RARE SPECIES AND BLACK OAK SAVANNA.ILLINOIS NEEDS PUBLIC ACCESS ON SUCH AREAS TO ENJOY THE OUTDOORS AND PUBLIC HUNTING

.I HAVE BEEN PRESIDENT OF IROQUOIS COUNTY PHEASANTS FOREVER AND AN OFFICER OFTHE IROQUOIS GOBBLERS NWTF CHAPTER FOR 25 YEARS AND WE HAVE ESTABLISHED THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF WILDLIFE HABITAT OVER THE YEARS.WE MADE SOME GREAT HABITAT ON PRIVATE OWNED ACRES AND THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF CRP DEVELOPMENT.CRP IS GREAT BUT RULES CHANGE AND OWNERSHIPS CHANGE AND YOU CAN LOSE GREAT HABITAT OVERNIGHT.WE NEED PERMANENT ACRES SUCH AS THE REFUGE TO BE THERE FOREVER.

WITH BOTH ORGANIZATIONS WE TEACH KIDS TO GET OUTDOORS AND ENJOY NATURE AND LEARN TO FISH AND HUNT.MANY OF THEM AFTER THEY GET PASSIONATE ABOUT HUNTING THEY HAVE TROUBLE FINDING A PLACE TO HUNT AND THEN GIVE IT UP.WE NEED MORE PUBLIC HUNTING GROUNDS.

I FEEL THAT A LOT OF THIS RIVERBOTTOM AREAS THAT FLOOD NEED TO BE PART OF THE REFUGE AND PUT BACK INTO GOOD WETLAND HABITAT AREAS.I TRULEY BELIEVE THAT IF THERE WAS MORE WETLAND AREAS ALONG THE KANKAE RIVER IN ILLINOIS AND INDIANA THAT MY HOMETOWN OF WATSEKA IL AND MANY OTHER SMALL TOWNS ALONG THE WAY WOULD HAVE OUR FLOODING REDUCED BY HOLDING SOME OF THAT WATER BACK FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS.

I HOPE THAT YOU GET ALLTHE NEEDED SUPPORT AND FUNDING TO BEGIN EXPANDING THE REFUGE

SINCERELY,  
DENNIS CLATTERBUCK  
IROQUOIS CO PHEASANTS FOREVER PRESIDENT  
AND IROQUOIS GOBBLERS NWTF BANQUET CHAIRMAN