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**Sent:** Thu Jan 26 2017 14:46:27 GMT-0700 (MST)  
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**Subject:** Kankakee NWRandCA

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KKK Refuge

**Al Thomas <woodduck\_1999@yahoo.com>**

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**From:** Al Thomas <woodduck\_1999@yahoo.com>  
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**To:** <r3planning@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** KKK Refuge

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Natural Resources and Conservation Planning  
Attn: Kankakee NWR and Conservation Area To Whom it May Concern and Jeanne  
Holler: Thorn Creek Audubon Society Board of Trustees, and its 400 plus members,  
supports the efforts of USF&WS to further grow the Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge  
and Conservation Area emphasizing with WILLING SELLERS ONLY and VOLUNTARY  
participation in conservation programs. Keep up the good work! Yours truly, Al Thomas  
President, Thorn Creek Audubon Society P.O. Box 895 Park Forest, IL 60466

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Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge

**Charlotte Read <candhread@comcast.net>**

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**From:** Charlotte Read <candhread@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 26 2017 15:03:22 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** <r3planning@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge

My husband and I submit the following comments on your proposal for a Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge. We remember a similar proposal some years ago that we also supported. The time has come for the Fish and Wildlife Service to finally accomplish that we had high hopes for before. The refuge planning must begin in Indiana as soon as possible. The more restoration accomplished along the river upstream --Indiana-- the better it will be for the river downstream and upstream. We know that eminent domain will NOT be used; only willing sellers will be dealt with. We also support protection for the Momence Wetlands to protect its rare plants and animals. Floodplain wetlands restoration will improve water quality and lessen flooding. No better time to start on the Indiana portion than now. Herb and Charlotte Read 791 North Calumet Road Valparaiso, IN 46383

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For Jeanne Holler re Kankakee Natl. Wildlife Refuge & Conservation Area

**Victoria Crosley <vscrosley@yahoo.com>**

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**From:** Victoria Crosley <vscrosley@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 26 2017 13:57:37 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** "r3planning@fws.gov" <r3planning@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** For Jeanne Holler re Kankakee Natl. Wildlife Refuge & Conservation Area

This is to advise you that I support your efforts to develop the Kankakee refuge, especially via willing sellers (only) and voluntary participation in conservation programs.

Preliminarily, I'd like to say why I care. I've been retired for over a dozen years now. I worked for decades in or near Chicago's Loop, in elevator buildings with inoperable windows. While I never stopped loving the view of the lake, increasingly I wondered why I had chosen an occupation (law) that kept me inside all day. When I retired I started becoming involved with the outdoors--first as a Master Gardener, then as a volunteer at Midewin Natl. Tallgrass Prairie, and more recently with the Illinois Native Plant Society. That has brought me in contact with people with diverse interests in both plants and animal life. This has brought me considerable knowledge and concern for the diminishing habitat for so many life species.

The refuge helps link natural areas that support these species. Linking the areas is a synergistic effect.

Preservation now is essential--restoration is an interesting concept but if you preserve, you're far better off.

Giving first attention to forested bottomlands and other wetlands along the river seems most sensible--for both humans and all plant and animal wildlife.

If you could persuade some of the farm owners to turn (willingly) their marginal, flooded land back to wildlife habitat that would help too.

All in all development of the Kankakee refuge should benefit on multiple levels (including water quality in the river).

Thank you kindly in advance for your efforts and service.

Victoria Crosley  
2240 Cedar Rd  
Homewood IL 60430

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Kankakee NWR&CA

**"Tom & Lauren Presny" <presny@charter.net>**

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**From:** "Tom & Lauren Presny" <presny@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 26 2017 12:03:49 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** <r3planning@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Kankakee NWR&CA

Dear USFWS,

Thank you for your hard work and thoughtful planning on the Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area. I hope you are successful in further establishing the refuge and working with landowners interested in conservation.

I hope that the local people/public understand that The Service will not use eminent domain and only purchases land from willing sellers at fair market value.

Public access and conservation are desperately needed across IL. Also needed, are the economic benefits/stimulus that Refuge's provide in the long-term to local economies.

I support these benefits of the proposed Refuge:

- 1) Protection the Momence Wetlands Planning Unit and the wildlife that use it in perpetuity
- 2) Protection and further establishment of the Oak Savannah Planning Unit
- 2) Improvement of water quality and alleviation flooding
- 3) Opportunities for public recreation: hunting, fishing, hiking, wildlife/nature viewing

Thank you.

Tom Presny  
Janesville, WI

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## Grand Kankakee Marsh

**Lisa Maier <doorsleadoutside46@gmail.com>**

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**From:** Lisa Maier <doorsleadoutside46@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 26 2017 11:06:03 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** <r3planning@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Grand Kankakee Marsh

Good morning,

My name is Lisa Maier and I am extremely excited about the Kankakee NWR! My family has owned a property in the Momence Wetlands unit for almost 90 years and I grew up exploring the Kankakee River and surrounding areas. The Kankakee River is very precious to myself and my family and after learning what happened to the once Grand Kankakee Marsh I was honestly heart-broken. I try now to fill in the farm land with images of what the Grand Kankakee Marsh used to be and I am so happy to see efforts to restore it to some of its former glory.

I am an avid birder, native garden enthusiast and very strongly believe in environmental conservation. In recent years, I have made an effort to clean up the slough behind our property (I believe is DNR property, right by the old river isle campground) as well as plant natives and remove invasive plants on our property and surrounding it. I have also added Bluebird (have had successful fledglings!) and Prothonotary Warbler houses in the area. I currently live in McHenry County and organize group birding trips to the area through McHenry County Audubon Society. The Kankakee Sands, Willow Slough FWA, Pembroke Savanna, LaSalle FWA, and Momence Wetlands offer such amazing birding, flora, and other outdoor opportunities.

I read that you are assisting residents who wish help in your conservation efforts. I would very much like to help with not just converting our property to natives and cleaning up the area, but in any way I can whenever I can. I was also wondering if there was a plant list of native species that you are prioritizing planting or if there are ones you wish to avoid? We are in a heavily wooded area that floods at least once annually. I'd like to continue to convert our property to native species and would not want to conflict with your goals. I can hold off planting anything this spring if that is preferable. I was also wondering who I could contact for permissions for putting up more bird houses? I have some more Bluebird and Prothonotary warbler houses and would also like to put up some wood duck/ owl and small cavity nester houses (I will gladly monitor and maintain them).

Preserving nature is extremely important to me, not to just have clean air, water and soil but I feel very strongly that we need nature on a more fundamental level; that we are connected to and a part of nature and if we destroy and pave over all our wild areas there will be so many unforeseen consequences that will directly affect our humanity. I wish we, as a society, would work more to coexist with nature instead of trying to control it. So, thank you, and please do not stop building this refuge!

Thank you for your consideration,  
Lisa Maier

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Kankakee NWR&CA

**Phil B <borsy14@gmail.com>**

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**Sent:** Thu Jan 26 2017 09:26:52 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** <r3planning@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Kankakee NWR&CA

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Public access and conservation are desperately needed across IL. Also needed, are the economic benefits/stimulus that Refuge's provide in the long-term to local economies.

Thank you and good luck with planning and implementation,

Phil Borsdorf  
Gibson City, IL

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## Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge & Conservation Area

**Mary Solecki <mksolecki@gmail.com>**

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**From:** Mary Solecki <mksolecki@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 26 2017 08:52:35 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** <r3planning@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge & Conservation Area

Dear Ms. Holler,

I am writing in response to the request for public comments on the conservation planning documents that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service developed for the Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge & Conservation Area. The Refuge units shown on your Conservation Opportunities map include natural resources of both regional and global significance, and identify land to create buffer for important natural areas and corridors for wildlife. The plan's landscape focus is vital for conserving natural areas and providing recreational opportunities for the many people who visit and support natural areas.

I agree with your conservation priorities and with the plan's conservation of essential habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds whose populations are in serious decline. Additionally, I support the plan to acquire conservation easements and land voluntarily from private landowners willing to partner with the organization.

The Conservation Opportunities map shows important opportunities to connect and enhance vital cores and corridors of wildlife habitat in the Momence Wetlands including the regionally significant bottomland hardwood forests found in this area. It also includes globally significant black oak savannas in the Oak Savanna-Kankakee County Unit, and other landscapes that also harbor threatened and endangered species. I agree with the priority of new natural connections between Iroquois State Wildlife Area and Willow Slough State Fish and Wildlife Area in Indiana.

I support and truly appreciate the community-based approach to enhancing and connecting natural resources at the Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area. Thank you for your efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely,  
Mary Kay Solecki  
1 North Street, Sidney, IL 61877  
217-688-2931

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## Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge & Conservation Area

**crottjp <crottjp@aol.com>**

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**From:** crottjp <crottjp@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 26 2017 08:47:28 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.

Sincerely,  
John Crotty  
Orland Grasslands Volunteers

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7 edge, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone



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## Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge & Conservation Area

**Radhika Miraglia <radhikamiraglia@gmail.com>**

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**From:** Radhika Miraglia <radhikamiraglia@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 26 2017 08:34:01 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.

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I support your agency's approach to growing the Kankakee Refuge.

Sincerely,

Radhika Miraglia  
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Chicago, IL 60640

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## Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge & Conservation Area

**Deborah Stone <deborah.stone2@gmail.com>**

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**From:** Deborah Stone <deborah.stone2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wed Jan 25 2017 17:47:36 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** <r3planning@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge & Conservation Area

Dear Ms. Holler,

I would like to submit a public comment on the conservation planning documents USFWS has developed for the Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge & Conservation Area.

While I have some history working in conservation in Illinois, I am writing as a private citizen and resident. I have had the pleasure of visiting many of the natural resources of regional and global significance in the area you have identified. Some of these communities are not only rare in Illinois but worldwide. This larger area provides a home for many endangered species, in part because it is not one isolated area but a network of nearby sites.

Focus on a larger area also allows for creation of buffer areas, corridors for wildlife, and for a more comprehensive experience for the people that visit the area.

I also think that in this historic area, it is very important to acquire conservation easements on a voluntary basis, from willing sellers, in addition to traditional land acquisition. Natural preservation can co-exist with support of the existing human communities.

Best of luck in growing the Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge.

Sincerely,

Deborah Stone  
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Kankakee Refuge

**martha bisacchi <marthabisacchi@att.net>**

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**From:** martha bisacchi <marthabisacchi@att.net>  
**Sent:** Wed Jan 25 2017 16:08:39 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** <r3planning@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Kankakee Refuge

Jeanne, I would like to let you know that I fully support the Kankakee National Refuge in IL and hopefully in IN someday. I know it will be beneficial for fish and wildlife. Recreational opportunities will increase in a highly populated area. Ken Bisacchi 5525W 205th Ave Lowell, IN 46356 Member Diana Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America Friends of the Kankakee Northwest Indiana Paddling Association

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Kankakee NWR&CA

**Paul Marcum <bannedsubstance@gmail.com>**

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**From:** Paul Marcum <bannedsubstance@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wed Jan 25 2017 15:38:12 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** <r3planning@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Kankakee NWR&CA

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my support for the Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area (KNWR&CA). This area of Illinois is extremely important ecologically as it is home to numerous rare animal and plant species. Many of the plants, in fact, are disjunct species from the Coastal Plain, occurring as rare isolated populations in the Midwest. Many of these species are rare because of past habitat fragmentation. Increasing connectivity with already existing nature preserves and natural areas in the vicinity will go a long way in protecting and enhancing these rare populations.

I support the approach of growing the KNWR&CA by acquisition of land from willing sellers and voluntary participation in conservation programs. Marginal farm land that is typically too wet to harvest a crop should be sought out for acquisition, given a willing seller. It has already been proven in other nearby areas that these "marginal" lands on wet sand often respond quickly. Some have even become valuable habitat for rare species.

I understand that acquisition of land in this area is a politically contentious issue. I just hope that the community leaders and local residents realize the importance and value present in their own back yards. This area is something to be proud of, celebrated, and preserved.

Sincerely,  
Paul Marcum  
1305 W. University Avenue  
Champaign, IL 61821