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Ms. Holler,

As a professional natural area land manager in north eastern Illinois I would like to express my support for the newly established Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area in Illinois. I see this as an exciting opportunity to preserve, protect, and restore high quality landscapes with natural communities that are increasingly rare and unique to this region of the Midwest. I believe that this refuge/conservation area will offer a multitude of opportunities and benefits to the region that are listed below:

Partnership Opportunities

- I see public private partnerships, such as easements and stewardship programs, as a great way to expand our conservation reach and help build community support for the refuge.
- I support collaborating with public and private landowners to enhance and connect high quality oak savanna and grassland bird habitat in Kankakee and Iroquois County.
- I look forward to learning the results from the Quality of Life study, to see how the Pembroke Township community would like to partner on conservation actions in the Land Protection Plan.

Restoration and Habitat Potential

- The Conservation Opportunities map highlights great opportunities to enhance and connect important cores and corridors of wildlife habitat in the Momence Wetlands, which includes globally significant black oak sand savannas, regionally significant bottomland hardwood forests, and other landscapes that harbor threatened and endangered species.
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service prioritizes conservation of essential habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds whose populations are in steep decline. The footprint of the Refuge is also on the migration pathway for the federally endangered whooping crane.
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- The Kankakee River is a National Water Trail and a protected Land and Water Conservation Area, and naturally connects high quality landscapes in the Refuge. We

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Recreation and Healthy Living

- I support the additional recreational opportunities for people to watch wildlife, paddle, fish, hunt and hike.

Landowner Connections and Community Engagement

- I agree that it is critical to integrate conservation lands into the existing fabric of our human communities, working lands and local economies.
- I recognize the firm commitment to exclusively work with interested land owners at the level they want to participate. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service should highlight on the Conservation Opportunities Map that participation is strictly voluntary.

Economic Importance of Open Space

- I recommend continuing to clarify that the mapped conservation priorities will work in harmony with existing agricultural operations and other land uses planned for economic development, so that residents value the Refuge as assets to local communities and our region.
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Resiliency and Stormwater Management

- For landowners that decide to participate, we see great potential for restoring flood-prone farmland and marginal agricultural land to wildlife habitat.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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