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# Conversation Contents

Kankakee NWRandCA

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**Sent:** Sat Jan 28 2017 11:29:24 GMT-0700 (MST)  
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**Subject:** Kankakee NWRandCA

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**Sent:** Sat Jan 28 2017 11:56:40 GMT-0700 (MST)  
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## Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area

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**Subject:** Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area

Dear Ms. Holler:

As a biologist I had long heard about the wonderful natural areas associated with the Kankakee River and the surrounding area, but had only visited a couple of sites. Last year I visited the Pembroke Savanna and the Nature Conservancy's large Kankakee Sands site in Indiana, and I watched the video "Everglades of the North" twice. I was impressed with the history and the natural history of the area. I read the material on the web site and I realize you are not yet at the stage where you are making detailed plans, but I wanted to express my support for the general concepts that were presented. I am pleased that the Wildlife Refuge has been started and look forward to its expansion. I also support the idea of working in partnership with different organizations and communities. From my years of efforts in land conservation, I can say that it almost always needs to involve partnerships. Private citizens and independent groups can play a valuable role. Volunteerism should be encouraged. Nachusa Grasslands, a Nature Conservancy site in Illinois, is a good example of what volunteers can accomplish.

My personal priorities would be the acquisition (where possible) and restoration of existing high quality natural areas, followed by re-establishing savanna, prairie, and wetlands in the appropriate areas.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment, and best wishes for a successful project.

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Kankakee NWR&CA

**Cindy Deardorff <cindy@kaspc.com>**

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**Sent:** Sat Jan 28 2017 11:49:26 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** "r3planning@fws.gov" <r3planning@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Kankakee NWR&CA

Cynthia K Deardorff  
411 Oak Street  
Kouts, IN 46347

January 28, 2017

Dear Representative,

I strongly support the creation of the Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area.

I have read the proposal for the Illinois portion of the refuge and think it is appropriate that the Refuge Start in the Momence Wetlands area and the Illinois prairie remnants south of the river.

The US Fish and Wildlife Service will not use eminent domain to acquire land and will also buy conservation easements to Protect the land.

The focus areas of the proposal include sand prairies, black oak savannas and other types of habitat, habitat that is very Rare and needs protecting.

Thank you,

Cynthia Deardorff

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Grand Kankakee Marsh. NWR&CA

**Ann Martin <aborsdorf@hotmail.com>**

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**Subject:** Grand Kankakee Marsh. NWR&CA

To whom it may concern:

I was heartened to read about the work the US Fish and Wildlife Service is doing to protect the Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge. I grew up in Illinois in a time when we were dazzled by the exciting urban developments, but as an adult in Minnesota, concerns about the viability of our wetlands and wildlife have challenged the wisdom of urban sprawl.

Your methods address the needs of homeowners, wetlands, and wildlife. The need for clean water is an overshadowing worry for all of us, and any work that supports clean rivers is a help to us now and in the future. A large percentage of the lakes in southern Minnesota, the land of 10,000 lakes, are unswimmable. It is essential that all states work to support clean water.

Thank you for your work. I'm glad to know you are protecting my home state.

Sincerely,

Ann Martin

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Fwd: supporting plans to proceed with the refuge

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**Subject:** Fwd: supporting plans to proceed with the refuge

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From: fernjmb <fernjmb@aol.com>  
To: fernjmb <fernjmb@aol.com>  
Sent: Sat, Jan 28, 2017 12:29 pm  
Subject: Re: supporting plans to proceed with the refuge

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To: r3planning <[r3planning@fws.org](mailto:r3planning@fws.org)>  
Sent: Tue, Jan 24, 2017 10:31 pm  
Subject: supporting plans to proceed with the refuge

Jeanne Holler

In regards to plans for supporting the refuge

In growing the refuge-I do support the idea of willing sellers only and voluntary participation in conservation programs.

I do believe the refuge footprints captures significant natural areas that need to be connected on the landscape and they need to be preserved for future generations.

I think the plans to prioritize conservation of forested bottomlands and other wetlands along the river will be beneficial for wildlife.

I agree that if you can help farmers turn some of their marginal, flooded land back to good wildlife habitat is a good thing if the owners are willing to do so.

I am excited about the refuge-where endangered plants and animals can thrive

I am very pleased and excited about the future of the Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area.

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Kankakee NWRandCA

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**Subject:** Kankakee NWRandCA

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**Subject:** Kankakee NWRandCA

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encourage the Service to work with the community so that any eco-tourists are aware of locally-owned businesses that would welcome more customers. Thank you for this opportunity to provide input as the USFWS develops its Land Protection Plan for the Kankakee Refuge. Sincerely, Karen Kulwin 655 Caren Dr Buffalo Grove, IL 60089 karen.j.i.kulwin@gmail.com 8479551055

## **KnowWho Services <noreply@knowwho.services>**

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**From:** KnowWho Services <noreply@knowwho.services>  
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Kankakee River Wildlife Refuge

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January 28, 2017

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
Division of Natural Resources and Conservation Planning  
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Dear U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

The approach to growing the Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area with an emphasis on willing sellers only and voluntary participation in conservation programs is great. The plans to prioritize conservation of forested bottomlands and other wetlands along the river will be beneficial not only for wildlife, and for people who enjoy nature and outdoor recreation along the river. I support your efforts.

Thanks!

Michael Rzepka



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K3 Refuge Yes

**John Baxter <xxjb7z@aol.com>**

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Hellow Jeanne Holler,  
I support the refuge. Even though our Kankakee county board opposes this  
many sportsman and nature people are not being heard.  
John

John Baxter  
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