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to all. I encourage the Service to highlight on the map that land will only be bought from willing sellers, and that the public will have access to Refuge land. Also, as funds allow, I feel the Service should build and staff a Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area Welcome Center so visitors can access restrooms and water. I encourage the Service to continue meeting with the local community that will be impacted by the Refuge. I believe that the Service and local communities can work together towards the goal of protecting both the environment and the community's interests. I 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, Alex Palmer 1257 W Flournoy St Chicago, IL 60607 palmera01@gmail.com 2162238635

KnowWho Services <noreply@knowwho.services>

From: KnowWho Services <noreply@knowwho.services>
Sent: Mon Jan 30 2017 17:47:58 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Kankakee NWRandCA

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Kankakee National Conservation and Wildlife Area Support

Chris Beck <hbat66@yahoo.com>

From: Chris Beck <hbat66@yahoo.com>
Sent: Mon Jan 30 2017 17:37:37 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Kankakee National Conservation and Wildlife Area Support

Hello, I am writing to express my support for the proposed Kankakee national wildlife and conservation area. I live in the north side of Chicago and work in the Loop. Escapes from my urban and human dominated environment are a requirement for my well being and the well being of many people who I call friends. We are lovers of nature and value our connection to the outdoors. The Kankakee river is very important to us as it is beautiful, unspoiled in many places and fishes well for bass on the fly. We have enjoyed many river excursions to the Kankakee witnessing eagles, foxes and fish among other natural delights. These experiences ground us and nourish our souls. The animals and plants calling the Kankakee home need human champions defending the land and water that those plants and animals call home. For these reasons and more, I am all for anything that helps preserve and grow the natural areas in and around the Kankakee. The river is under threat from incoming sand generated from eroding mining and agricultural operations. Anything to help mitigate these effects is a win. Anything helping the Kankakee is a win in general. Thank you for your time, Chris Beck Sent from my iPhone

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Grand Kankakee Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area

Robert Boklund <rjboklund@gmail.com>

From: Robert Boklund <rjboklund@gmail.com>
Sent: Mon Jan 30 2017 16:17:29 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Grand Kankakee Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area

Dear Sir or Madam:

The creation of a Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area is a wonderful idea!

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Working with willing sellers and other interested participants is essential to its success. Ultimately, this refuge/conservation area will no doubt prove to be a big source of tourism dollars, in the future.

Consequently, I wholeheartedly endorse its establishment.

--Robert J. Boklund. MSES
Vice President, La Porte County Conservation Trust, Inc.

Robert Boklund <rjboklund@gmail.com>

From: Robert Boklund <rjboklund@gmail.com>
Sent: Mon Jan 30 2017 16:26:14 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: FW: Grand Kankakee Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area

Comments (minus typos)

From: Robert Boklund [mailto:rjboklund@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 5:18 PM
To: Robert Boklund
Subject: Fwd: Grand Kankakee Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area

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From: **Robert Boklund** <rjboklund@gmail.com>
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Subject: Grand Kankakee Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area
To: r3planning@fws.gov

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Kankakee Wildlife Refuge

"Michael A. Davis" <TroutBum777@hotmail.com>

From: "Michael A. Davis" <TroutBum777@hotmail.com>
Sent: Mon Jan 30 2017 10:40:00 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "r3planning@fws.gov" <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Kankakee Wildlife Refuge

I support the Kankakee NWR&CA. Thanks...

Regards,

**Dean Farr
Indianapolis, IN 46236**

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Support for Conservation Effort in Southeastern Kankakee County and North Eastern Iroquois County, IL

Jed Hertz <jhh_60910@yahoo.com>

From: Jed Hertz <jhh_60910@yahoo.com>
Sent: Mon Jan 30 2017 14:01:31 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "r3planning@fws.gov" <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Support for Conservation Effort in Southeastern Kankakee County and North Eastern Iroquois County, IL

I support the on-going work of the USFW service to conserve designated areas in eastern Kankakee and Iroquois County, IL for the Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area. This is a worthy longterm USFW service conservation project that should continue purchasing land from willing buyers and not be impeded by some short sighted local interests. This project will benefit the entire area long term and play an important role in wildlife conservation for this sand savannah habit.

Kudos to those with the vision and fortitude to move forward with this worthwhile endeavor.

All the Best,

Jed Hertz

Member Kankakee Valley Audubon Society

Kankakee, Kankakee Co, IL (60 mi South of Chicago)

Photos/Videos:<http://www.flickr.com/photos/jhertz/>

Data: <http://ebird.org/content/ebird>

Birdscaping: <http://bringingnaturehome.net/>

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Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge & Conservation Area

patricia hayes <ptihys@yahoo.com>

From: patricia hayes <ptihys@yahoo.com>
Sent: Mon Jan 30 2017 13:18:06 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "r3planning@fws.gov" <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 am a volunteer restoration ecology stewardship leader and I support your agency's approach to growing the Kankakee Refuge.

Sincerely,

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Fwd: Kankakee NWR and Conservation Area

Grant Detrick <grantdetrick@gmail.com>

From: Grant Detrick <grantdetrick@gmail.com>
Sent: Mon Jan 30 2017 13:04:30 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Kankakee NWR and Conservation Area

Hello Ms. Holler,

I think the plans to prioritize conservation of forested bottomlands and other wetlands along the river will be beneficial not only for wildlife, but also for people who enjoy nature and outdoor recreation along the river. Thanks,

Grant Detrick
Avid Fly fisherman and morel mushroom hunter of the Kankakee River basin
[773-816-9912](tel:773-816-9912)
4215 N Parkside Ave
Chicago, IL 60634

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Proposed Wildlife Refuge in Kankakee County

Judy Brinkmann <user@votervoicenet>

From: Judy Brinkmann <user@votervoicenet>
Sent: Mon Jan 30 2017 11:46:02 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "U.S. FWS Jeanne Holler" <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Proposed Wildlife Refuge in Kankakee County

Dear U.S. FWS Holler, Testimony of adjoining residents and farmers of the Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge confirm our concerns regarding establishment of a wildlife refuge in Kankakee County. The proposed refuge will remove valuable farmland from production, alter and disrupt drainage, alter and disrupt transportation, displace residents, reduce the tax base, and reduce recreational and farming activities. Since the Federal Government has been unwilling or unable to make payments owed to local communities under The Refuge Revenue Sharing Act of 1935, and even greater weight will be placed on an already strained economy. Highway and drainage improvements adjacent to the proposed refuge will be in danger. Obstructions will be placed upon local authorities that they cannot overcome due to costs. The Federal Government has an advantage in acquiring land by allowing not capital gains taxes to land owners if selling to US Fish & Wildlife Services. The purpose of the Federal Government is not to acquire property, but to protect the US citizens. Since terrorism is a real threat, this misappropriation of limited resources must be stopped and used where most needed rather than trying to manipulate us away from our land. Sincerely, Judy Brinkmann 233 W Indiana St Momence, IL 60954 jabrinkman@aol.com

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Grand Kankakee Marsh NWR&CA

Dennis Nyberg <dwnyberg@gmail.com>

From: Dennis Nyberg <dwnyberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Mon Jan 30 2017 11:47:42 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Grand Kankakee Marsh NWR&CA

I support the KNWR. I think it can enhance populations of Ducks, other game animals and non-game wildlife including plants.

I have looked at the Conservation Opportunities map. I have been to the area covered by the map approximately two dozen times since 1990. In the 1990s I thought the Iroquois County Conservation Area was the nicest natural area in Illinois.

The potential for wildlife in eastern Kankakee and Iroquois County is extremely high, because there are many areas that have not been plowed. There is also a history of wildfire in this area. I have not suggested changes to the CO map. My comments primarily concern the Land Protection Plan. I have been to Iroquois County Conservation Area twice in last 5-7 years. ICCA is not nearly as fine a place for wildlife and plants now as it was in the 90s. ICCA has become rather overgrown with brush. I infer the fire management of the 90s has not been continued in the 2010s and maybe before. IMO it is essential that any land acquisition in this area be compatible with regular fire management AND that FWS make a commitment to fire management on all land that they acquire. That commitment must not just be on paper, but an actuality on the ground. If FWS can not make that happen, it would be better that they not acquire land as at least some local residents are regularly burning.

Dennis Nyberg
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Dennis Nyberg

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Kankakee NWR & CA

Georganne Higgins <gfrhiggins@comcast.net>

From: Georganne Higgins <gfrhiggins@comcast.net>
Sent: Mon Jan 30 2017 11:09:07 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Kankakee NWR & CA

Dear Jeanne Holler,

I thank you and the US Fish and Wildlife Service for establishing the Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area (Refuge). I attended the Grand Opening and several of the meetings in Momence. I am concerned that a few disgruntled people living in the area could dismantle the effort to preserve and expand this national treasure. I have visited Great Smoky Mountains National Park, where residents needed to be displaced to create the park. In contrast, the Refuge is only buying from willing sellers and not displacing anyone.

The Refuge footprint will preserve significant natural areas for future generations, including forested bottomlands and other wetlands along the river. Endangered plants and animals; the river; and all the people who enjoy them will benefit. The Refuge is a win-won situation.

Yours truly,
Georganne Higgins
2904 Chippewa Dr
Bourbonnais, IL 60914



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Kankakee Refuge

Roy <royjobowling@msn.com>

From: Roy <royjobowling@msn.com>
Sent: Mon Jan 30 2017 10:27:58 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "r3planning@fws.gov" <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Kankakee Refuge

Hi, As bird watcher and nature lover, I support the Kankakee Conservation And Refuge area. We owe it to our children and future generations. Wild life creatures are God's creations and should be cared for and treasured. I don't want to live in a world without the songs of birds or the squirrels running about the neighborhood. So we MUST SAVE THEIR HABITAT. Thank you. Joanne Bowling

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

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Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge & Conservation Area

"blkreider ." <blkreider@gmail.com>

From: "blkreider ." <blkreider@gmail.com>
Sent: Mon Jan 30 2017 10:03:43 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge & Conservation Area

To Whom It May Concern,

I want to express that I am in support of the Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge. This benefits wildlife, people and businesses. Not only having better water quality and less runoff from erosion and farmlands.

I have seen the documentary "[Everglades of the North](#)" and if we had the Kankakee marsh today it would be an amazing midwest nature sight drawing all types of recreational activities.

Thank you for taking the time in reading my email support

Brian Kreider

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Kankakee NWR and CA

Will Winans <willwinans@bigriverfly.com>

From: Will Winans <willwinans@bigriverfly.com>
Sent: Mon Jan 30 2017 09:39:39 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Kankakee NWR and CA

I am writing to express my support for the Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area.

The establishment of the area is incredibly important to the Kankakee River system as a whole. The conservation of existing wetlands and the restoration of historical wetlands and habitat in the area will help to stabilize the river, lessening high water events and subsequent erosion that have plagued the area for decades. It will serve as a precedent for restoring and maintaining the health of the entire river and its ecosystem.

I am fortunate enough to be able to make a living on the Kankakee River, guiding fly fishing tours. Improving this resource, will draw more people to the area, meaning an increase in revenue for the surrounding communities via tourism and recreational use of the river. The river and its surrounding areas offer an ecosystem rich in bio diversity that deserve to be protected.

This is a much needed step for the Kankakee River Valley in both Illinois and Indiana, with an emphasis on willing sellers and voluntary participation in conservation programs.

Sincerely,

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Kankakee NWR&CA

Bowden Quinn <bowden.quinn@sierraclub.org>

From: Bowden Quinn <bowden.quinn@sierraclub.org>
Sent: Mon Jan 30 2017 07:50:04 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Kankakee NWR&CA

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Division of Natural Resources and Conservation Planning
5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990
Bloomington, MN 55437-1458

Via email: r3planning@fws.gov

Re: Kankakee NWR and Conservation Area

To Whom It May Concern:

The Sierra Club Hoosier Chapter supports the development of a Land Protection Plan for the Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area in Illinois and approve of the public process that the Fish and Wildlife Service has initiated to gather constructive comments about the plan. We support your initial ideas, priorities, and approaches to protecting the area and developing a comprehensive plan for it.

We support the creation of the Momence Wetlands Planning Unit to increase breeding populations of wetland-dependent migratory bird species of concern. Moreover, the restoration of floodplain wetlands will improve water quality in the Kankakee and reduce flooding. The more restoration there is upstream, the better it will be for the river downstream.

We also support the creation of oak savanna planning units in Iroquois and Kankakee counties. With only three percent of its land publicly owned, Illinois ranks 44th out of the 50 states in the amount of public land available for conservation and wildlife-related recreation. The refuge can be an economic contributor to the area. According to the US Census Bureau, residents and visitors to Illinois spend \$3 billion annually on wildlife-related recreation. We support the plan to only purchase land from willing sellers and working with voluntary participants in conservation programs.

We appreciate the Service's support of voluntary conservation efforts by local partners in Indiana through technical assistance and cost-sharing of habitat restoration on their land and look forward to a similar planning process for the adjoining area of the Kankakee River in Indiana. We plan to stay engaged in this process and provide more constructive comments as the plan develops.

Sincerely,

Bowden Quinn
Chapter Director

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Kankakee NWR&CA/Grand Kankakee Marsh

Quigley Mike <quigsby1@comcast.net>

From: Quigley Mike <quigsby1@comcast.net>
Sent: Mon Jan 30 2017 07:40:34 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Kankakee NWR&CA/Grand Kankakee Marsh

I have lived along the Kankakee River for my entire life, I think the plans to prioritize conservation of forested bottomlands and other wetlands along the river will be beneficial not only for wildlife, but also for people who enjoy nature and outdoor recreation along the river. Thanks Mike Quigley 5661 Aspen Dr. St Anne IL 60964

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Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area

Sue Lauzon <suzbo2@gmail.com>

From: Sue Lauzon <suzbo2@gmail.com>
Sent: Sun Jan 29 2017 20:16:22 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area

Jeanne Holler US Fish & Wildlife Service Division of Natural Resources and Conservation Planning 5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990 Bloomington, MN55437-1458 Dear Ms. Holler, I am responding to your request for comment on the US Fish & Wildlife Service's conservation planning documents for the Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area. Illinois has a remarkable diversity of habitats, and in the Kankakee area you have the ability to preserve some truly unique areas. Both the Momence wetlands (and associated hardwood forests) and the oak savannas of Kankakee and Iroquois Counties are regionally, if not globally significant. The Refuge units delineated on the Service's Conservation Opportunities Map include these in a way that indicates that you will likely be able to create a network of protected lands. I also support your identification of acreage that can be restored and then connect what would otherwise be a fragmented landscape, providing both habitat buffers and wildlife corridors. I support the Fish & Wildlife Service's approach to Refuge planning for this site, which includes options in addition to outright purchase of lands from willing sellers. The use of conservation easements with interested landowners will engender an enthusiasm and interest in "ownership" by the community which I don't believe you would see if only traditional methods were used. I think you will find that the neighboring communities are in fact proud of the unique natural resources in their back yard, and would welcome the opportunity to be considered partners with you in protecting it, and then in utilizing it. I spent a career in natural resource protection, and in fact retired from a position in Illinois, so I am very familiar with this area and its resources, and look forward to seeing your progress. I fully support the establishment and growth of the Kankakee refuge, and applaud your collaborative approach to achieving a public/private partnership with landowners and the surrounding community. Sincerely, Susan E. Lauzon 7316 Lakeview Dr. Lexington, Michigan



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Kankakee NWR&CA

Donald Frame <df.nature@outlook.com>

From: Donald Frame <df.nature@outlook.com>
Sent: Sun Jan 29 2017 16:06:10 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "r3planning@fws.gov" <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Kankakee NWR&CA



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Donald Frame <df.nature@outlook.com>
To: "r3planning@fws.gov" <r3planning@fws.gov>

Sun, Jan 29, 2017 at 5:06 PM

I support the the Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area because I feel very strongly that too many of our wetlands have been drained and destroyed. It is necessary that these wetlands be restored to improve the water quality and lessen the flooding. It will be extremely beneficial for wildlife and plants of all kinds, but it will also give our present and future generations the opportunity to view and appreciate nature. They also spend money which benefits towns they travel thru and also buy items that remind of the wild areas they visit.

The Momence Wetlands area needs protection to insure the plants (some rare) and animals don't just survive there but flourish.

Sadly the Kankakee in Indiana was channelized.

Lets protect The Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area!

Thank You, Donald H. Frame

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Grand Kankakee Marsh - Kankakee NWR&CA

Dean Farr <dean.farr@sbcglobal.net>

From: Dean Farr <dean.farr@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Mon Jan 30 2017 15:47:04 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Grand Kankakee Marsh - Kankakee NWR&CA

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Regards,

**Dean Farr
Indianapolis, IN 46236**