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How could you do this to us? Momence Refuge

Holly Costello <costello.holly@gmail.com>

From: Holly Costello <costello.holly@gmail.com>
Sent: Wed Nov 30 2016 20:17:02 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "U.S. FWS Jeanne Holler" <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: How could you do this to us? Momence Refuge

Dear U.S. FWS Holler, We have two children in Momence school district. Our schools are struggling to make ends meet without asking for tax increases. This plan will take many properties off our tax roles or reduce our tax base substantially. The promised 3/4 of 1% Tax payment is nothing compared to what we will be losing in tax revenue. The math doesn't even come close to adding up. You have your refuge in Pembroke. It is arrogant to think that you can ram this down our throats without consequences. Just cancel the Momence expansion of this refuge! Sincerely, Holly Costello 3624 N 17340e Rd Momence, IL 60954 costello.holly@gmail.com

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The Mومence component of this boondoggle is insane.

Michael Costello <costello.michael.lee@gmail.com>

From: Michael Costello <costello.michael.lee@gmail.com>
Sent: Wed Nov 30 2016 20:08:03 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "U.S. FWS Jeanne Holler" <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: The Mومence component of this boondoggle is insane.

Dear U.S. FWS Holler, We have an abundance of wildlife without this boondoggle. Marianne Hahn should propose this crap in her own backyard, and her own school district. You are terrorizing our community and our childrens schools with this insane nonsense. Go away, stay away! Sincerely, Michael Costello 3624 N 17340e Rd Mومence, IL 60954 costello.michael.lee@gmail.com



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Grand Kankakee Marsh

John Schnell <chitownpro20@yahoo.com>

From: John Schnell <chitownpro20@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wed Nov 30 2016 11:39:42 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Grand Kankakee Marsh

No!! Sent from my iPhone

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Kankakee wildlife and refuge Marsh I eastern kankakee county

Judy Laneville <user@votervoice.net>

From: Judy Laneville <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Mon Nov 28 2016 04:21:02 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "U.S. FWS Jeanne Holler" <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Kankakee wildlife and refuge Marsh I eastern kankakee county

Dear U.S. FWS Holler, I am opposed to purchasing more land for a wildlife and refuge area. The loss of tax dollars would have an extremely negative impact on Momence. The government cannot guarantee that they would make payments every year. Payments would also be based on a lower land value .There are valuable farmland acres in this proposed blueprint. I have relatives that farm in the blueprint area and surrounding it. Put your money to better use....like getting rid of sand in the Kan j akee River coming down from Indiana. Sincerely, Judy Laneville 10151 E State Route 1 17 Momence, IL 60954 judyklaneville@aol.com

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NFW comment

Karen Slover <karenslover@att.net>

From: Karen Slover <karenslover@att.net>
Sent: Sat Nov 26 2016 16:49:02 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "U.S. FWS Jeanne Holler" <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: NFW comment

Dear U.S. FWS Holler, Our taxes would sky rocket! They have already put a black cloud over us. They said they would leave if they were voted out. I think all the people who showed up and did not support them at the meeting in Momence would have been enough out cry! They will flood us out! We have already lost tax base from the DNR. Our schools will suffer.they are already suffering. Our businesses will leave when their taxes go sky high. What doesnt any one understand? Someone please work for the people of Momence. Sincerely, Karen Slover 2811 N River Isle Rd Momence, IL 60954
karenslover@att.net



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Land refuge opposition in Momence

Kevin Hickory <kevklyn34@att.net>

From: Kevin Hickory <kevklyn34@att.net>
Sent: Fri Nov 25 2016 20:17:02 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "U.S. FWS Jeanne Holler" <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Land refuge opposition in Momence

Dear U.S. FWS Holler, I strongly oppose this movement it does nothing but destroy our homes we have all worked hard for Sincerely, Kevin Hickory 12193 E Gregg Blvd Momence, IL 60954 kevklyn34@att.net



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Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge

Bob Dyer <rdyer211@comcast.net>

From: Bob Dyer <rdyer211@comcast.net>
Sent: Wed Nov 23 2016 08:36:02 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "U.S. FWS Jeanne Holler" <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge

Dear U.S. FWS Holler, I am writing in opposition to the proposed FWS Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge. The negative impact of this proposed refuge include loss of property tax revenue, which is vital to county and community services; and disruption of established drainage from the watershed. For these two reasons alone, I urge you to use the influence of your office to stop any further action toward development of this project. Sincerely, Bob Dyer 211 Tiverton Rd Kankakee, IL 60901 rdyer211@comcast.net



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Don't destroy our land

William Vanwassenhove <willvanwassenhove@gmail.com>

From: William Vanwassenhove <willvanwassenhove@gmail.com>
Sent: Tue Nov 22 2016 22:09:02 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "U.S. FWS Jeanne Holler" <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Don't destroy our land

Dear U.S. FWS Holler, I feel that this is yet another overreaching mess like the waters of the us and think the government should stay out of our comunittee. Sincerely, William Vanwassenhove 19430 W 6000s Rd Cabery, IL 60919 willvanwassenhove@gmail.com

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FWS KANKAKEE

Marcia Wyatt <ml4wyatt@att.net>

From: Marcia Wyatt <ml4wyatt@att.net>
Sent: Tue Nov 22 2016 18:02:02 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "U.S. FWS Jeanne Holler" <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: FWS KANKAKEE

Dear U.S. FWS Holler, I can't believe you guys are going to TRY to do this, we will fight you tooth and nail to get you to leave us and our town..none of you live here or close to infect your family and way of life. We work hard to live here cuz it's a peaceful town,until you came in. There's sooo many people who are effected by this and you don't give a shit.its not your town or your family's.so why don't you just go to your home town and destroy it AND see if you get a welcome. Who can afford to live here AND pay for the taxes AND buy any houses NO ONE. OUR SCHOOL,FIRE DEPARTMENT,POLICE DEPARTMENT ECT.WILL NO LONGER BE,BECAUSE OF YOU PEOPLE. I can't say enough to make you understand what your doing,how much are you getting paid. Hummm..more than I make. Maybe you need to come back and hear what we're talking about AND get it through your small mined brains that WE DONT WANT OR NEED ANY OF THIS. IT MAKES ME SICK,HOW DO You SLEEP AT NIGHT AND LOOK IN THE MIRROR KNOWING THAT YOUR DOING THIS. I HOPE YOU HAVE NIGHT MARES, KARMA ,IT DOES COME BACK..GO AWAY IS THERE SOMETHING YOU DIDNT UNDERSTAND.. Sincerely, Marcia Wyatt 127 E Indiana St Momence, IL 60954 ml4wyatt@att.net

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U.S. FWS Kankakee Nat'l Wildlife Refuge

John Hildenbrand <user@votervoicenet>

From: John Hildenbrand <user@votervoicenet>
Sent: Tue Nov 22 2016 16:20:02 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "U.S. FWS Jeanne Holler" <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: U.S. FWS Kankakee Nat'l Wildlife Refuge

Dear U.S. FWS Holler, I'm not in favor of Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge. Please vote NO! Impacts to our local community could be extensive: Loss of farm land - the refuge could remove enough farm land from production in Kankakee County to remove \$43.6 million of agricultural economic output annually. Loss of property tax revenue - land acquired by US Fish & Wildlife does not pay property taxes. The loss of property tax revenue to our local schools and municipalities could make our communities unsustainable. Impacts to established drainage - The Kankakee River watershed is very large and disrupting drainage to the river could cause flooding and water management issues for the farm land and residential areas for miles outside of the proposed focus areas. No Land Protection Plan - This Land Protection Plan (LPP) is to give detail on how the lands in the focus area are to be managed. US Fish & Wildlife Service has not released an LPP and without it, we have no idea what areas of the refuge would be publicly accessible and what areas would be off limits. No updated Environmental Assessment - The Environmental Assessment (EA) study for this refuge is over 17 years old and there have been many changes over that period of time which warrant a new EA. Thank-you for your time! Sincerely, John Hildenbrand 1282 N 50 East Rd Thawville, IL 60968 jmh79@yahoo.com

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Oppose Kankakee national wildlife refuge and conservation area

Christine Doud <user@votervoicenet>

From: Christine Doud <user@votervoicenet>
Sent: Tue Nov 22 2016 13:08:02 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "U.S. FWS Jeanne Holler" <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Oppose Kankakee national wildlife refuge and conservation area

Dear U.S. FWS Holler, My name is Chris Doud and I am a lifetime resident of Momence. My town as well as Pembroke in Hopkins Park are included in the Kankakee national wildlife refuge and conservation area. We understand the noble motivation behind this project, to create a stable environment for the protection of wildlife in serving as a safe haven for endangered species. We are not in principle against this motivation, but in its execution. We have a number of concerns, some on our list. The marsh will destroy the land that has been in families for generations. The marsh will destroy the tax base of our communities. Who is going to protect our rights as private property owners? Why would anyone want to deliberately cripple Momence and its citizens? The cost for the residence many of whom are on fixed incomes to relocate is far more than land value. We love our communities and do not want to move! We did not expect to fight state and federal government for our home and land! There is approximately 20 years worth of planning behind this project. If this is the case, then why have we been only given vague promises for what the project entails? The lack of consistent truths has been present in most of my research about this project. How can we possibly trust a group that has intentionally withheld information and won't directly answer questions we have asked? My husband and I have worked for years to buy our dream home. We have put countless hours of physical labor into our property. There are hundreds of other families with the same story. What gives you the right to take away this way of life we have worked so hard to create? We need help! This project must be stopped! Sincerely, Christine Doud 3539 N Vincennes Trl Momence, IL 60954 dood1@sbcglobal.net



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Fish and wildlife project

Tamara Taylor <user@votervoice.net>

From: Tamara Taylor <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Tue Nov 22 2016 11:44:02 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "U.S. FWS Jeanne Holler" <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Fish and wildlife project

Dear U.S. FWS Holler, I am against this project. I believe it will lower the value of all surrounding areas. Sincerely, Tamara Taylor 423 S Forest Ave Bradley, IL 60915
taylortamara@ymail.com



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Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge

Krista Lottinville <klottin2@gmail.com>

From: Krista Lottinville <klottin2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tue Nov 22 2016 09:30:05 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "U.S. FWS Jeanne Holler" <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge

Dear U.S. FWS Holler, I strongly oppose the Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge project. This will directly impact farmers in our county, reduce taxable agriculture income for the county, and is an infringement on property rights. Sincerely, Krista Lottinville 1450 N 3000 EAST RD SHELDON, IL 60966 klottin2@gmail.com

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Kankakee NWR &CA

Christine Doud <dood1@sbcglobal.net>

From: Christine Doud <dood1@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sun Nov 13 2016 12:12:31 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Kankakee NWR &CA

The citizens who live along the Kankakee River in Momence have already protected the existing habitat and they do it with their own funds. No one has asked for a government to come in and pay for the work and care they lavish on their surroundings. If you need proof, go visit some of my neighbors. Some of the homes have been owned for over three generations by families in our region .doesn't this show the care they have provided and continue to provide all at no cost to our overburdened federal budget! Kankakee County residents already have a wealth of public land for recreational activities hunting, fishing, Berding, photography and environmental education now. Why does you SFWS think they can come in and do better when the federal government is already trillions of dollars in debt? Why are they seeking to enter an area with funds that doesn't exist in our government? Sent from my iPhone

Christine Doud <dood1@sbcglobal.net>

From: Christine Doud <dood1@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sun Nov 13 2016 12:25:40 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Kankakee NWR&CA

This is a correction regarding my previous email. USFWS not youSFWS Sent from my iPhone

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Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge

Thomas Doud <tdoud25@gmail.com>

From: Thomas Doud <tdoud25@gmail.com>
Sent: Wed Nov 09 2016 20:05:29 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge

Dear Ms. Holler,

I am writing to express my concerns with the Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge. First, I am concerned with how the land is going to be used without an established LPP that was promised to be issued last year, and with an out of date EA study that may have inaccurate data. Also, my house that has been here for over 100 years is in the proposed area and even if you don't end up using my property I am worried about how the drainage from the Kankakee River will affect the houses and hundreds of acres of farmland in my area that families have worked hard to maintain for generations. Lastly, I am concerned about how the tax revenue will change in my area. Agriculture is a substantial source of revenue in Kankakee County and if this land is used as a wildlife refuge which would get heavy tax breaks could result in millions of tax dollars lost that are crucial for our local government. I have many other concerns that I will continue to voice at our local meetings, but I think I have made my opposition clear. Thank you very much for your time.

God bless,
Thomas Doud

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Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area

Monty Buchanan <firefighter9006@yahoo.com>

From: Monty Buchanan <firefighter9006@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sat Nov 05 2016 10:43:47 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area

As retired Fire Chief of Momence, IL, I can tell you that we as a town cannot afford this refuge. The funds our fire department gets from property taxes are already minimal. If 18,000 acres were to come off the tax rolls, our local emergency services would suffer greatly. Our school system is struggling financially also. If FWS makes the marsh in Momence, that is part of the Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area refuge being planned for our area, it will be catastrophic to our town. Why would a group that is for "conservation" want to ruin a town? Lamonte Buchanan Momence, IL 60954

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Kankakee NWR&CA

Catherine Abbott <gccdabbott@icloud.com>

From: Catherine Abbott <gccdabbott@icloud.com>
Sent: Sat Nov 05 2016 10:03:26 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Kankakee NWR&CA

To whom it may concern, I attended the meeting that was held on Oct. 25, 2016 at Momence High School. Thank you for hosting the meeting and for the information presented. At this time, I am OPPOSED to the Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conversation Area. I believe this project NEEDS to begin with the Kankakee River in IN. In 1996, this project included the Kankakee River Basin in Northwestern Indiana. The River is full of sand/sediment and restoring the River needs to start with with the problem - remove and restore the natural flow of the river. We have seen increased flooding, high water, partly because the River is wider and shallower. I am also concerned with the proximity of the project to the city of Momence. And, I am concerned with lost tax revenue. Please add me to your email list so that I receive project updates. My email address is cabbott588790@gmail.com Sincerely, Catherine Abbott 11741 E. Gregg Blvd. Momence, IL 60954 Cathy Abbott

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Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area

<montygina@sbcglobal.net>

From: <montygina@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sat Nov 05 2016 09:50:27 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area

I am writing you with my opposition to the Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area that is currently being planned in Momence, IL. Our town cannot withstand the loss in tax dollars that this marsh would bring. Our schools are in financial crisis now, and the loss in property tax revenue would cause the schools to close their doors. Our schools are already on a financial extension. If FWS wants to do something noble and preserve what actually needs to be protected, it should shift its efforts to removing the sand from the Kankakee river and returning it to the way it used to be. FWS does not need to own the river, but should help fix and preserve it. I doubt FWS would encounter any opposition to that plan. Thank you for you time, Gina Buchanan 3580 N Vincennes Trail Momence, IL 60954

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Kankakee NWR and CA

Linda Krause <lmkone@gmail.com>

From: Linda Krause <lmkone@gmail.com>
Sent: Fri Nov 04 2016 09:46:30 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Kankakee NWR and CA

To Whom it May Concern,

I live at 227 W. Washington Street, Momence, IL

My family is opposed to the Wetlands Project. Already real estate sales on the river have slowed down as buyers do not want to take a chance on buying a home that they may not be able to keep.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Buy a House from Linda Krause
Real Living - Speckman Realty Inc
612 Armour Road
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
Direct Line - 815.263.6577
Email - lmkone@gmail.com
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Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area

Mark Hampton <mnlhampton@gmail.com>

From: Mark Hampton <mnlhampton@gmail.com>
Sent: Mon Oct 10 2016 19:03:28 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: <r3planning@fws.gov>
Subject: Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area

As a 24 year resident of Momence, I am extremely concerned about the recent revelations about this Refuge and Conservation Area.

I believe it is foolish to tear down functioning and tax generating homes, buildings, businesses, and farmland in order to remove enough dirt and land to **create** wetlands and marsh area where none has existed for a VERY LONG TIME. It seems the negative impact on the town and economy of Momence and the surrounding areas is much greater than any potential gains in tourism to a marsh.

As a resident of the affected area, I am extremely opposed to this course of action and will be complaining about it to my representatives.

Mark Hampton