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Kankakee River Basin Partnership

- Basinwide organization of local people
- Common approach to solving problems of the Kankakee River and to insure the high quality natural resource values are restored, protected, and enhanced by private landowners, local, state, and federal governments.
- The Partnership wants to preserve a high quality, naturally diverse and productive Kankakee River System sustained by ecological processes which encourage the preservation of aquatic and terrestrial habitat that are managed to allow for compatible social and economic issues.
- Groups within Partnership prepare projects for funding under the State of Illinois' C2000 Ecosystem Program
- Received nearly 1 million dollars for projects in 1998.
- Requested nearly 4 million dollars for projects in 1999.

Kankakee River Basin Partnership Stewardship Plan

GOALS FOR THE KANKAKEE BASIN:

STABILIZE THE WATER RESOURCES

STABILIZE THE LAND RESOURCES

IMPROVE THE WATER QUALITY

PRESERVE THE HIGH QUALITY NATURAL RESOURCE VALUES

RESTORE OR ENHANCE NATIVE ANIMALS AND DEGRADED
HABITATS

IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS AND MATERIALS FOR
NATURAL RESOURCES

PROTECT PRIME FARMLAND

Kankakee River Basin Partnership

- Developed a **basinwide stewardship plan**
- Based on the three county's plans developed for the NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the plan previously prepared by the Partnership.
- Three public meetings were conducted by the Soil and Water Conservation Districts and facilitated by the DNR to gather public input regarding the problems and solutions.

All information was combined into one "plan" which was termed a "Kankakee River Basin Stewardship Plan". The plan was adopted by the Partnership this last spring and has been signed on to by several local groups and local governments.

- The stewardship plan identifies 7 "problems". Each "problem" has a "goal" with several noted "objectives". Action items or targeted projects are delineated followed by a listing of implementing agencies, groups, and organizations.