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THE KANKAKEE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION
685 LARRY POWER ROAD
BOURBONNAIS, IL 60914

November 1, 2012

Mr. Cliff Cross, City Planner
City of Kankakee
304 South Indiana Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901

Dear Mr. Cross:

Please accept this letter of support from the Kankakee River Basin Commission for the City of Kankakee's application to the EPA for a Community-Wide Brownfields Assessment Grant. The Kankakee River Basin Commission works in partnership with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to protect the Kankakee River watershed. As stewards of the river, we collaborate, educate, organize, restore, and intervene to preserve the health of the river not just for our current residents and visitors but for future generations as well.

The Kankakee River Basin Commission strongly supports the work of the EPA and the City of Kankakee to identify and assess brownfield properties in environmentally sensitive areas. Findings from the site assessments would be an important source of data for the Commission and would help us to make more informed decisions on how to help secure the environmental and economic health of the City and other communities in the County along the Kankakee River.

The Commission will provide assistance to the City in identifying strategic sites that may be impacting the river or watershed, or sites that offer opportunities for green space or restored natural areas that could significantly benefit ongoing efforts to restore and enhance the river as it flows through the City of Kankakee. We also will help by distributing project information to our members and the community.

The Kankakee River Basin Commission looks forward to your favorable review of the City of Kankakee's Brownfields Assessment proposal.

Sincerely,

J. R. Black
Chairman