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Mr. Paul R. Miller, Planning Director  
County of DeKalb  
110 East Sycamore Street  
Sycamore, Illinois 60178

Re: Watershed-based Plan Approval  
*East Branch of the South Branch Kishwaukee River Watershed-Based Plan*

Dear Mr. Miller:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) has reviewed the *East Branch of the South Branch Kishwaukee River Watershed-Based Plan* for consistency with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) watershed-based plan guidance found in Appendix C of the Nonpoint Source Program and Grants Guidelines for States and Territories dated April 12, 2013.

Accomplishing the goals of the recently updated *Illinois' Nonpoint Source Management Program* (September 2013) will rely on the success of stakeholder driven, well-developed watershed-based plans. The Illinois EPA is committed to ensuring that Section 319(h)-funded restoration and protection projects are guided by approved watershed-based plans, or alternative plans that adequately addresses EPA's minimum elements for watershed-based plan development.

The Illinois EPA recommends that watershed-based plans be reviewed ten years after the plan's development to assess if any revisions should be considered. Illinois EPA's Section 319(h) funding resources may be available to update these plans if revisions are needed.

After the reviewing the submitted *East Branch of the South Branch Kishwaukee River Watershed-Based Plan*, Illinois EPA has determined that it contains EPA's required minimum elements for a watershed-based plan and is approved as submitted.

Congratulations, we look forward to working with *East Branch of the South Branch Kishwaukee River Watershed-Based Plan* stakeholders during the implementation of your approved watershed-based plan. If you should have any questions relating to this review, feel free to contact Scott Tomkins at (217) 782-3362.

Sincerely,

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Bureau of Water

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cc: Janette Marsh, USEPA Region 5 (WQW-16J)  
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