

**Appendix K: Compilation of Public Comments Received on Draft Damage Assessment and
Restoration Plan / Environmental Assessment**

Enbridge NRDA: Public Comments on Draft DARP/EA

Compiled by Lisa L. Williams, USFWS

July 28, 2015

Comment #1

From: Daniel Burton <dtburton15@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 8:50 PM

Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment

To: kzoorivernrda@fws.gov

I would like to provide a few comments with regard to the Enbridge NRDA. I think the list of recommended improvement project ideas are all worthy projects and will ultimately improve the Kalamazoo River and its surrounding communities. I also agree for the most part with the assessment for improvements of the concrete channel in Battle Creek. This nearly mile long channel significantly impacts the rivers aesthetic quality, its recreational value as well as its overall health. Removal is not a likely option due to flooding concerns, yet I would like to suggest a study to route the river to the east side of the city moving the confluence with the Battle Creek River just above the downtown area. The design of the new river should allow for the river to be diverted into the current concrete channel during high flow events to avoid flooding, yet allow the river to flow more naturally during normal flows. The ecological and aesthetic value to the new river flow are obvious, and I believe there would also be economical value by combining the Kalamazoo and Battle Creek Rivers before the downtown area. The combined flows could allow the downtown area of the Battle Creek River to be developed into a paddlers park. I am not proposing a whitewater park, but instead a beginner to intermediate place to learn the basics of paddling in moving water (eddies, ferries, turning, stopping, etc). Where a family could take the kids to develop safe paddling skills before heading off into more remote and unknown rivers where accidents can be more dangerous. A place where paddlers new to the sport or coaches looking for a venue to teach beginners to paddle could go to improve their skills. Downtown Battle Creek could benefit economically from such development.

In addition to that larger idea, I would like to toss out a couple more:

- purchase the forested property next to Paddlers Grove to expand this park while protecting more undeveloped riparian
- purchase the riparian land on the south side of the Battle Creek River between Washington Ave and the Kalamazoo River confluence. Remove the empty buildings and convert into Confluence Park. Remove the current unsafe low head dam at the Washington Ave Bridge and replace with a white water feature with access using the confluence park. In addition, add a few whitewater features on the last 100 feet of the concrete channel on the Kalamazoo River at the confluence to again provide whitewater paddling to the area. These improvements will add economical and recreational value to the river.

Thanks for your efforts to improve the Kalamazoo River and its watershed.

Dan Burton

Comment #2

From: Christine Kosmowski <ckosmowski@calhouncountymi.gov>

Date: Wed, Jul 22, 2015 at 4:50 PM

Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment

To: "kzoorivernrda@fws.gov" <kzoorivernrda@fws.gov>

Cc: "John Macfarlane (jmacfarlane@mumfordlaw.com)" <jmacfarlane@mumfordlaw.com>

Hello, Lisa:

I am writing to urge the inclusion of the removal of the channelized portion of the Kalamazoo River within the City of Battle Creek for the Enbridge NRDA and the PCB NRDA. I suggest that monies from the Enbridge NRDA be used to fund a full hydrology study of the system and that PCB NRDA monies be applied towards the removal of the concrete. The reasons for the suggestion are outlined in the attached document. In general, however, the removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource after having been disconnected from it for over 50 years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christine Kosmowski

Water Resources Commissioner

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Attachment – NRDA_Concrete_Channel.pdf

Restoration of the Channelized Portion of the Kalamazoo River in Battle Creek, Michigan

Project Description

The Kalamazoo River in downtown Battle Creek, Michigan was channelized with concrete by the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) approximately fifty years ago for flood control. The channelization eliminates the potential for spawning, resting and feeding areas for a broad variety of fish, amphibians, plant life and other terrestrial organisms and thus acts as a deterrent to the establishment wildlife. In addition, the riparian buffer has been removed which has caused the water temperature to increase above the tolerance of some fish species. This segment of the Kalamazoo River is also inaccessible to the public for recreational purposes, affords poor water quality and has a very poor aesthetic character.



Restoration Objectives

This project is intended to provide compensatory restoration for the in-stream habitats and aquatic natural resources (like mussels and fish) that were injured as a result of the Enbridge Line 6B oil discharges by increasing the aquatic functions and values directly in the Kalamazoo River.

The proposed project is the modification of approximately 4,000 linear feet of concrete channel and the restoration of the channel to a natural setting by adding pools and riffles, a riparian buffer, and a fish passage at the dam upstream of the channel.

The proposed project includes creation of naturally landscaped park space along the river banks, together with a non-motorized pathway, in order to allow for access to and recreational use of the river.



Urban River Trails
 - a familiar and successful concept in Battle Creek and other cities



Battle Creek



San Antonio



Los Angeles

Probability of Success and Monitoring

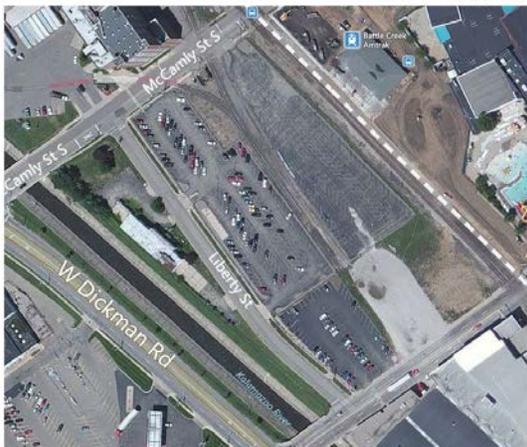
Removing the concrete armor along the stretch of the Kalamazoo River within the city limits of Battle Creek, Michigan, will be highly successful in restoring aquatic habitat, native riparian plant communities, fish migration and spawning areas. It will also improve water quality. The biggest barriers to the success of the project are the cost to remove the concrete, property acquisition, and the removal of contaminated sediment from a brownfield site adjacent to the river. A full hydrology study is also needed to adequately determine the engineering design.

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) developed a pre-feasibility model and rejected the removal of the channel. However, the model was based on limited data. Per the USACE report, “the accuracy and precision of the hydraulic model is uncertain and the output is only an approximation at best.” Therefore, a complete hydraulic model should be funded to be able to fully determine the feasibility of removing the channel. The Kalamazoo River Watershed Council supports the funding of such a study.

Environmental and Socio-Economic Impacts

No long-term adverse environmental or socio-economic impacts are expected from this project. In fact, positive benefits are expected. The project will have the added bonus of reconnecting the community to this water source that has been inaccessible for the past 50 years. The project ties in nicely with two recent statewide initiatives: *Michigan Blue Economy* and *Sustaining Michigan’s Water Heritage* (Water Strategy). Both emphasize the importance of water and Placemaking for communities. The Water Strategy, for example, stresses the importance of protecting and restoring aquatic ecosystems and creating vibrant waterfronts and areas for water-based recreation.

Soapy’s Car Wash Site



Soapy’s Car Wash Site

- A Restored river with native boulders and plantings
- B Riverwalk
- C Drop-off
- D Conagra parking – reconfigured
- E Kayaker parking
- F Greenway connection to river
- G GPI parking – reconfigured
- H Capitol St. re-route / GPI loading

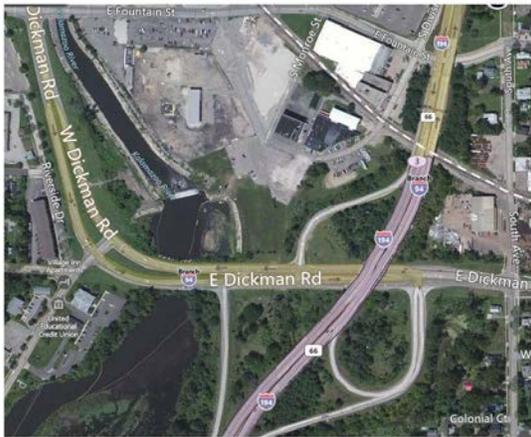


Chicago



New York

Mill Pond Site



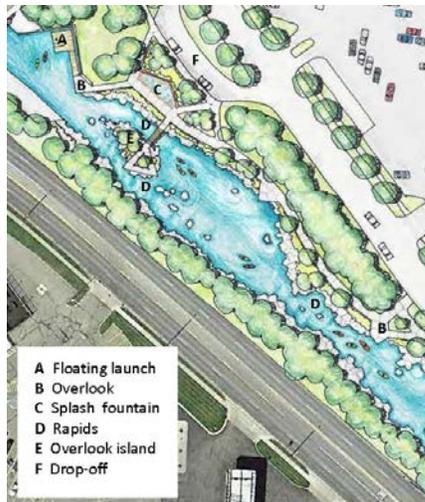
Adaptive Kayak Launch



Floating platform with hinged approach will be required due to fluctuating river elevation.

Platform is equipped with electronic lift powered by solar voltaic cells.

Newly constructed launch on the Detroit River at Bishop Park in Wyandotte



- A Floating launch
- B Overlook
- C Splash fountain
- D Rapids
- E Overlook island
- F Drop-off



Cherry Creek, Denver



LA River, Los Angeles



Confluence Park, where Cherry Creek meets the South Platte River, Denver



- A Riverwalk / overlook perches
- B Native boulders and bank plantings
- C Floating launch pad
- D Boardwalk to launch area
- E Fish ladder
- F Existing dam
- G Woodland planting/habitat



Natural fish pass, Williamston, MI



Rouge River, Detroit

Cost

\$30 to \$50M for the full restoration. \$100K to \$300K is anticipated for a full hydrology study of the system. This project is expected to be a partnership among the City of Battle Creek, Battle Creek Whitewater, Inc., the Battle Creek Community Foundation, the Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, and other community organizations.

Evaluation

The stretch of the channelized section of the Kalamazoo River was directly impacted by the Enbridge Line 6B Oil Discharges from July 2010. The oil from the discharge flowed completely through this community of 53,000. One of the larger areas of submerged oil that resulted from the event is just upstream of the channel in the area known as the Mill Ponds. Submerged oil remains there and will need to be monitored for many years to come.

This project will have negative short-term impacts to natural resources, but will have overall long-term positive environmental impacts by restoring aquatic habitat, native riparian plant communities, fish migration and spawning areas, and improving water quality

Comment #3

From: John Macfarlane <jmacfarlane@mumfordlaw.com>

Date: Fri, Jul 24, 2015 at 11:59 AM

Subject: Enbridge NRDA comment

To: "kzoorivernrda@fws.gov" <kzoorivernrda@fws.gov>

Cc: "Christine Kosmowski (ckosmowski@calhouncountymi.gov)" <ckosmowski@calhouncountymi.gov>, "Larry Rizor (architects.inc@prodigy.net)" <architects.inc@prodigy.net>

Dear Dr. Williams, I am writing on behalf of Battle Creek Whitewater, Inc. in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek. Battle Creek Whitewater, Inc. is a nonprofit foundation established for the purpose of promoting the restoration of the Kalamazoo River within the City of Battle Creek to a more natural waterway, as well as to promote the creation and operation of a public park along and within the Kalamazoo River. The portion of the Kalamazoo River that is encased in a concrete channel as it flows through the City of Battle Creek is a blight on the landscape and a deterrent to any type of recreational use of the river. The removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource. Please consider funding a hydrology study to evaluate the feasibility of removing of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process. Thank you.

John H. Macfarlane

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Comment #4

From: Conor Macfarlane <csm@3eyetech.com>

Date: Fri, Jul 24, 2015 at 3:48 PM

Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment

To: "kzoorivernrda@fws.gov" <kzoorivernrda@fws.gov>

Dear Dr. Williams,

I am writing in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek. The removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource.

As a local business owner, I am particularly interested in relocating my growing company headquarters to downtown Battle Creek along a renovated and more aesthetically pleasing river.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process.

Thank you.

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From: Brian Turk <bturk@3eyetech.com>
Date: Fri, Jul 24, 2015 at 4:01 PM
Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment
To: "kzoorivernrda@fws.gov" <kzoorivernrda@fws.gov>

I am writing in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

The removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process. Thank you.

Comment #6

From: Mandi Weiss <mandi@3eyetech.com>
Date: Fri, Jul 24, 2015 at 4:02 PM
Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment
To: "kzoorivernrda@fws.gov" <kzoorivernrda@fws.gov>

Dr. Williams-

I am writing in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

The removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process.

Thank you.

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Comment #7

From: Patrick McClure <patrick@3eyetech.com>
Date: Fri, Jul 24, 2015 at 4:05 PM
Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment
To: "kzoorivernrda@fws.gov" <kzoorivernrda@fws.gov>

Dr. Williams,

I am writing in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

The removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process. Thank you.

Thanks,

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From: Dominick Reed <dreed@3eyetech.com>
Date: Fri, Jul 24, 2015 at 4:06 PM
Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment
To: "kzoorivernrda@fws.gov" <kzoorivernrda@fws.gov>

I am writing in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

The removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process.

Thank you.

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From: TJ Hagist <tjhagist@3eyetech.com>
Date: Fri, Jul 24, 2015 at 4:09 PM
Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment
To: "kzoorivernrda@fws.gov" <kzoorivernrda@fws.gov>
Hello,

I am writing in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

The removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process. Thank you.

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Comment #10

From: Nancy Macfarlane <nancy.macfarlane54@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Jul 25, 2015 at 1:36 PM
Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment
To: kzoorivernrda@fws.gov

As a former Battle Creek city commissioner and over 30 year resident of Battle Creek, I am in support of the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in Battle Creek.

Restoring the river will enhance economic development, improve water quality, and be much more aesthetically appealing.

The channelled portion of the river is located in one of the main gateways into downtown Battle Creek. Besides the cement, the "river" channel is surrounded on both sides by tall chain link fence, making a visually unappealing entry into the city, and prohibiting community members from using the river. Restoring the river could remedy this situation.

Please remove the channel under the DARP or NRDA PCB process.

Sincerely,

Nancy Macfarlane
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Comment #11

From: Brian Engelhardt <brian.james.engelhardt@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Jul 25, 2015 at 2:01 PM
Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment
To: kzoorivernrda@fws.gov

I am writing in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

The removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process. Thank you.

Comment #12

From: <nelsonx5@comcast.net>
Date: Sat, Jul 25, 2015 at 3:05 PM
Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment
To: kzoorivernrda@fws.gov

I am writing in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

The removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process.

Thank you.

Laura Nelson
Kalamazoo, MI

Comment #13

From: R.Adams <hob641@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Jul 25, 2015 at 3:55 PM
Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment
To: kzoorivernrda@fws.gov

I am writing in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

The removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource. Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process.

Thank you,

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Comment #14

From: Karen Parker <kwpark1099@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Jul 26, 2015 at 7:26 AM
Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment
To: kzoorivernrda@fws.gov

Dear Dr. Lisa Williams -

I am writing in fervent support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

The removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process.

Your thoughtful consideration - and funding approval - is greatly appreciated!

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Comment #15

From: Jackie DeHaan <jdh49017@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Jul 26, 2015 at 4:16 PM
Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment
To: kzoorivernrda@fws.gov

Dr. Williams -

I am writing in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

The removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource.

This project is very important to Battle Creek, as well as its neighbors.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process. Thank you.

Jackie DeHaan

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Comment #16

From: <kathleenbess@comcast.net>
Date: Sun, Jul 26, 2015 at 4:55 PM
Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment
To: kzoorivernrda@fws.gov

I am writing in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

The removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process. Thank you.

Kathleen L. Bess
Battle Creek, Michigan

Comment #17

From: alcoa1961 <alcoa1961@tx.rr.com>

Date: Sun, Jul 26, 2015 at 8:43 PM

Subject: "Enbridge NRDA Comment"

To: EastLansing@fws.gov, kzoorivernrda@fws.gov, Annette_Trowbridge@fws.gov

The proposed penalties for Enbridge after their heinous Kalamazoo pipeline spill in 2010 are grossly insufficient.

Unless you enact much more expensive penalties, Enbridge and other pipeline companies will laugh themselves to death in their private board rooms, while screaming bloody murder in public.

Please increase those penalties by at least a factor of five. Use the extra money to hire more pipeline inspectors so that pipeline companies can't continue to build risky pipelines and operate them unsafely.

Thank you,
[unsigned in original e-mail]

Comment #18

From: Macfarlane, Teresa <Teresa.Macfarlane@kellogg.com>

Date: Mon, Jul 27, 2015 at 8:58 AM

Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment

To: "kzoorivernrda@fws.gov" <kzoorivernrda@fws.gov>

I am writing in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

The removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process. Thank you.

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Comment #19

From: Adams Hagist, Megan <Megan.Adamshagist@kellogg.com>
Date: Mon, Jul 27, 2015 at 9:04 AM
Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment
To: "kzoorivernrda@fws.gov" <kzoorivernrda@fws.gov>

Good morning –

I am writing in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

The removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process. Thank you.

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Comment #20

From: Sosville, Wendy <Wendy.Sosville@kellogg.com>
Date: Mon, Jul 27, 2015 at 9:07 AM
Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment
To: "kzoorivernrda@fws.gov" <kzoorivernrda@fws.gov>

I am writing in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

The removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process. Thank you.

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Comment #21

From: Cascioli, Debra <Debra.Cascioli@kellogg.com>
Date: Mon, Jul 27, 2015 at 9:08 AM
Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment
To: "kzoorivernrda@fws.gov" <kzoorivernrda@fws.gov>

I am writing in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

The removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process.

Thank you!

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Comment #22

From: Nelson Karre <NKarre@vcflaw.com>
Date: Mon, Jul 27, 2015 at 9:16 AM
Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment
To: "kzoorivernrda@fws.gov" <kzoorivernrda@fws.gov>
Cc: Nelson Karre <NKarre@vcflaw.com>

I am writing in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

I share with Ms. Kosmowski the view that the removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource. This will help bring more healthy activity to Battle Creek's downtown.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process. Thank you.

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Comment #23

From: Beuchler, Tyra <Tyra.Beuchler@kellogg.com>
Date: Mon, Jul 27, 2015 at 9:24 AM
Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comments
To: "kzoorivernrda@fws.gov" <kzoorivernrda@fws.gov>

I am writing in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

The removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process. Thank you.

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Comment #24

From: Mike Segal <segal_mike@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jul 27, 2015 at 10:00 AM
Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment
To: kzoorivernrda@fws.gov

Dr. Lisa L. Williams,

I am writing in support of Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner Christine Kosmowski's comments regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

I fully support the improved water quality and better habitat that the removal of the concrete channel will help foster.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process.

Thank you,

Mike Segal

Comment #25

From: Rebecca L. Fleury <RLFleury@battlecreekmi.gov>

Date: Mon, Jul 27, 2015 at 10:35 AM

Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment

To: "kzoorivernrda@fws.gov" <kzoorivernrda@fws.gov>

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the hydrology study and exploration of removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

The hydrology study is important to determine whether or not the concrete channel can be removed to help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource.

Please consider funding the study and exploration of the removal of the concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Mission for Battle Creek City Government

To ensure a safe, prosperous and culturally enriched community.

Vision for Battle Creek City Government

We envision Battle Creek as an extraordinary community where people choose to live, work and play.

Comment #26

From: Mark Schauer <mark.schauer@comcast.net>

Date: Mon, Jul 27, 2015 at 11:42 AM

Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment

To: "kzoorivernrda@fws.gov" <kzoorivernrda@fws.gov>

Dear Dr. Williams:

I'm writing in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

The removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process.

Thank you,

Mark Schauer
1795 Hamilton Road
Battle Creek, MI 49017
269.209.3940

Comment #27

From: Kate <katesegal@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jul 27, 2015 at 11:50 AM
Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment
To: "kzoorivernrda@fws.gov" <kzoorivernrda@fws.gov>

I am writing in strong support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

The removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource. Currently, the concrete channel prevents the community from taking full advantage of this water resource and creates a blight throughout our downtown.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process.

Thank you,
Kate Segal
108 Pinehurst Lane
Battle Creek, MI 49015

Comment #28

From: Stuart Family <snmstuart@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jul 27, 2015 at 1:05 PM
Subject:

To: "kzoorivernrda@fws.gov" <kzoorivernrda@fws.gov>

I am writing in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

The removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process. Thank you.

Mark F Stuart 2624 Ramblin Dr. Battle Creek, Mi 49014

Comment #29

From: Andy Helmboldt <helmboldt4bc@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Jul 27, 2015 at 1:40 PM

Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment

To: kzoorivernrda@fws.gov

I am writing in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

The removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process. Thank you.

Andy Helmboldt
Battle Creek City Commissioner, At-Large
269-660-9659

Comment #30

From: Turk, Stephanie <Stephanie.Turk@kellogg.com>

Date: Mon, Jul 27, 2015 at 3:15 PM

Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment

To: "kzoorivernrda@fws.gov" <kzoorivernrda@fws.gov>

I am writing in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

The removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process. Thank you.

Stephanie Turk

Stephanie Turk | Sr.Manager| Kellogg Customer Operations |O: 269-961-3021 C: 269-420-1724

Comment #31

From: Annette Chapman <Annette@bccfoundation.org>

Date: Mon, Jul 27, 2015 at 3:20 PM

Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment

To: "kzoorivernrda@fws.gov" <kzoorivernrda@fws.gov>

Cc: Brenda Hunt <Brenda@bccfoundation.org>

Dr. Lisa L. Williams, Chair NRDA Trustees:

On behalf of the Battle Creek Community Foundation, it is my pleasure to provide this email of support for funding consideration under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process, specifically for the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek, submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner.

We are supportive of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek. The removal of the concrete channel will assist in creating better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource.

The mission of the Battle Creek Community Foundation is to assist people and organizations in investing in our community and its residents to make a positive difference, therefore creating a vibrant, healthy and viable community. We feel that supporting the goal of restoring the shores of the Kalamazoo River in its confines of the existing channel or in part, is an important investment to effectively facilitate positive community change.

We have been working with the City of Battle Creek and the Calhoun County Water Resource Commissioner as a partner, in supporting environmental stewardship efforts in our community, as well as other projects that contribute directly to our community's health, welfare and quality of life.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process. Thank you.

Brenda L. Hunt

President & CEO

Battle Creek Community Foundation

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Comment #32

From: Hagist, Jack <Jack.Hagist@kellogg.com>
Date: Mon, Jul 27, 2015 at 3:45 PM
Subject: Enbridge NRDA Comment
To: "kzoorivernrda@fws.gov" <kzoorivernrda@fws.gov>

I am writing in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

The removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource. It will also go a long way to improve the look and feel of downtown Battle Creek. Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process. Thank you.

Jack Hagist
Office: 269-961-2499
Cell: 269-274-3022
Kellogg's Global Business Services

Comment #33

From: Kathryn Sellers <ksellers131@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jul 27, 2015 at 3:59 PM
Subject: "Enbridge NRDA Comment
To: kzoorivernrda@fws.gov

I am writing in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

The removal of the concrete channel will help create better aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable water resource.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or at least a portion of the channel, under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process. Thank you.

Comment #34

From: Architects Incorporated <architects.inc@prodigy.net>
Date: Mon, Jul 27, 2015 at 5:04 PM
Subject: " Enbridge NRDA Comment"
To: "Dr. Lisa L. Williams" <kzoorivernrda@fws.gov>
Cc: JMacfarlane@mumfordlaw.com

Dr. Williams,

I'm writing in support of the comments made by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the City of Battle Creek, Michigan.

The removal of the concrete channel will help create better water aquatic habitat, improve water quality, and will help reconnect the community to this valuable resource.

Please consider funding the removal of this unsightly concrete channel, or removal of portions of channel where opportunity for river enhancement and development are possible under the DARP or NERDA PCB process.

My company renovated a historic barn at the confluence of the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo rivers and have investigated other historic properties along the concrete channel. At this pivotal time a number of vacant industrial zoned properties exist and are available for acquisition which would allow river widening along the channel between street bridges crossing the channel. Such improvements could provide more and safer access to the river for recreational and development purposes as well as wetland creation and possibly increasing flood capacity.

The flood control project has worked in the past but now is a barrier to community revitalization and treats the river like a waste product. It is time that the channel be removed so the river can again re-energize the community's development as it has done so many times in the past.

Larry Rizor, Historic Barn LLC

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Comment #35

From: Larry Anderson <larryanderson077@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jul 28, 2015 at 12:05 AM
Subject: "Enbridge NRDA Comment"
To: kzoornrda@fws.gov
Cc: Chris Kosmowski <ckosmowski@calhouncountymi.gov>

We are writing in support of the comments submitted by Christine Kosmowski, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, regarding the removal of the concrete channel within the Kalamazoo River in the City of Battle Creek.

Our Kalamazoo River is not only a beautiful but wonderful resource for Battle Creek and Calhoun County. This river essentially comes to a screeching halt as far as canoers and kayakers are concerned when it reaches downtown Battle Creek due to the concrete channel. There certainly newer concepts for replacing the flood channel that will not only protect property from flood damage, but open this stretch to enhance the west entrances to downtown Battle Creek, provide a continuation of the "navigable" river for canoes and kayaks and perhaps even rafters. Restoring this section will also improve fishing, habitat for water birds, and beneficial aquatic plants.

Under the DARP or the NRDA PCB process, we are hopeful that a project or projects would help restore the concrete channel to a more natural state.

Thanks you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

Larry and Susan Anderson
12 Lakeside Drive
Battle Creek, MI 49015
269-964-4752