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PRESENTATION KANKAKEE AREA SPORTSMAN'S CLUBS

WHERE WE WERE AND WHERE WE ARE NOW IN RELATION TO RESTORATION OF THE KANKAKEE RIVER.

1850 - Transfer of land from the federal government to the State of Indiana.

Began draining the marsh by hand digging.

Steam shovel digging in 1890s.

Momence gave permission to remove boulders in early 1900s.

Momence gave permission to remove portion of rock ledge in 1900s.

Momence & Ill. Dept. of Conservation refused permission to blast additional rock off the ledge in the teens.

Total project was completed in the 1920s.

ILLINOIS groups began complaints as early as the late 20s concerning flooding and sand deposits. This has continued to date.

ILLINOIS WATER SURVEY - DR. NANI BOHMICK commissioned to conduct a study of the Kankakee in the 70s. This study was challenged by politics and the end result was that the river was simply aging and reaching equilibrium.

NIAA began questioning this study immediately and lobbying to have it clearly stated and changed appropriately. They constantly banged heads with the study conclusion.

BOHMICK wrote in the Ill. Water Survey publication in the 80s that he felt his study had not been interpreted correctly and that there needed to be a fresh look at the Kankakee.

NIAA jumped on this statement and realized that the door was now open for additional study. We sought the USGS to conduct a study to prove our theory that the river was degrading rapidly. We chose the USGS because they didn't have to answer to any state politics. We needed a study to take to the Army Corps to get them involved since they were the administrators of the river since it became navigable.

ALLIANCE TO RESTORE THE KANKAKEE - ARK was born out of the NIAA so we could broaden our base and lose the stigma that only fishermen were concerned about the river. This group joined the USGS in a 50-50 cost study that gave us the data to lobby our federal Congressmen to enjoin the Army Corps in a study of

the basin. Why another study? It's required by law if we are going to receive federal funding. The cost of restoring the Kankakee goes far beyond any possibility of the state or local agencies handling the bill. The study cost \$350,000 and it did provide the necessary information to move forward.

LEGISLATORS agreed and funded the first phase of the Army Corps project. They must go through several phases before construction begins if any does. Chicago Army Corps was commissioned to do the study. The phases are preliminary data collection, reconnaissance, feasibility, cost benefit and construction. The feasibility study should be completed this year.

KANKAKEE RIVER BASIN PARTNERSHIP - C2000 the Ill. Dept. of Natural Resources & Gov. Edgar accepted a recommendation from the Governors Task Force on Land Use & Water Resource to fund this program. We began the local partnership and was commissioned by Governor Edgar as the local administrative group for grant funding receipts for the Kankakee Watershed. Have been very successful - received approximately 1 million the first year and I was able to convince Gov. Edgar to provide an additional 1 1/2 million from his budget. Since then we have won several grants. 23 member Board of part permanent and part elected -- all stakeholders at the table.

EVERYBODY WANTED IN THE PROGRAM - USFW - Nature Conservancy - Serria Club - Ducks Unlimited Indiana Partners and the list goes on.

STATE LINE PROJECT - ROCK ISLAND ARMY CORPS the Partnership, IDNR and the Rock Island Corps joined in a joint effort to do the state line project with a 206 grant. Cut the time limit in about 1/2.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES - NO. 1 PARTNER. they have stood by our side from the beginning and brought millions of funding to the table by paying the cost share requirements to the Army Corps studies.

ILLINOIS 20 20 PROGRAM is an Illinois River program where we, the State of Illinois and it's partners lobbied the federal government for a cost sharing program to address the needs of the Illinois River. Kankakee is the headwaters and we saw our chance to tie into real funding and lobbied to be included. We are. We contribute approximately 1 million tons of sediment yearly to the Illinois.

POSSIBLE ROLL TOGETHER:

the programs could possibly be rolled together with the Rock Island Corps taking the lead with the IDNR to work on the Kankakee Watershed as it lies in Illinois and cooperating with the Chicago

Corps for the Indiana portion of the watershed.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE PROBLEM & WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THUS FAR
show the photos and explain - give examples of some of our projects.

- Land purchases
- Easements and protection (mention CREP)
- Langan creek
- Perry Farm
- Soldiers Creek
- Back water lake on Langan

POTENTIAL ACTIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE

- State line sand removal
- Island development
- opening creek mouths
- stabilize banks as targeted
- back water wetland development
- detour sand to collection area
- collection of sand at the line
- fix dams

*Walleye Stocking 96000.
Again this year.*

FINAL WRAP UP

Remind them of the open house potentially in May or June.

QUESTIONS

ASK FOR ADDITIONAL SIGN ONS AND GIVE THE IMPORTANCE.