



June 16, 2022

Ms. Christine Davis
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water, Watershed Management Section
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

Subject: Support for Lake in the Hills Sanitary District 319 Grant Application

Dear Chris:

The Fox River Ecosystem Partnership (FREP) is pleased to support the section 319 non-point source project offered by the Lake in the Hills Sanitary District (LITHSD) for ecological restoration of Reach 7 of Crystal Creek.

The project is located within the limits of the approved Crystal Creek Watershed-Based Action Plan. Reach 7 is mostly within parcels owned by the LITHSD. Ecological restoration along Crystal Creek Reach 7 is a priority project supported by the Crystal Creek Watershed-Based Action Plan. The proposed project will improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and the overall green infrastructure connection to Lake in the Hills Fen Conservation Area upstream. Detailed plans have been prepared for this project by RES, consultant for LITHSD.

As planned and proposed, we believe this project is a worthy nonpoint source reduction project that will also have significant benefits for education and outreach to the community. As you know, FREP has supported and assisted with many 319 projects throughout the watershed over the years. We offer our full endorsement of this project and note that it supports FREP's Integrated Management Plan for the Fox River Watershed in Illinois.

Sincerely,

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