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Planning Branch
Environmental Formulation Section

Dear Interested Participant:

Enclosed is an Environmental Assessment for an ecological restoration project at Horner Park, Chicago, Illinois. This documentation was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and is being distributed for your review.

Horner Park totals about 14 acres encompassing approximately 2,600 feet of riverbank of the North Branch Chicago River. Chicago Park District (CPD), the non-Federal sponsor, currently owns the park land and is willing and able to obtain the stream bank from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) through a Channel Improvement Easement. The plan includes re-grading 2,600 feet of river bank, managing non-native, invasive plant species, restoring approximately ten acres of oak savannah habitat, and creating four sixty-by-fifty foot vernal pool wetlands for a total of 0.25 wetland acres.

Comments must be received within 30 days and may be sent to Chip Hall, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 1070, Nashville, TN 37202-1070 or by email at chip.hall@us.army.mil. Questions should be directed to Mr. Hall at 615/736-7666.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susanne J. Davis".

Susanne J. Davis, P.E.
Chief of Planning Branch

Enclosure