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Planning Branch

Kathryn Vallis Lake Michigan Coastal Program – IN DNR Coastal Resources Planner Indiana Dunes State Park Annex Office 1600 N. 25 East Chesterton, IN 46304

Dear Ms. Vallis:

The U.S Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District (Corps) has prepared a draft National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document on the impacts associated with a proposed sewer and storm water rehabilitation project in Crown Point, Lake County, Indiana. The City of Crown Point is working with the Corps to address aging sewer infrastructure to better manage infrastructure and system capacity. The proposed project area includes the neighborhoods south of the intersection of E. Greenwood Avenue and S. Main Street extending southeast to Robert A Taft Middle School and southwest towards Lake County Fairgrounds (See Enclosure 1).

The proposed project work involves lining sewers, rehabilitating manholes, installing new storm sewer lines, manholes and inlets, and excavating the existing Fairfield detention pond 2 to 6 feet deeper. This work will require excavation and surface restoration with the proposed work occurring within the existing right-of-way and within City property. The storm sewer is proposed to be bored and jacked under the intersection at Greenwood Avenue and Court Street. A Draft Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact document has been prepared which evaluates alternatives to accomplish this project with minimal impact to the environment and community. The Chicago District has determined that there will be no significant impacts on water resources and that the proposed activity complies with Indiana's approved coastal management program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with such program. Work is expected to commence in the fall of 2021 and will last approximately 12 months.

Please provide any comments you may have within 30 days of receipt of this letter to Ms. Samantha Belcik, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 231 South La Salle Street, Suite 1500, Chicago, Illinois 60604, or by email at samantha.d.belcik@usace.army.mil. Questions should be directed to Ms. Belcik at (312) 846-5467.

Sincerely,

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