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February 2, 2017

Kathy Luther, Director of Environmental Programs
Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
6100 Southport Rd.
Portage, IN 46368

Dear Ms. Luther:

Re: Cost-Share Program
FFY 2013 Section 319 Project
Grant Agreement EDS# A305-3-125

Thank you for submitting the cost-share program guidelines for the Deep River-Portage Burns Waterway Initiative project. We have reviewed the information provided and approve the cost-share program as submitted on January 27, 2017. You may proceed with implementing this approved cost-share program.

Please be aware that there must be a clear need for the best management practice (BMP) to address a nonpoint source pollutant of concern, and BMPs must be implemented in accordance with IDEM's updated (Version 2 - May 2015) **Section 319 Grant Program Eligible Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) Practices** (found at www.in.gov/idem/nps/3900.htm). Note that some BMPs have specific requirements in addition to the NRCS standards.

Urban BMPs (319-U Form) must be approved by your IDEM Project Manager before grant funds are allocated to the BMP project. We strongly advise coordinating with your IDEM Project Manager prior to allocating funds for any BMP, as reimbursement may be refused if the above requirements are not met. Any revisions to the information provided in the cost share program will need to be submitted to your Project Manager for approval.

Kathy Luther, Director of Environmental Programs
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We look forward to working with you on this project and believe that your efforts will improve water quality in the Deep River watershed. If you have any questions about this letter or your grant project, please contact your Project Manager, Chelsea Cottingham, at (317) 308-3376.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Schmees", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Joseph Schmees, Chief
Watershed Planning and Restoration Section
Office of Water Quality

cc: Joe Exl, Senior Water Resource Planner
Nancy Arazan, EPA Region 5