WHEREAS, the McHenry County Conservation District (hereinafter referred to as
the "District"), is a conservation district organized and existing under the laws of the
State of Illinois (70 ILCS 410); and

WHEREAS, the Fox River is recognized as a major natural resource corridor with
known potential for recreation, scenic and historic trails and for economic development
of river communities; and

WHEREAS, the District is supportive of initiatives that promote the recognition,
preservation and protection of natural and cultural heritage resources in the region; and

WHEREAS, the District has been involved as a key stakeholder on the Fox River
Corridor Plan; and

WHEREAS, the District has been and will continue to make improvements to the
public holdings along the Fox River held by the District including: The Prairie Trail,
Hickory Grove, Lyons Prairie and Marsh, Fox Bluff Conservation Area, Silver Creek,
Cotton Creek Marsh, and Stickney Run Conservation Areas; and

WHEREAS, there is a grassroots effort underway to designate the Fox Water Trail
as a national water trail with the National Park Service; and

WHEREAS, the district has determined that it is in the best interest of the public
for all entities to cooperatively coordinate the activities associated with the designation
of a national waterway; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Fox River Water Trail Initiative is to establish and
interpret a Fox River Water Trail along the 223-mile river course from the headwaters
in the Town of Lisbon, Wisconsin, to the confluence with the Illinois River in Ottawa,
Illinois to provide access for all to the natural resources, recreational opportunities,
scenic beauty, and historic and cultural assets of the Fox River Valley; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of the Fox River Water Trail Initiative includes
promoting ecotourism and recreational opportunities throughout the River corridor,
enhancing community recognition of the unique assets of the Fox River and supporting
economic development and revitalization of river communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the District that
it is necessary, desirable, and in the best interest of the District to execute the Letter
of Support, and the President and Vice Secretary of the Board of Trustees are hereby
authorized to execute this resolution and the Executive Director is authorized to execute
said Letter and other necessary documents to execute the intent of this resolution.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution #19-01 has been executed this 17th day of January, 2019, by the President and attested by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the District.

Ayes: 10
Nays: 0
Absent: 1
Abstain: 0

DAVE KRANZ, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DAVID BRANDT, SECRETARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES