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Mr. Cameron Clark
Director, Indiana Department of Natural Resources
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Dear Mr. Clark:

Thank you for your August 29, 2018, letter and the revised set of plans associated with the pavilion restoration project at Indiana Dunes State Park for our review. We spent some time over the last month reviewing the letter with the plans and comparing them to the previously submitted plans from June 2016. Together, your recent letter and the revised plans, are more in line with the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) State and Local Assistance program.

We understand your efforts to remain consistent with the memorandum *Allowable Uses of Buildings Located on LWCF 6(f)(3) Protected Lands Memorandum* – January 16, 2014, but want to remind you the Act was written with the flexibility to make changes depending on local needs. We recommend the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) manage this State Park to meet local needs first and foremost. If those needs stray from being directly for or secondary to outdoor recreation, then the National Park Service (NPS) and IDNR can work through the conversion process.

Your revised/clarified plans and correspondence dated August 29, 2018 addressed most of the concerns provided in our May 15, 2018, correspondence. We feel these plans have restored several of the elements the June 2016 plans contained including (but not limited to): similar amounts of public space; improved access; and flexibility of space for multipurpose uses. Based on these details, and assuming the revised plans and explanation do not change, we do not view the alterations to the pavilion as triggering a conversion of use.

We understand that the IDNR and Pavilion Partners do not intend to alter the plans further. However, if it becomes apparent that additional modifications to the plans are required or warranted, the IDNR must notify and work closely with the NPS to ensure that any such changes are in compliance with the requirements of the LWCF.

Again, thank you for your continued support of the LWCF program. If you have any questions, I can be reached at telephone number 402-661-1558 or by email at Roger_Knowlton@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

Roger A. Knowlton
Recreation Grants Chief