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Senior Water Resources Engineer

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter responds to the email and letter we received from Sophia Morgan, Project Manager, Regulatory Branch.

1. Location of Project

The project is located along the Little Calumet River at 13838 S. Croissant to 13926 S. Croissant Dr.



2. Project Start Date

The Project can start within a few days of approval, since all materials have arrived and are on-site. The project duration will be no more than 2 weeks depending on weather.

3. Description of Work

Floating docks are assembled on the ground as depicted in picture #1 below.



Note: Pic #1

The walkway docks, which will be attached to the seawall, are assembled in a row of 2, creating a 3.3 Ft walkway adjacent to and parallel to the seawall. A mooring sleeve (see pic #2) will be attached to the 3.3 Ft walkway (2 blocks wide) in 10 ft increments.



Note: Pic #2



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Once connected to the walkway dockblocks in 10 Ft increments, a 3 ½" O.D. Galvanized pipe (pic #3) will be slid through the mooring sleeve, resting on the riverbed floor and attached to the seawall via thermite welding (see pic #4).



Note: Pic #3



Note: Pic #4

The walkway will be attached to the seawall and is 2 blocks wide (3.3 ft) by 116 blocks long (3.3 ft by 191 ft). Attached to the walkway will be 6 docks spaced about 30 ft apart, that are 3 blocks wide by 27 blocks long (4.95 ft by 44.55 ft).

The pictures below show what the docks look like and the configuration we want to install them in. Three docks are currently installed, and we want to add three more.



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4. Construction Sequence

The docks are assembled on land





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5. ATTESTATION

The proposed activity complies with Illinois' approved coastal management program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with such policies

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jean Claude Aurel, Jr.
Executive Director
13926 S. Croissant Dr.
Burnham, IL 60633

JOINT APPLICATION FORM FOR ILLINOIS

ITEMS 1 AND 2 FOR AGENCY USE

1. Application Number	2. Date Received
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3. and 4. (SEE SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS) NAME, MAILING ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

3a. Applicant's Name: Jean Claude Aurel, Jr. Company Name (if any) : We Love To Uplift Address: 13926 S. Croissant Dr Burnham, IL 60633 Email Address:	3b. Co-Applicant/Property Owner Name (if needed or if different from applicant): Company Name (if any): Address: Email Address:	4. Authorized Agent (an agent is not required): Company Name (if any): Address: Email Address:
Applicant's Phone Nos. w/area code Business: Residence: Cell: Fax:	Applicant's Phone Nos. w/area code Business: Residence: Cell: Fax:	Agent's Phone Nos. w/area code Business: Residence: Cell: Fax:

STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION

I hereby authorize, _____ to act in my behalf as my agent in the processing of this application and to furnish, upon request, supplemental information in support of this permit application.

Applicant's Signature

Date

5. ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS (Upstream and Downstream of the water body and within Visual Reach of Project)

Name a. Jean Claude Aurel, Jr. b. Bill Schnikel c. Bill Grk d. Jean Claude Aurel, Jr.	Phone No. w/area code
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6. PROJECT TITLE:

Dock Installation for We Love To Uplift

7. PROJECT LOCATION:

LATITUDE: 41.64211 LONGITUDE: -87.56119	°N °W	UTM's Northing: 4,610,193.10 m Easting: 453,264.14 m			
STREET, ROAD, OR OTHER DESCRIPTIVE LOCATION 13900 s Croissant Dr. Burnham, IL 60633	LEGAL DESCRIP	QUARTER 	SECTION 1	TOWNSHIP NO. 36	RANGE 14
☒ IN OR ☐ NEAR CITY OF TOWN (check appropriate box) Municipality Name Burnham		WATERWAY Little Calumet River			RIVER MILE (if applicable)
COUNTY Cook	STATE IL	ZIP CODE 60633			

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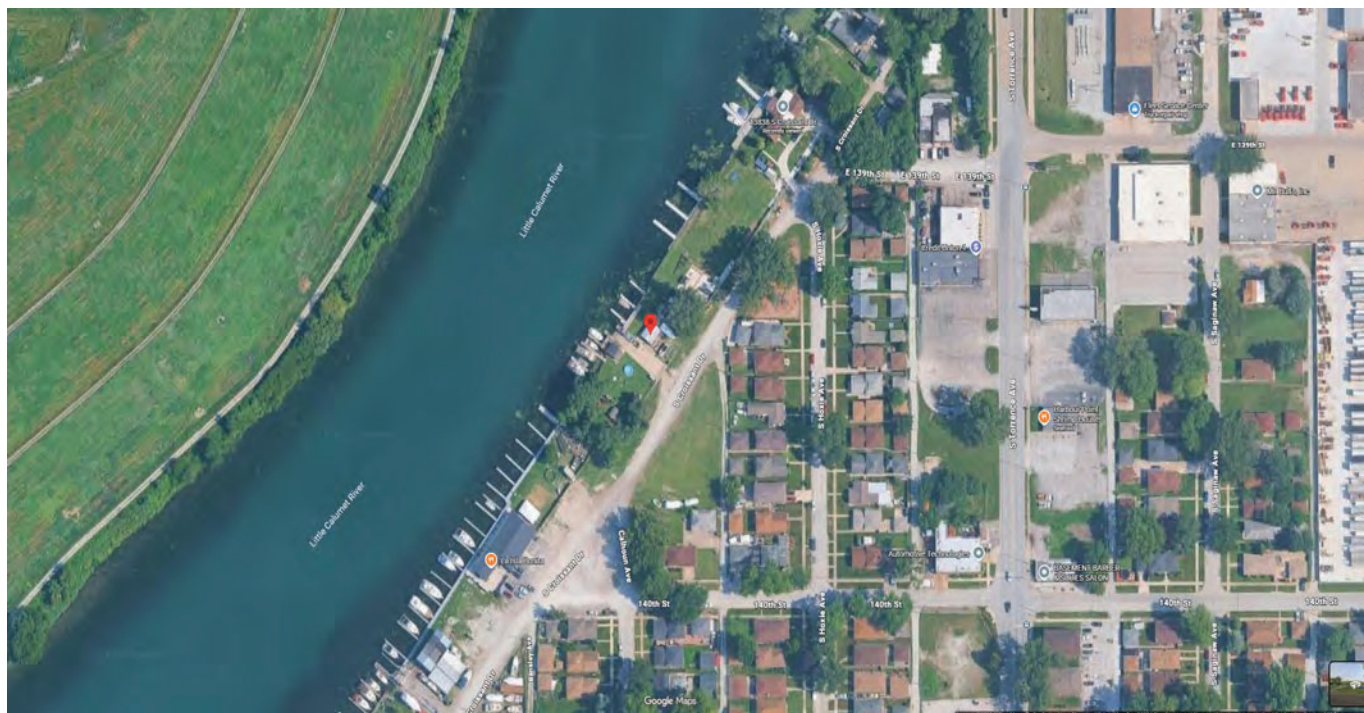
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☒ IL Environmental Protection
Agency

☒ Applicant's Copy

8. PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Include all features): The docks that are currently attached to the seawall, as shown in the submitted plans and photographs, are modular floating dock blocks manufactured by Dock Blocks of North America. The additional 3 docks and extended walkway will be from the same manufacturer. The future permanent installation is proposed to consist of a sleeve connection system using 3½-inch galvanized stainless steel pipe attachments secured to the seawall, together with six river anchors attached to the floating dock system for stabilization. As a licensed Master Merchant Mariner with experience in waterfront and marine operations, I have sought to ensure that the proposed installation complies with all applicable regulatory requirements. There will be absolutely no dredging, fill activities, or additional shoreline modifications proposed as part of the electrical service installation. The purpose of this correspondence is to determine whether any permits, approvals, or further agency reviews are required for the proposed electrical service connection and floating dock installation. ALL DOCKS HAVE REFLECTIVE SOLAR MARKERS.	
9. PURPOSE AND NEED OF PROJECT: The purpose of the proposed project is to install private dock facilities that will support We Love To Uplift, Inc.'s nonprofit programming on its privately owned land. The dock installations will provide a safe and organized means of accessing the water for supervised program activities, including boating-related instruction, fishing, environmental education, outdoor recreation, mentoring events, and other youth and community programs.	
COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FOUR BLOCKS IF DREDGED AND/OR FILL MATERIAL IS TO BE DISCHARGED	
10. REASON(S) FOR DISCHARGE:	
11. TYPE(S) OF MATERIAL BEING DISCHARGED AND THE AMOUNT OF EACH TYPE IN CUBIC YARDS FOR WATERWAYS: TYPE: AMOUNT IN CUBIC YARDS:	
12. SURFACE AREA IN ACRES OF WETLANDS OR OTHER WATERS FILLED (See Instructions)	
13. DESCRIPTION OF AVOIDANCE, MINIMIZATION AND COMPENSATION (See instructions)	
14. Date activity is proposed to commence	Date activity is expected to be completed
15. Is any portion of the activity for which authorization is sought now complete? Yes ☒ No ☐ Month and Year the activity was completed: _____	
NOTE: If answer is "YES" give reasons in the Project Description and Remarks section. Indicate the existing work on drawings.	
16. List all approvals or certification and denials received from other Federal, interstate, state, or local agencies for structures, construction, discharges or other activities described in this application.	
<u>Issuing Agency</u>	<u>Type of Approval</u>
<u>Identification No.</u>	<u>Date of Application</u>
<u>Date of Approval</u>	<u>Date of Denial</u>
17. CONSENT TO ENTER PROPERTY LISTED IN PART 7 ABOVE IS HEREBY GRANTED. Yes ☒ No ☐	
18. APPLICATION VERIFICATION (SEE SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS)	
I am familiar with the information contained in the application, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information is true and correct. I further certify that I possess the authority to undertake the proposed project.	
June 26, 2026 _____ Date	
_____ Signature of Applicant or Authorized Agent	_____ Date
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LOCATION MAP



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PLAN VIEW

The image is an aerial view of a waterfront property. On the left, the water is labeled 'Live Oakwater River'. A text box on the left side of the map contains the following text: 'Docks are assembled and stored on land. Ramp located at 13926 is used to float docks into the water. Docks will be pulled into place by rope, secured with anchors and Galvanized Steel poles will be used to anchor docks to seawall.' Red arrows point from this text to a specific area on the map. This area is a paved lot adjacent to a body of water, containing several boats and a small structure. A ramp extends from the land into the water. To the right of this area is a large green lawn. Further right, there are residential houses with addresses 13926 and 13928 visible. A street labeled 'S Crossman Dr' runs along the property. A 'Google Maps' watermark is visible at the bottom center of the map. At the top left, there are icons for 'Transit', 'Parking', 'Pharmacies', and 'ATMs'.

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Google Maps

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