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Mr. Terry Ressler
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100 N. Senate Avenue
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Re: Shelby County Commissioners
Case No. 2008-18245-W

Dear Mr. Ressler:

Pursuant to your letter of April 21, 2010 and Order Paragraph 4, we are submitting this letter as a progress report regarding the Big Blue River Log Jam. The Restoration Plan contains any needed information regarding the site.

The project included the removal of a nearly 40 year log jam in Big Blue River near the community of Little Marion, approximately north of Shelbyville. Following removal of the log jam, the original channel was opened and water flowed freely, fish returned to the area as well as other wildlife, including bald eagles. The project was completed in August, 2008 and has experienced several periods of flooding since then. The channel is still open and has allowed people to canoe freely for the past two summers. The banks continue to remain stable. No further destruction of trees in the flood way has occurred. The entire area has been re-vegatated with grass and small trees. In summary, the project has proven to be a success.

Enclosed are photographs of some of the areas as of October, 2010. The last significant rainfall in this area of Shelby County occurred at the end of June. The area was totally without measurable rainfall during August, September and October. The photos show the water level in Big Blue River approximately three (3) feet below the normal water line. The photos are not specifically referenced to a numbered area in the Plan. Restoration of the banks, vegetation and flooding have changed the appearance of the areas so as to make referencing difficult.

In summary, the entire area has been stabilized and re-vegatated. There has not been

farmland flooding nor danger to the community of Little Marion since the project was completed.

Sincerely yours,

N. Gregg Graham

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cc: Shelby County Commissioners
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