

## RECOMMENDATION 6-2021

To: Kankakee River Basin and Yellow River Basin Development Commission  
From: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
Subject: Shady Shores water conditions  
Date: September 10, 2021

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**DESCRIPTION:** Shady Shores, an unincorporated community in Lake County, lies adjacent to the Kankakee River. Through the residential area is a constructed bayou connected to the river by its opening to the east and a non-operational water control structure to the west.

**LOCATION:** Lake County

**ISSUES:** The bayou's opening is blocked with sediment, and water does not flow into it at local gage levels of less than 7'. Water trapped within the bayou then becomes stagnated, posing a potential health hazard to local residents.

Furthermore, a control structure that would allow water and sediment to flow through the area and re-enter the Kankakee is non-operational, either through vandalism or fears of its effects.

Local residents have requested the removal of sediment at the mouth of the bayou. However, without an effective way to ensure flow through the area, the success of any removal may be short-lived.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Committee recommends that Commission sanction a hydrological review of the community to develop a lasting solution for safe water flow at Shady Shores. The study is urged to consider the value of sediment removal and the optimal operation of the existing water control structure.

**ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE 9/10/2021**