

## RECOMMENDATION 1-2022

To: Kankakee River Basin and Yellow River Basin Development Commission  
From: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
Subject: Site Evaluation of Yellow River Reconstruction, Phase II  
Date: February 24, 2022

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**DESCRIPTION:** At its January 21 meeting, the Commission approved a contract for Cardno to begin designing Phase II of the Yellow River Bank Reconstruction Project in Starke County. Part of the contract instructed Cardno to evaluate potential project sites in direct consultation with Starke County officials and the Commission.

**LOCATION:** Yellow River downstream of the Phase I site in Starke County

**ISSUES:** Commission staff requested that 1) overall feasibility; 2) potential costs and benefits; 3) financial and construction flexibility, and 4) the existence of any previous riverbank improvements be considered in its evaluation. Flexibility in the design was particularly emphasized to ensure the scope remains within any amounts budgeted by the Commission. Cardno tentatively has recommended two sites [ATTACHMENT] that fit these criteria.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Committee recommends that the Commission adopt the recommended project scope when confirmed by 1) surveying; 2) on-site analysis at lower water levels; and 3) the concurrence of the Starke County Surveyor and Drainage Board. The Committee also recommends that design include severable sections in order to ensure the Commission's budget parameters are met.

**ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE 2/24/2022**

**ADOPTED BY COMMISSION 3/31/2022**