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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF  
REGULATORY BRANCH

Regulatory File No. 2011-00258-SLM    October 5, 2016

Mr. Brian Christianson  
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Dear Mr. Christianson:

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is in receipt of the second year monitoring report, "2015 Annual Monitoring Report – Lake Koshkonong Shoreline Restoration Project" submitted by Eco-Resource Consulting, LLC. The project was authorized by permit 2011-00258-SLM on September 20, 2012. Three years of monitoring reports are required as a condition of the permit. The condition further states that 0.93 acre of emergent/fresh meadow wetland shall be established within the dredge placement area by the end of the three year monitoring period. The project site is in Sec. 11 and 13, T. 5N., R. 13E., Jefferson County, Wisconsin.

We have reviewed the monitoring report and determined that the performance standards *appear to have been met* for Year 2. The Corps concurs with the recommendations in the monitoring report as summarized below:

- Continuation of the management of non-native invasive species to prevent these species from increasing in cover;
- Installation of native emergent marsh species at the locations where elevations are the lowest and most often inundated to decrease the areas of bare spots;
- Addressing the discrepancy between the data collection reporting 80% native plant coverage versus the observed 70% actual coverage of plants; and,
- Continuation of the monitoring of water levels.

Please make sure to address these actions in this year's monitoring report. In addition, we noted that there was some missing information in the 2015 report. Specifically, the Maintenance and Monitoring Plan (dated January 20, 2012) stated that the following would be included:

- Vegetation sampling at *three* transects taken in *June* and September (this additional data collection may assist in addressing the actual % native plant cover); and,
- Representative photos of the vegetation.

We anticipate receiving the 3<sup>rd</sup> year monitoring report no later than **December 31, 2016**.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (651) 290-5733 or Marie.H.Kopka@usace.army.mil. In any correspondence or inquiries, please refer to the Regulatory number shown above.

Sincerely,

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