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Re: My client, Kokomo Grace United Methodist Church Inc.
Your client, Epworth Forest Administration Committee Inc.

Dear Matt,

This letter is to confirm our conversations of recent weeks. It is also to serve the purpose of advising the EFAC of my client's determination and selection of a riparian area.

As we are both aware, Kokomo Grace avoided participating in the original litigation because they did not want to litigate with their own church. Subsequent machinations of the Kosciusko County Auditor's office led us to a process for obtaining quit-claim deeds to the lakeshore in front of parcels whose owners were not litigants. Judge Sand had originally vested lakefront strip ownership in any and all lots whose owners were litigants and this process simply puts everyone on the same basis.

Kokomo Grace now owns the property at 8521 East Wade Lane, from Wade Lane to the waters of Webster Lake.

Inasmuch as Kokomo Grace has never previously designated its primary riparian shoreline, it now wishes to do so.

Kokomo Grace requests designation of the 24 feet accorded to riparian owners. Kokomo Grace requests that the 24 feet be

centered on its 50 feet of frontage (i.e. 13 feet, then 24 feet, then 13 feet).

As we have discussed, this leaves, on a 50-foot lot, approximately 13 feet on either side of the designated riparian area.

It is my understanding that Kokomo Grace does not have any objection if there is a community pier located on the frontage owned by Trinity United Methodist Church of Huntington Inc. It is our understanding, informally, that Huntington Trinity does not object to such an installation. Of course that is for Huntington to decide.

What we would request is that any community pier be located on the far east part of the Huntington frontage, with boat slips running parallel to the shoreline. In that event, the 13 feet of riparian area in front of the Kokomo Grace property can be utilized for maneuvering of boats coming in and out of the community pier slips. Kokomo Grace has no objection to utilization of the riparian area in that manner.

Obviously there are other configurations and we are not in a position to dictate the location of the community pier. However, we will want to be protected from excessively close proximity causing boats to become a danger to any boats or boatlifts installed on the Kokomo Grace frontage area.

I have also discussed with my client the fact that there may be offshore assignments westward of their 24 feet, if not already assigned.

I trust this expresses both the designation of the area of riparian use by the shoreline owner, and our thoughts regarding location and maintenance of a nearby community pier.

Please let me know if we can provide any additional input or if there is any additional discussion necessary. I am proceeding on the several precedents of the current judge and the historical judicial record which do allow riparian owners to have their preferred riparian area. Kokomo Grace does understand that once such an area is designated, it will not be

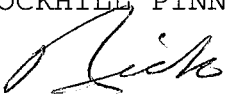
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subject to being relocated either at the instance of EFAC or at the instance of the owner.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Kokomo Grace UMC

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