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Grand Rapids Whitewater  
Attn: Chris Muller and Chip Richards  
502 Second Street NW, Suite 300  
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Dear Mr. Muller, Mr. Richards,

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) supports the Grand Rapids White Water (GRWW) Restoration initiative. We are active in regional initiatives that improve ecosystem balance and include increasing Great Lake basin-wide connectivity, habitat restoration and community involvement.

We appreciate the inclusive nature of your effort and look forward to continuing our successful partnership to meeting our common goals. Specifically this effort is increasing communication among a diverse range of partners and communities which includes governments, nongovernmental organizations, and citizens about issues of stewardship within the Great Lakes Basin.

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has a Nmé (Sturgeon) Stewardship Plan that uses a seven-generation philosophy to bring both people and nmé back to the rivers of the Great Lakes. From time immemorial we have revered the nmé and we strive towards a holistic approach of incorporating cultural, biological, and social needs into our sturgeon stewardship. The work GRWW is pursuing supports this holistic strategy within the Grand River Watershed.

Sincerely,

Larry B. Romanelli, Ogema  
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians