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GRAND TRAVERSE BAND of OTTAWA  
and CHIPPEWA INDIANS  
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Dear Tribal Leaders:

I am writing to indicate the Platte Lake Improvement Association's support of the Benzie Conservation Districts proposal, Benzie Watersheds Monitoring Project, being submitted to your organization for consideration.

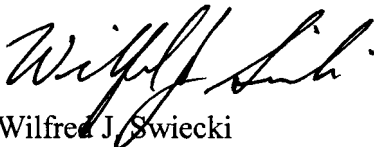
It is our opinion that the additional monitoring in the Platte River and other Benzie County watersheds will be value added in terms of complimenting the existing data bases that have been generated to date as well creating a baseline for those having very little if any past sampling data.

The proposed monitoring effort in the upper part of the Platte River Watershed will provide additional insight into the formulation of management practices to ensure the attainment of the Platte Lake 8.0 ug/l phosphorus standard.

Additionally, this project will provide additional support to an effort to establish a Benzie County Watershed Coalition of lake associations and interested parties who have much in common in terms of restoring and preserving the waters of Benzie County. Just the fact of bringing all these groups/people together who have common goals and information and data to share in addition to "lessons learned", etc. will go a long way toward improving the environment of the Benzie County as well as the northern part of the State of Michigan.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please e-mail the Platte Lake Improvement Associations web site or call me at 231-325-2046.

Thank You,



Wilfred J. Swiecki  
President, PLIA

cc: Dr. Raymond P. Canale  
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