RESOLUTION 12-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION IN SUPPORT OF POTENTIAL LEGISLATION TO FINANCE THE LONG-TERM OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the residents of Northwest Indiana require effective stormwater management and flood control systems in order to protect themselves and their property from overbank flooding; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is approaching the completion of the Little Calumet River Basin Flood Control System, hereafter referred to as the System; and

WHEREAS, an oversight body and permanent funding mechanism are necessary to assure the effective long-term operation and maintenance of the System; and

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as the Commission, is a council of governments and regional planning organization for Lake, Porter and La Porte Counties with responsibilities for environmental, economic development and transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes the importance of the Little Calumet River Basin Flood Control System and has provided financial, staff and technical support toward its implementation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission supports legislation which will provide for a governing body which will oversee the maintenance and operation of the system and which will be comprised of members nominated by local governments in the basin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission supports legislation which will provide appropriate funding mechanisms sufficient to finance the long-term operation and maintenance of the system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding made available for the system should also be sufficient to repay the $6 million loan to the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority.
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Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission on this nineteenth day of January, two thousand twelve.

Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary