

MRCTI

An Association of United States Mayors
Mississippi River, Our Connection is Natural 2024

2024 Capitol Meeting
Washington, DC—March 6-8

2024 Annual Meeting
Baton Rouge, LA—September 17-18

The Mississippi River Cities & Towns

Initiative is an association of local governments from across the Mississippi River Valley that came together in 2012 to create a

new, influential, and independent voice for

the Mississippi River region of Middle America. MRCTI addresses priorities set by member mayors

through five major programs: Clean Water • Sustainable Economies • Disaster Resilience and Adaptation • International Food and Water Security • Celebration of River Culture, History, & Heritage



Meet our Officers



Mitch Reynolds
Mayor
La Crosse, WI
MRCTI Co-Chair



George Flaggs
Mayor
Vicksburg, MS
MRCTI Co-Chair



Melisa Logan
Mayor
Blytheville, AR
MRCTI Secretary



Brad Bark
Mayor
Muscatine, IA
MRCTI Treasurer

Testimonials



“Red Lake Nation is proud to be a part of an agreement with MRCTI. We must be vigilant in protecting the Mississippi River...” **Hon. Darrell G. Seki, Chairman, Red Lake Nation**



“MRCTI gives our cities a powerful voice to address impacts that effect us all throughout Middle America,” **Hon. Stacy Kinder, Mayor of Cape-Girardeau, MO.**



“I (was) honored to be part of the MRCTI delegation to Dubai where we announced the deployment of resilience projects across 45 cities and 9 Mississippi River States,” **Hon. LaToya Cantrell, Mayor of New Orleans, LA**



Broad Policy Successes

- Led effort to form Mississippi River Caucus
- Wrote and led passage, funding of the STORM Act
- Led effort to enact a full-river ecosystem program
- Restored Marine Hwy Grant Program from \$0 to nearly \$80 million
- Worked to secure whole river as a Critical Conservation Area



MRCTI
Infrastructure Facility

City Project Successes

- **\$8 million** in IRA funds for the Quad Cities region;
- **\$1 million** for community center upgrades, East St. Louis, IL;
- **\$500k** for broadband connectivity, Alton, IL
- **\$350k** for Disaster Resilience and Response, Newport, MN;
- **\$2 million** for downtown commercial corridor, Greenville, MS
- **\$4 million** for waterfront corridor Memphis, TN;
- Deployed the Corridor’s first Environmental Impact Bonds for Memphis and New Orleans



MRCTI International Food and Water Security Program

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DISASTER RESILIENCE AND ADAPTATION PROGRAM

Mayor-Led

MRCTI is a Mayor-led, effort empowering the ten States and over one hundred cities that border the waterway to act for its continued prosperity, sustainability, and economic growth. The MRCTI builds capacity of member cities to undertake effective local initiatives to attract jobs, move to sustainable economies, and achieve local environmental protection goals; ultimately, protecting and restoring the Mississippi River as a natural system.



MRCTI Plastic Waste Campaign



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