

# DIFFERENT BY DESIGN:

Today's Conversations Shape Tomorrow's Watershed



DAY 1: SESSION OVERVIEW

Uniting people, land and water across 31 states  
**America's**  
**WATERSHED** Initiative

**CONVERSANT**  
HIGH-PERFORMANCE CONVERSATION



Our time at this summit is about *clarifying our shared purpose*  
and *preparing for the future we create going forward.*

## PURPOSEFULLY DESIGNED TO

*create opportunities*

*interact across basins and interest areas*

*form alliances and partnerships*

*build the network to sustain our efforts*

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# WHAT THIS REQUIRES

- A spirit of curiosity
- A commitment to engage
- A willingness to explore
- A different kind of listening





# WHAT TO EXPECT

## Day One

Loosen the soil around our deeply rooted assumptions

Learn something new

Explore what's possible, how to help

## Day Two

Decide what it's time for now (What seeds will be sown?)

What initial steps can be taken. . . Together

Move to action

# HOW TO ENGAGE



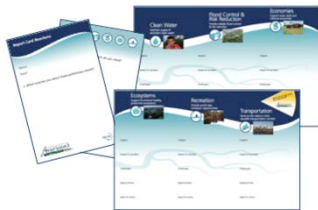
## IN SESSIONS

Participate in deep dialogue and inquiry



## ON BREAKS

Walk and talk along the river



## THROUGH VISUAL/ HANDOUT RESOURCES

Submit questions, ideas, commitments

# WHO WE ARE

*CONVERSANT*

HIGH-PERFORMANCE CONVERSATION



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## GETTING STARTED

- ✓ Write down what you personally, most want to accomplish with respect to the Mississippi Basin. Make a list. (2 min)
- ✓ Put a check by each action you listed that you believe will require collaboration with others.
- ✓ Turn to 2 people at your table, and share what you have written with each other.
- ✓ Discuss how you intend to engage those you most need to collaborate with. (10 min)