



Building the America's Watershed Initiative Report Card: Summary of Participation

Over the course of three years, with financial support from The Nature Conservancy and facilitation by the University of Maryland, more than 750 participants from over 400 organizations, businesses and agencies have engaged in shaping America's Watershed Initiative Report card for the Mississippi River Watershed. Diverse experts and stakeholders came together in workshops, meetings and webinars to identify information about six broad goals and create a report card to support collective action toward sustaining the economic and natural vitality of the river system.

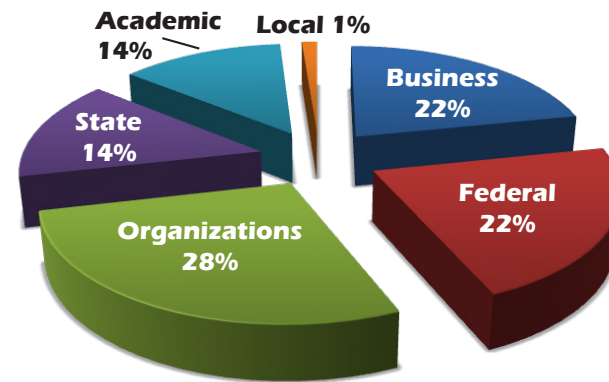
Data and information will measure and report on progress against six goals – flood control and risk reduction, recreation, ecosystems, transportation, economies and water supply. Each workshop and meeting was different, but the importance of the rivers and waters to every sector and in each basin was clear.

From the start, the groups working together to support America's Watershed Initiative had three key goals for the report card project:

1. Bring together key leaders, stakeholders and experts representing all of the basins and sectors to develop a single and shared document to measure the current status of six broad goals for the watershed;
2. Build a report card supported by data that will help us to identify successes, opportunities for improvement, and areas needing additional research;
3. Use this tool to identify opportunities for collaborations and a more shared vision for the watershed.

The report card is not a goal into itself – it's a tool to bring together leaders from around the watershed to develop a shared vision for the future and create awareness among key constituencies of the opportunities and challenges that face our states and nation. This shared vision can be used to identify and form partnerships to pursue shared solutions to these critical water management challenges.

Knowing what's important and how to measure it is the foundation to taking collaborative action to improve the watershed. The AWI report card will be finalized and shared with key leaders and the public in 2015.



More than 750 Participants
413 businesses and organizations
37 states + Canada and Korea
143 Business Organizations
144 Federal Agencies
183 Organizations & Basin Groups
95 State Government Agencies
85 Academic Institutions
8 Local Governments

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Major Events

Summit 2012, St. Louis, MO
Summit 2014, Louisville, KY

Report Card Workshops & Meetings

UMR - Moline, IL
Ohio - Cincinnati, OH
Ohio/Tennessee – Nashville, TN
Arkansas/Red – Tulsa, OK
Lower Mississippi – Memphis, TN
Missouri – Rapid City, SD
Whole Watershed – Arlington, VA
Missouri – Kansas City, MO
Webinar with MRRIC, April 2014
Webinar with National Waterways Conference, June 2014
Webinars with all basins, September 2014
Webinars for all six AWI Goal Review Teams January-March 2015
Mississippi Watershed Caucus, October 2015 - St. Louis, MO

Communication Pieces Produced

- Vision for the AWI report card
- AWI Goals and Values document
- Why develop a report card?
- 6 Basin workshop newsletters documenting the progress
- Preliminary Report Card results
- 5 basin report card summaries
- Technical paper explaining the report card methodology
- AWI Summit Proceedings 2014
- AWI Goal and River Basin Posters
- AWI Tending Tomorrow's water 5:31 video
- Americaswatershed.org website
- Final Report Card for Mississippi Watershed, October 2015



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CDM Smith
CH2M HILL
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National Corn Growers Assn.
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Participating Organizations and Basin Groups

America's Waterway
America's Wetland Foundation
American Rivers
Appalachian Energy & Environment Partnership
Assn. of State Floodplain Managers; ASFCO
National Audubon Society
Audubon Louisiana
Audubon Missouri
Audubon Minnesota
Big River Coalition
Biodiversity Project
Boone County Conservation District
Cheney Lake Watershed, Inc.
Coalition to Protect the Missouri River
Cumberland River Compact
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Delta Wildlife Inc.
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Ducks Unlimited - Illinois
Ducks Unlimited - Washington DC
Environmental Defense Fund
Grand Lake O'the Cherokees Watershed Alliance
Foundation
Great Rivers Greenway
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HeartLands Conservancy
Horinko Group
Interstate Council on Water Policy
International Plant Nutrition Institute
Iowa Corn Growers Association
Iowa Environmental Council
Izaak Walton League of America, Missouri River & UMR programs

Kentucky Waterways Alliance
Kentucky Association of Mitigation Managers
Lake Texoma Association
Living Lands & Waters
Mid-America Freight Coalition
Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative
Mississippi River Network
Mississippi River Program
Mississippi Valley Flood Control Assn.
Missouri River Navigation Caucus and Pallid Sturgeon
Recovery Working Group
Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee
(MRRIC)
Missouri Valley Waterfowlers Association
MO Coalition for the Environment
MO Levee & Drainage District Assn
Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative, NE-Midwest
Institute
National Waterways Conference
National Wildlife Federation
National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium
Natural Resources Defense Council
North Dakota Water Users Assn.
Nebraska Wildlife Federation
Northeast-Midwest Institute
Ohio River Basin Association
OK Municipal League
ORSANCO
Ouachita River Valley Assn.
Platte River Recovery Implementation Program
Prairie Rivers Network
Rahall Transportation Institute
Red River Valley Association

Restore or Retreat, Inc.
River Network
State Association of Kansas Watersheds
The Little River Drainage District
The Nature Conservancy - World Office
The Nature Conservancy Global Water
The Nature Conservancy North America Water
The Nature Conservancy - Central Division
The Nature Conservancy - UMR
The Nature Conservancy - Indiana
The Nature Conservancy - Indiana Lower Wabash
The Nature Conservancy - Iowa
The Nature Conservancy - Kentucky
The Nature Conservancy - Kentucky - West KY
The Nature Conservancy - Kentucky Green River
The Nature Conservancy - Louisiana
The Nature Conservancy - Mississippi
The Nature Conservancy - Nebraska
The Nature Conservancy - Ohio
The Nature Conservancy - Oklahoma
The Nature Conservancy - Tennessee
The Nature Conservancy - TN/West TN program
The Nature Conservancy - Western Dakotas
The Nature Conservancy - Wisconsin
The Water Institute of the Gulf
The Waterways Journal
Trust for Public Land - Embrace Open Space
US Water Alliance
Upper Mississippi River Basin Association
Upper MS, Illinois & Missouri Rivers Association
Wilderness Inquiry
Yazoo-MS Delta Levee Board

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Participating Federal Agencies

Department of Defense
Environmental Protection Agency
EPA - Enviro Tech Innovation Center
EPA - Hypoxia Task Force
EPA - National Rivers and Streams Assessment
EPA - National Exposure Research Laboratory
EPA - Office of Water
EPA - Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds
Gulf Coastal Plains & Ozarks Landscape
Conservation Cooperative
NOAA - National Weather Service
NOAA - National Climatic Data Center
Department of the Interior - Secretary's office
National Park Service, Midwest Region
National Park Service Mississippi River National
River & Rec Area
Fish and Wildlife Service - Missouri Ecological
Services Field office
Fish and Wildlife Service - Lower Mississippi
Valley Joint Venture
Fish and Wildlife Service - LMRCC
Fish and Wildlife Service - Kentucky Ecological
Services Field Office
Fish and Wildlife Service - Mississippi Interstate
Resource Association
Fish and Wildlife Service - Big Muddy Refuge
Fish and Wildlife Service - Fishers & Farmers
Partnership
Fish and Wildlife Service - Natl Wildlife Refuge

System, Rock Island Ecological Services office
US Geological Survey, Indiana & Kentucky
Commonwealth
US Geological Survey, Midwest Regional Office
US Geological Survey, OH Water Science Center
US Geological Survey, Upper Midwest
Environmental Science Center (UMESC)
Oak Ridge National Laboratory - Environmental
Sciences Division
Tennessee Valley Authority
USACE U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USACE, Headquarters
USACE Mississippi River Commission
USACE, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division
USACE Mississippi River Division
USACE, Northwest Division
USACE, Huntington District
USACE, Kansas City District
USACE, Little Rock District
USACE, Louisville District
USACE, Memphis District
USACE, Nashville District
USACE, Rock Island District
USACE, St Louis District
USACE, St Paul District
USACE, Tulsa District
USACE, Vicksburg District
USACE CPRP, Rivers Project Office
USACE Engineer Research and Development

Center
USACE Missouri River Recovery Program
USACE MO River Basin Programs
USDA - Conservation Effects Assessment Project
USDA - NRCS - Kentucky
USDA Forest Service Northeastern Region
USDA National Laboratory for Agriculture and
the Environment
USDA NRCS Central Region
USDA NRCS Watershed Planner
USDA-NRCS - Missouri Basin
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USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service,
Headquarters

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Participating State and Local Agencies

AR Game & Fish Commission
IA Dept. of Natural Resources
IA Dept. of Transportation
IL Dept. of Natural Resources
IL Dept. of Transportation
IL EPA Division of Public Water Supplies
KS Water Office
KS Bureau of Water, Kansas Department of Health & Environment
KS Watershed Management Section
KY Department of Agriculture
KY Dept. of Environmental Protection, Water Quality Br
KY Div. of Water
LA Dept. of Enviro Quality, Office of Enviro Services
MN Dept. of Ag
MN Dept. of Natural Resources
MN Pollution Control Agency
MO Dept. of Agriculture
MO Dept. of Conservation
MO Dept. of Natural Resources
MO DNR Water Resources Center
MS Dept. of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control
MT Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation
MS DOT
ND State Water Commission

NE Department of Natural Resources
OH Dept of Natural Resources
OH DNR, Div of Soil & Water Resources
OK Dept of Agriculture, Food & Forestry
OK Dept of Environmental Quality
OK Dept of Mines
OK Dept of Transportation, Waterways Branch
OK Municipal League
OK Scenic Rivers Commission
OK Water Resources Board
Red River Waterway Commission
SD Dept. of Environmental Natural Resources
SD Game, Fish and Parks
The Wildlife Resources Agency
TN Fisheries Mgmt. Div., TN Wildlife Resources Agency
TN Wildlife Resources Agency
TX Commission on Environmental Quality
TX Water Development Board
WI DOT, Bureau of Transit, Local Roads, RR & Harbors
WV Conservation Agency
WV DEP
WY Wyoming State Engineers Office

Participating Local Governments

Cherokee County Health Department (Kansas)
City of Dubuque, IA
City of Moline, IL
Metropolitan Water Reclamation (Chicago)
Port Authority of Kansas City, MO
City of Portland, OR
City of St. Louis Water Division
Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District

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Participating Academic Institutions

Carnegie Mellon University
Illinois Sustainable Technology Center
Illinois State Water Survey
Iowa State University
Kansas State University
Kansas State University, Big Creek Middle Smoky Hill River Watersheds
Lewis and Clark College
Louisiana Sea Grant College Program, LA State University
Marshall University College of Science
Marshall University Rahall Transportation Institute
Mississippi State Cooperative Res Assn.
Mississippi State University
National Center for Water Quality Research, Heidelberg University
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