

# The Mississippi River Watershed Partnership (MRWP)

The Mississippi River Watershed Partnership (MRWP) brings together organizations, agencies, and communities across the watershed to tackle shared challenges and opportunities. Convened by America's Watershed Initiative (AWI) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC), the partnership provides a collaborative space to align efforts, share knowledge, and advance solutions that no single group could achieve alone.

## MRWP Focus Areas and Goals

The MRWP goals focus on the partnership's focus areas:

- Partnership
- Fish and Wildlife
- Flood and Drought
- Navigation
- Recreation
- Water Quality
- Cross-Cutting

# The Mississippi River Water Action Collaborative (MRWAC)

The Mississippi River Water Action Collaborative (MRWAC) is a collaborative network built to advance water resilience across the Mississippi River Basin (MRB). Managed by Pacific Institute with the collaboration of LimnoTech and AWI, MRWAC is designed to serve as a tool that connects project implementers and companies and ultimately support the implementation of projects that address shared water challenges in the MRB.

## MRWAC Corporate Stewardship Goal

MRWAC's goal is to achieve 24M acres of corporate stewardship by 2035. This area-based goal is to be achieved by supporting conservation and restoration projects that provide benefits in:

- Water Quality
- Water Quantity
- Water Access

## Areas emphasized more by the MRWP

- Navigation and transportation
- Recreation and river access
- Basin governance and policy coordination

### How does MRWAC complement MRWP?

By mobilizing private sector funding and partnerships to implement conservation practices and helping translate MRWP's basin-wide priorities into measurable, on-the-ground outcomes, while promoting corporate involvement. MRWAC's project portfolio directly contributes to the MRWP goals.

## Key Overlaps between MRWP and MRWAC

- Water quality improvement and habitat restoration
- Nutrient (i.e., N and P) reduction strategies in alignment with the Gulf Hypoxia Task Force
- Nature-based solutions and green infrastructure
- Multi-stakeholder and watershed-scale collaboration
- Use of science and monitoring to inform decisions and track progress
- Climate and community resilience emphasis, including floodplain and hydrologic management.

## Areas emphasized more by MRWAC

- Private sector funding for conservation projects and initiatives
- Corporate water stewardship and sustainability commitments
- Water stewardship metrics and tracking of progress

### How does MRWP complement MRWAC?

By providing a basin-wide framework of shared priorities, scientific guidance, and cross-sector coordination, ensuring MRWAC's investments are aligned, strategic, and impactful at basin-wide scale.