



The American Waterways Operators



Support the Inland Waterways Capital Development Plan *Invest in America's Inland Waterways Transportation System*

Benefits to America

America's inland waterways are a precious resource, and the envy of the world because of the natural "water highway" the waterways system provides for commerce. Modern lock and dam infrastructure is critical to U.S. competitiveness in the world market, to environmental protection, to energy efficiency, to the sustainment of well-paying American jobs and to congestion relief. Inland waterways transportation is a key component of the intermodal transportation network, and is essential to our nation's economy, environment, and quality of life.

A Consensus Plan to Improve Inland Waterways Navigation Infrastructure

Industry and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have worked together over the past year to develop a comprehensive, consensus package of recommendations to improve the continued vitality of this critical system. The recommendations, unanimously endorsed by the congressionally established Inland Waterways Users Board on December 15, 2009, will:

- **Prioritize the completion of navigation projects across the entire system,**
- **Improve the Corps of Engineers' project management and processes to deliver projects on time and on budget, and**
- **Recommend an affordable funding mechanism to meet the system's needs.**

The recommendations represent a new approach to meet the longstanding need for efficient delivery and timely completion of critical projects and sustainable funding for the Inland Waterways Trust Fund. The nation's transportation system and taxpayers would benefit from the completion of essential navigation infrastructure and the containment of cost overruns. The final report detailing these recommendations was approved by the Inland Waterways Users Board meeting on April 13, 2010.

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Recommended Reforms

The proposal would:

- Preserve the existing 50% industry/50% federal cost-sharing formula for new lock construction and major lock rehabilitation projects costing \$100 million or more.
- Adjust the current model to provide 100% federal funding for dam construction and major rehabilitation and smaller lock rehabilitation projects, recognizing the value derived by other beneficiaries from dams and the pools created by dams.
- Include a cost share cap on new lock construction projects to incentivize keeping projects on budget and prevent industry taxpayers from bearing the burden of paying for unreasonable cost overruns. This will strengthen the ability of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund to fund more priority projects in the pipeline.

The proposed new funding parameters will necessitate a 30% to 45% increase (between 6 and 9 cents per gallon) in the existing fuel tax of 20-cents-per-gallon that is paid by the barge and towing industry, the only users of the system who currently are taxed. At the same time, the recommended reforms to the Corps of Engineers' project management and delivery process would ensure that these additional resources are spent wisely.

Endorsements

On January 12, 2010, the Board of Directors of Waterways Council, Inc., the national public policy organization advocating a modern and well-maintained national system of ports and inland waterways, voted unanimously to support the recommendations of this industry-Corps joint effort.

On January 22, 2010, the Board of Directors of The American Waterways Operators, the national trade association for the American tugboat, towboat and barge industry, voted to authorize AWO to advocate before the Administration and Congress in favor of the recommended plan.

On February 24, 2010, the Board of Directors of the National Waterways Conference, Inc., the national organization advocating for the enactment of common-sense policies recognizing the widespread public benefits of our nation's water resources infrastructure, voted unanimously to support the plan.

The more than 200 organizations on the following page join us in supporting this important effort:

Supporters of the Inland Waterways Capital Development Plan

National Organizations

The American Waterways Operators	National Association of Manufacturers
National Waterways Conference, Inc.	National Audubon Society
Waterways Council, Inc.	National Corn Growers Association
American Agri-Women	National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
American Land Conservancy	National Grain and Feed Association
American Soybean Association	National Mining Association
Dredging Contractors of America	North American Equipment Dealers Association
Inland Rivers Ports & Terminals, Inc.	Steel Manufacturers Association
International Liquid Terminals Association	Transportation Research Board/Marine Board
The International Propeller Club of the United States	U.S. Chamber of Commerce

State, Regional, and Local Organizations

Alabama State Port Authority	Jersey County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Association of Tennessee Valley Governments	Kane County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Bond County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Kendall County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Boone County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Kentuckians for Better Transportation
Bureau County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
Calhoun County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Kentucky Corn Growers
California Marine Affairs & Navigation Conf. (CMANC)	Kingdom of Callaway (Mo.) Chamber of Commerce
Carpenters' Dist. Council of Greater St. Louis and Vicinity	Knox County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Carroll County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	LaSalle County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Chemical Industry Council of Illinois	Lee County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
City of Pittsfield, Ill.	Little Rock Port Authority
Clark County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Louisiana Assn. of Waterway Operators and Shipyards
Coalition of Alabama Waterway Associations, Inc.	Macon County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Cook County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Marshall-Putnam (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Coosa-Alabama River Improvement Association, Inc.	Mason County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
DeWitt County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	McDonough County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
DeWitt (Mo.) Drainage and Levee District	McLean County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Ducks Unlimited, St. Louis Mid-County Chapter	Menard County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
DuPage County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Mercer County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Effingham County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	MidCentral Illinois Regional Council of Carpenters
Farm Resource Center	Minnesota Chapter of ASFMRA
Grain & Feed Association of Illinois	Minnesota Corn Growers Association
Great River Economic Development Foundation	Minnesota Grain and Feed Association
Greene County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Mississippi Water Resources Association
Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association	Missouri Corn Growers Association
Hancock County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Missouri Levee & Drainage District Association
Huntington District Waterways Association	Mo-Ark Association
Illinois AgriWomen	Montgomery County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Illinois Association of Drainage Districts	Ogle County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Illinois Biotechnology Industry Organization	Ohio Corn Growers Association
Illinois Corn Growers Association	Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA)
Illinois Farm Bureau	Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce
Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Association	Peoria County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Illinois Grape Growers & Vintners Association	Perry County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Illinois Seed Trade Association	Pike and Scott County (Ill.) Farm Bureaus
Illinois Soc. of Prof. Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers	Port of Cincinnati, LLC
Illinois Soybean Association	Port of Houston Authority
Indiana Corn Growers Association	Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans
Indiana Soybean Alliance	Port of Pittsburgh Commission
International Union of Operating Engineers Local 513	Port of Portland (Oregon)
Iowa Corn Growers Association	Port of Vancouver, Wash.
Jasper County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Red River Valley Association
Jersey County (Ill.) Business Association	Rock Island County (Ill.) Farm Bureau

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Rosedale-Bolivar County (Miss.) Port Commission	Tri-State Development Summit
Sangamon County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Tri Rivers Waterway Development Assoc.
Shelby County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Tulsa Port of Catoosa
Stark County Farm (Ill.) Bureau	Upper Mississippi Waterway Association
Stephenson County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Upper Mississippi, Illinois & Missouri Rivers Assn.
Tennessee Cumberland Waterways Council	Warrior-Tombigbee Waterway Association
Tennessee River Valley Association	Washington County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Auth.	Waterways Association of Pittsburgh
Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Council	Whiteside County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Texas Agri Women	Will County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Texas Waterways Operators Association	

Companies

Advantus Strategies, LLC	Holcim (US) Inc.
AEP River Operations	Ingram Barge Company
Ag-Land FS, Inc.	Inland Marine Service
Agriservices Of Brunswick, LLC	The Integra Group, Inc.
Alter Barge Line, Inc.	J.A.M. Marine Services, LLC
American Commercial Lines	Kirby Corporation
American Inland Ports, LLC	K-Sea Transportation Partners LP
American River Transportation Company	Lafayette Workboat Rentals, LLC
Amherst Madison, Inc.	LeBeouf Bros. Towing, LLC
Artco Fleeting Service	Magnolia Marine Transport Co.
B&G Towing LLC/Acme Marine LLC	Marathon Petroleum Company LLC
Bayou Fleet Inc.	MARMAC, LLC d/b/a McDonough Marine Service
Bludworth Marine LLC	Marquette Transportation Company, LLC
Blue Danube Incorporated	Martin Marine
Bob Brackmann Farms	McNational Inc.
Brennan Marine, Inc	Mulzer Crushed Stone
Brunswick River Terminal, Inc.	Natures Way Marine, LLC
Buffalo Marine Service, Inc.	New Orleans Shipyard
Bunge North America	Northern Partners Cooperative
C&C Marina Maintenance Company	Nucor Steel Tuscaloosa, Inc.
Campbell Transportation Company	Osterholt Farms
Canal Barge Company, Inc.	Parker Towing Company
Cargill, Inc.	PowerSouth Energy Cooperative
CF Industries Holdings, Inc.	Rentech Energy Midwest
CGB Enterprises, Inc.	Sause Bros., Inc.
Channel Shipyard Companies	Servco FS Cooperative
CHS Inc.	Smurfit Stone Container Corporation
Cincinnati Bulk Terminals, LLC	T & T Marine Salvage, Inc.
CITGO Petroleum Corporation	Thomson, Rhodes & Cowie P.C.
Clarkson Grain Company Inc.	Tidewater Barge Lines, Inc.
Colusa Elevator Co.	TradeWinds Towing LLC
CONSOL Energy	Trinity Marine Products, Inc.
Crouse Corporation	Turn Services, LLC
Deloach Marine	Twomey Company
E.ON U.S.	United Ocean Services
Farm Credit Services of Illinois	Upper River Services LLC
FirstEnergy Solutions	Valero Energy
Grain Processing Corporation	Volunteer Barge & Transport Inc.
GROWMARK	Vulcan Materials Company
Hartsburg Grain Company	The Waterways Journal, Inc.
Hodel Farms Inc.	Yager Materials, LLC