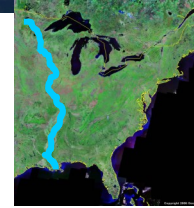


Mississippi River



Cities & Towns Initiative Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO September 12-14, 2017



NCEL

National Caucus of
Environmental Legislators

Please join the mayors of the Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative (MRCTI) for our sixth Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO, this September 12-14.

MRCTI Makes a Difference for our Cities

Together, the cities of the Mississippi River have brought hundreds of millions of dollars back into the corridor; we have placed the waterway back on the national agenda; and we have created access for our cities to new opportunities.

Unity and Direction

Our infrastructure needs are growing and we increasingly require access to resources for our critical services. Individually, the challenges we face get lost in the noise of other demands across the continent. However, as a cohesive region centered on 2,500 miles of indispensable waterway, our voice becomes strident and forceful. The MRCTI Annual Meeting gives us the opportunity to achieve joint objectives and a shared vision for our region and our corridor.

Access to Funding

MRCTI can be a conduit to capture capital for the natural and built infrastructure demands our region faces. Gaining exponential exposure to and relations with the global investment community is a new benefit offered by MRCTI through a partnership that links our cities to a \$2 trillion global investment pool. Couple this with the several hundred million dollars we have secured in the last federal spending bill for programs that can help us, and we have an incredible opportunity.

Positioning our Region for Success

We have crafted an agenda to position our region for success. Investment experts will be with us to link our cities to capital; we are partnering with the states to bring federal resources into our corridor through a partnership with the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators (NCEL); our Corporate Advisory Board will welcome new members; and federal agencies will introduce new grant opportunities. Though we have sustained significant disaster impacts over the past three years, our association is stronger and more involved than ever which indicates the strength of our corridor. The MRCTI Annual Meeting is where we build on that strength and bring benefits home.

You may call (314) 655-1234 to reserve a discounted room under the Mississippi River Cities & Towns block at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch. There is no registration fee for this meeting and attendance is free to invited guests. Please RSVP the dates of your attendance and those in your party to elarosa@mrcti.org. Please see draft agenda and our most recent newsletter attached here.