

# THE 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER CITIES & TOWNS INITIATIVE

Capitol Meeting  
March 6 – 8, 2018 Washington, DC



## Agenda

## Title Sponsor:

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Unless otherwise noted, all sessions and events are open to all mayors and other officially invited attendees.  
Official functions and meeting services are located in the Phoenix Park Hotel unless otherwise stated.



### March 6

#### Dinner with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

6:30pm – 9:00pm, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 50 (SDG-50), 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, NE

*Mayors may gather in the Phoenix Park lobby at 6:00pm to walk two blocks to dinner venue. Registration materials will be available at the dinner.*

Mayors will be joined by leadership from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a sit-down dinner to discuss current challenges facing the Mississippi River as well as possible solutions.

**Presiding:** DARRYL GRENNELL, Mayor of Natchez, MS  
FRANK KLIPSCH, Mayor of Davenport, IA, MRCTI Co-Chair  
LIONEL JOHNSON, Mayor of St. Gabriel, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

**Greetings:** THE HONORABLE RICHARD BALZANO  
Deputy Administrator  
U.S. Maritime Administration  
U.S. Dept. of Transportation

**Corps Discussion:** RYAN A. FISHER, Principal Deputy Assistant Sec. U.S. Army (Civil Works)  
COLONEL ANTHONY MITCHELL, Executive Officer, Assistant Secretary of the Army

COLONEL CRAIG BAUMGARTNER, Commander, Rock Island District Mississippi Valley Division  
COLONEL BRYAN SIZEMORE, Commander, St. Louis District Mississippi Valley Division

COLONEL MICHAEL DEROSIER, Commander, Vicksburg District Mississippi Valley Division  
COLONEL MICHAEL CLANCY, Commander, New Orleans District Mississippi Valley Division

COLONEL STEVEN SATTINGER, Incoming Commander, Rock Island District Mississippi Valley Division

*Presentation* LEON M. CARL  
*on future* Regional Director, Midwest Region  
*Agreement:* U.S. Geological Survey

March 7

**Mississippi River Valley Investment Fund Development Forum**

8:00am – 9:45am, Charlie Palmer, 101 Constitution Avenue, NW

*Mayors may gather in the Phoenix Park lobby at 7:30am to board buses for the venue.*

Join Mayors and Investors from across the finance industry to explore a working Mississippi River Valley Investment Fund that provides resources to cities for near-water natural and built infrastructure projects coordinated at corridor scale.

*Presiding:* ERRICK SIMMONS, Mayor of Greenville, MS  
TIM KABAT, Mayor of La Crosse, WI

*Introduction:* HON. ANTHONY DAISY  
Mayor, City of New Roads, LA

*Remarks:* THE HONORABLE GARRET GRAVES  
Chairman, Transportation & Infrastructure  
Subcommittee on Water Resources & Environment  
U.S. House of Representatives (LA)

*Prologue:* HON. TIM KABAT  
Mayor, City of La Crosse, WI  
Presiding Mayor, MRCTI Corporate Advisory Board

*Introduction:* HON. SHARON WESTON BROOME  
Mayor, City of Baton Rouge, LA

*Remarks:* THE HONORABLE AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG  
President, Andrew Young Foundation  
Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, United States House of  
Representatives (GA), Mayor of Atlanta, GA

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| <i>Presentation:</i> LISA DANIEL<br>Managing Director<br>PFM Group   | ANIKET SHAH<br>Manager, Sustainable Investing<br>Oppenheimer Funds |
| GLEN YELTON<br>Vice President, Impact Investing<br>Oppenheimer Funds | LANCE PIERCE<br>President<br>CDP North America                     |

**Concurrent House and Senate Meetings** (Mayors and city staff only)

10:00am – 12:00pm, House & Senate Offices, Capitol Hill

*Mayors will be escorted from the breakfast venue to the offices for these bilateral meetings.*

OFC OF THE HONORABLE RICK CRAWFORD (2422 RHOB, 10:15am)  
Chairman, Ag Subcommittee on General Farm  
Commodities & Risk Management  
U.S. House of Representatives (AR)  
*Moderating: Jay Hollowell, Mayor of Helena-West Helena*

OFC OF THE HONORABLE ROY BLUNT (260 RSOB, 10:15am)  
Trey McKenzie, Appropriations Lead  
United States Senate (MO)  
*Moderating: Lyda Krewson, Mayor of St. Louis, MO  
Jo Anne Smiley, Clarksville, MO*

THE HONORABLE STEVE SCALISE (H-328, 11:35am)  
Houser Leadership  
Majority Whip  
U.S. House of Representatives (LA)  
*Moderating: Belinda Constant, Mayor of Gretna, LA*

THE HONORABLE JONI ERNST (111 RSOB, 11:00am)  
Chairman, Agriculture Subcommittee on  
Rural Development & Energy  
Unites States Senate (IA)  
*Moderating: Bob Gallagher, Mayor of Bettendorf, IA*

**Capitol Hill Lunch** (Mayors and city staff only)

12:15pm – 1:30pm, The Home of Congressman John Delaney, Capitol Hill

*Mayors may gather at Garfield Circle on the western side of the U.S. Capitol to board buses for the Congressman's residence.*

Mayors will be the exclusive guests of Congressman Delaney to discuss the infrastructure future of the nation.

*Presiding:* FRANK KLIPSCH, Mayor of Davenport, IA, MRCTI Co-Chair  
LIONEL JOHNSON, Mayor of St. Gabriel, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

*Welcome:* THE HONORABLE JOHN DELANEY  
Member, Financial Services Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance  
U.S. House of Representatives (MD)

*Introduction:* HON. SARAH STROMMEN  
Mayor of Ramsey, MN

*Remarks:* THE HONORABLE BETTY MCCOLLUM  
Member, Appropriations Comm  
U.S. House of Representatives (MN)

*Introduction:* Hon. Emeka Jackson-Hicks  
Mayor of East St. Louis, MO

*Greetings:* AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG  
President, Andrew Young Foundation  
Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, United States House of  
Representatives (GA), Mayor of Atlanta, GA

**Resilience Roundtable: Achieving Preparedness for Our Cities** (by separate invitation only),  
**Sponsored by UN Environment North America**

2:00pm – 4:30pm, Woodrow Wilson Center, One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, 1300 Pennsylvania, Avenue, NW

*Presiding:* ROY BUOL, Mayor of Dubuque, IA  
JO ANNE SMILEY, Mayor of Clarksville, MO

*Welcome:* ROGER-MARK DE SOUZA  
President & CEO  
Sister Cities International

**Session 1: The Challenge**

*Mayoral View:* HON. ROY BUOL Mayor, City of Dubuque, IA  
HON. JO ANNE SMILEY Mayor, City of Clarksville, MO

*Greetings:* MEMBER OF CONGRESS  
TBA

*Industry View:* ANTHONY KUCZINSKI President & CEO Munich Re US  
SERENA SOWERS Vice President Swiss Re Americas

SAMANTHA MEDLOCK  
Senior Vice President, Head of North America Capital, Science & Policy  
Willis Towers Watson (Arlington, VA)

**Session 2: Progress to Date**

*Mayoral View:* TONYA GRAHAM Executive Director Geos Institute  
ERIC MIELBRECHT Directing Scientist, Director of Operations EcoAdapt

*Industry View:* ROGER GRENIER Senior Vice President AIR Worldwide  
EMILY GROVER-KOPEC Vice President Risk Management Solutions  
DAG LOHMAN CEO & Founder KatRisk

**Session 3: Way Forward, Moderated Discussion**

*Moderator:* ROGER-MARK DE SOUZA  
President and CEO  
Sister Cities International

**Concluding Reception: Sponsored by the Geos Institute & Climate Resilience Fund**

**Mississippi River Program Appropriations Conference** (Mayors and city staff only)

5:00pm – 5:50pm, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Rm 113, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, NE

*Presiding:* DARRYL GRENNELL, Mayor of Natchez, MS  
GEORGE FLAGGS, Mayor of Vicksburg, MS  
ERRICK SIMMONS, Mayor of Greenville, MS

*Remarks:* THE HONORABLE THAD COCHRAN  
Chairman, Appropriations Committee  
United States Senate (MS)

**Congressional Reception & Dinner, Sponsored by McDermott, Will, & Emery**

6:30pm – 7:00pm, Opening Reception, McDermott Building, Main Conference Room, 500 North Capitol St, NW

*Mayors may gather in the Phoenix Park lobby at 6:15pm to walk next door the Dinner venue.*

Join Davenport Mayor Frank Klipsch, St. Gabriel Mayor Lionel Johnson, and members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives for a reception and dinner with the Mississippi River Caucus.

*Presiding:* FRANK KLIPSCH, Mayor of Davenport, IA, MRCTI Co-Chair  
LIONEL JOHNSON, Mayor of St. Gabriel, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

*Greetings:* THE HONORABLE ROY BLUNT (invited)  
Chairman, Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS  
United States Senate (MO)

*Introduction:* Hon. JAY HOLLOWELL  
Mayor of Helena-West Helena, AR

*Remarks:* THE HONORABLE JOHN BOOZMAN  
Chairman, Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security  
United States Senate (AR)

7:00pm – 8:30pm, Dinner, McDermott Building, Main Conference Room, 500 North Capitol St, NW

This is our chance to impress upon members of Congress the importance of the Nation's Inland Waterway System and the valuable Federal Partnerships that can fulfill America's infrastructure needs.

*Presiding:* FRANK KLIPSCH, Mayor of Davenport, IA, MRCTI Co-Chair  
LIONEL JOHNSON, Mayor of St. Gabriel, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

*Welcome:* JAMES KIM  
Partner  
McDermott Will & Emery LLP

*Introduction:* HON. TIM KABAT  
Mayor of La Crosse, WI

*Remarks:* THE HONORABLE RON KIND  
Co-Chair, Mississippi River Caucus  
Member, House Ways & Means Subcommittee on Trade  
U.S. House of Representatives (WI)

*Greetings:* AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG  
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Mayor of Ramsey, MN

*Remarks:* HON. TOM EMMER  
Member, Financial Services Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives (MN)  
U.S. House of Representatives (MO)

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*Preview:* HON. FRANK KLIPSCH  
Mayor, Davenport, IA

HON. ROBERT GALLAGHER  
Mayor, Bettendorf, IA

## March 8

### **Breakfast: Farm Bill Conservation Programs, A Key to Urban Resilience and Sustainability**

8:00am – 9:45am, APA Top Floor (12<sup>th</sup>) Conference Space, 750 First Street, NE

*Mayors may gather in the Phoenix Park lobby at 7:30am to board buses for the venue.*

*Moderating:* JAY HOLLOWELL, Mayor of Helena-West Helena, AR  
SARAH STROMMEN, Mayor of Ramsey, MN

*Welcome:* THE HONORABLE JOHN HOFFMAN  
Minnesota State Senate  
National Caucus of Environmental Legislators

*Presentation:* ALYSSA CHARNEY  
Policy Director  
National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition  
Chair, MRCTI Corporate Advisory Board

*Open Discussion:* NSAC, NCEL, MRCTI Conservation Program Priorities\  
Path Forward Toward Farm Bill Passage

[Pending] **White House Meeting** (by separate invitation only)

10:00am – 11:00am, APA Building, 750 First Street, NE

*Presiding:* FRANK KLIPSCH, Mayor of Davenport, IA, MRCTI Co-Chair  
LIONEL JOHNSON, Mayor of St. Gabriel, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

*Welcome:* PRESIDENT’S OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

*Discussion:* PRESIDENT’S SPECIAL ADVISORY TEAM ON INFRASTRUCTURE

12:00pm – Adjourn

## Hotel Information

Rooms are available at a reduced rate within the historic Phoenix Park Hotel (pictured below), 520 Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. Reservations can be made by calling 202-638-6900, ask for the block under *Mississippi River Cities & Towns* (code 21131).



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