

## City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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### WEEKLY UPDATE:

- Moody's: The Moody's Credit Opinion/Report is attached as it appears on [moodys.com](http://moodys.com). The City maintained its Aa2 rating.
- RAGBRAI: Please see the attached flyer. A RAGBRAI town meeting will be held at the Pearl City Station on Tuesday, May 3rd at 6PM.
- EPA: Community Development staff is preparing an application for technical assistance. Per EPA, this is targeted specifically to cities that are part of EPA's Making a Visible Difference in Communities initiative. The program, called Greening America's Communities, is run by EPA's Office of Sustainable Communities. Grandview Avenue
- Asphalt Overlay: Please see attached spreadsheet from Public Works.
- Police Department: Please see the attached memo regarding our annual application for Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Grant.
- Bi-State: Attached is the April 2016 Commission Packet. Sarah Grabowski, Bi-State Regional Commission
- IEDA: Please see the information that follows on a new IEDA program that was announced. IEDA - Nuisance Property and Abandoned Building Remediation Program Announcement. The Iowa Economic Development Authority has released a new community development program, the Nuisance Property and Abandoned Building Remediation program. This financial assistance program is now available to communities for the remediation of nuisance buildings and structures. Program funds may be utilized for the demolition or remediation and reuse of residential, commercial or industrial structures. All buildings made part of the program must be documented as representing a public nuisance. Applicants must describe how demolition activities are tied to a community redevelopment effort. A project may include properties at multiple sites. Assistance through this program will be in the form of a loan. Loan terms will range from 12 to 36 months and interest rates will range from zero percent to three percent, based on the term of the loan. Currently, \$6 million is available through the program. One-third of available funds for 2016 will be set aside for communities with populations under 10,000 until September 1, 2016. After September 1, any uncommitted funds will be made available to communities of all sizes. The application is now available at [iowagrants.gov](http://iowagrants.gov). Applications will be accepted and reviewed as funds are available. Additional information on the program can be found at [iowaeconomicdevelopment.com/community/remediation](http://iowaeconomicdevelopment.com/community/remediation).
- CVB: Per the CVB - Here's the blurb about the work National Geographic is doing on the Mississippi River Geotourism site ([mississippiriver.natgeotourism.com](http://mississippiriver.natgeotourism.com)): The Mississippi River Geotourism Program seeks to capture and promote the culture, heritage and ecological diversity of the people and places that are connected to the Mississippi River through the voices and stories of the people that live along its shores. National Geographic and its partners are working with

local organizations, businesses and residents to map the best travel experiences, stories and businesses along the Mississippi River. We invite you to recommend historic, cultural and natural landmarks; events, attractions and activities; businesses, artisans and storytellers as well as local legends that capture the region's unique character, heritage and beauty. I've attached the nomination guidelines, which walk you through getting a listing on the site, and I've attached the National Geographic PowerPoint presentation about the project, which goes into more detail about what it's about.

- Traffic Committee: The City's Traffic Committee met on Tuesday, April 19th. Two items had city council member's interest. If you have any questions, please contact me. rhill
  - Parking in the 600 Block of Mulberry: The Traffic Committee will recommend to the council the removal of the "No Parking" signs (2 of them) at 6th & Mulberry. These are the signs on the Southwest side of Mulberry between E. 6th and the #6 alley. (See photo attached). This should add an additional 2-3 on-street parking stalls. These additional stalls will offset the loss of two on-street parking spaces caused because of the new pizza business.
  - 2. Poplar Street and the #8 alley: A complaint has been received regarding trucks cutting corners when turning onto Poplar Street while exiting the #8 alley. As a result of this, the city will post "No Parking Between Signs" on the west side of Poplar to give the truckers a greater turning radius (See photo). The city will also install two vertical posts in the r-o-w to keep motorists from cutting the corner.

## CREDIT OPINION

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New Issue

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## City of Muscatine, IA

New Issue: Moody's assigns Aa2 to Muscatine, IA's \$4.6M GO Bonds, Ser. 2016

### Summary Rating Rationale

Moody's Investors Service has assigned a Aa2 rating to the City of Muscatine, IA's \$4.6 million General Obligation Corporate Purpose and Refunding Bonds, Series 2016. Moody's maintains the Aa2 rating on the city's outstanding general obligation unlimited tax (GOULT) debt. The Aa2 rating reflects the city's stable, moderately-sized tax base located along the Mississippi River; trend of positive financial operations and improving reserve levels; manageable debt burden; and moderate exposure to unfunded pension liabilities.

### Credit Strengths

- » Stable local economy with low unemployment
- » Sound financial management with improving reserve levels

### Credit Challenges

- » Smaller tax base and weaker socioeconomic characteristics compared to similarly rated entities
- » Moderate degree of concentration among top taxpayers

### Rating Outlook

Outlooks are typically not assigned to local government credits with this amount of debt.

### Factors that Could Lead to an Upgrade

- » Significant expansion and diversification of the tax base
- » Strengthening of socioeconomic characteristics
- » Continued growth in reserves, bolstering financial flexibility and liquidity

### Factors that Could Lead to a Downgrade

- » Trend of imbalanced financial operations leading to material declines in reserves
- » Weakening of the local economy as evidenced by valuation declines, increased unemployment, or a fall in the city's socioeconomic profile
- » Substantial increase in the city's debt burden

## Key Indicators

Exhibit 1

Exhibit 2

Muscatine (City of) IA	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Economy/Tax Base					
Total Full Value (\$000)	\$ 1,220,461	\$ 1,227,291	\$ 1,238,312	\$ 1,263,280	\$ 1,321,462
Full Value Per Capita	\$ 53,328	\$ 53,626	\$ 54,108	\$ 55,199	\$ 57,741
Median Family Income (% of US Median)	88.4%	87.0%	85.4%	84.8%	84.8%
Finances					
Operating Revenue (\$000)	\$ 17,254	\$ 18,391	\$ 18,409	\$ 19,140	\$ 20,166
Fund Balance as a % of Revenues	15.4%	20.2%	19.9%	20.4%	22.2%
Cash Balance as a % of Revenues	12.4%	19.0%	17.7%	21.4%	24.5%
Debt/Pensions					
Net Direct Debt (\$000)	\$ 17,555	\$ 18,270	\$ 17,450	\$ 17,530	\$ 15,075
Net Direct Debt / Operating Revenues (x)	1.0x	1.0x	0.9x	0.9x	0.7x
Net Direct Debt / Full Value (%)	1.4%	1.5%	1.4%	1.4%	1.1%
Moody's - adjusted Net Pension Liability (3-yr average) to Revenues (x)	N/A	1.9x	2.2x	2.4x	2.3x
Moody's - adjusted Net Pension Liability (3-yr average) to Full Value (%)	N/A	2.9%	3.2%	3.7%	3.4%

Post-sale, Net Direct Debt is estimated at \$18.4 million, or 0.9 times operating revenue and 1.4% of full value.

Source: Audited Financial Statements; Moody's Investors Service

## Detailed Rating Considerations

### Economy and Tax Base: Moderately Sized Tax Base Located Along Mississippi River in Southeast Iowa

Moody's expects continued tax base stability given an expanding commercial and industrial presence, though economic concentration remains elevated. Located in southeast Iowa (Aaa Stable) along the Mississippi River, the city's \$1.3 billion tax base grew at a moderate average annual rate of 1.7% since 2010. While a majority of the city's taxable valuation is residential (59% in 2014), the primary driver of the recent valuation trends has been development within the commercial and industrial sectors (41%). The city's two largest taxpayers, Grain Processing Corporation (GPC, 4.8% of 2014 taxable value) and HNI Corporation (also known as Hon Industries, 3.7% of 2014 taxable value) are both headquartered in the city, slightly mitigating challenges associated with taxbase and economic concentration. GPC is currently undertaking a \$110 million expansion and improvement of their existing plant. Hon Industries, which is also the city's largest employer with an estimated 3,700 employees, is in the process of making \$40 million of expansions and improvements in their downtown manufacturing plant. At 5.1% as of February 2016, unemployment in Muscatine County exceeds that of the state (4.5%) but is in line with the national (5.2%) rates for the same period. According to data from the US Census Bureau's American Community Survey, the city's median family income stands at 84.8% of the national median. Partially offsetting the below average resident wealth levels is the city's relatively affordable housing stock, with 2014 median home values at 58.1% of the national median.

### Financial Operations and Reserves: Balanced Financial Operations Expected to Continue

We expect the city's financial position to remain stable given management's demonstrated history of conservatively budgeting revenues and expenditures. Fiscal 2015 marked the city's eighth consecutive surplus in its Operating Fund (comprised of the General and Debt Service Funds), growing the available fund balance to \$4.5 million, or a satisfactory 22.2% of operating revenues. Given the city's surplus operations in recent years, officials are planning to utilize up to \$271,000 of reserves in fiscal 2016 for various one time expenditures. Similarly, officials anticipate using up to \$191,000 of reserves in fiscal 2017. Despite the planned draws, reserve levels are expected to remain in excess of the city's formal fund balance policy, which calls for the maintenance of at least 16.7% (or two months) of expenditures.

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Property taxes comprised 47% of Operating Fund revenues in fiscal 2015. The city levies the statutory maximum \$8.10 for general operations, but is not levying its \$0.27 emergency levy nor is it levying its fully available employee benefits levy. If the city were to levy the full amount for both of these levies in fiscal 2017, it would generate an additional \$415,000 in revenue. Additionally, the city retains the ability to increase its utility franchise fee from 1.0% to 5.0%, which would result in an estimated \$400,000 of additional revenue. The city also has a 1% Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) which expires June 30, 2019. The LOST revenues are designated for street (20%) and sewer (80%) improvements and generated \$2.8 million in fiscal 2015.

#### LIQUIDITY

The city's year-end cash balance in fiscal 2015 was \$5.0 million, equal to a strong 24.5% of operating revenues. Additional liquidity is held in the city's enterprise (\$3.3 million) and healthy insurance (\$1.0 million) funds and management reports these reserves could be used to support operations or debt service.

#### Debt and Pensions: Average Debt Burden with Limited Future Borrowing

Given the city's limited borrowing plans and rapid amortization schedule, we believe the city's debt position will remain manageable over the long term. Inclusive of the current issuance, the city's net direct debt is average at 1.4% of full value and 0.9 times operating revenue. Amortization is rapid with all debt scheduled to mature by 2026. Annual debt service requirements are also manageable with fiscal 2015 debt service equal to 13.6% of operating revenues. Total fixed costs (inclusive of debt service, pension contributions, and OPEB contributions), remain above average at 24.7% of operating revenue. Partially mitigating the above average fixed costs is the city's considerable revenue raising flexibility offered by the additional headroom under the employee benefits levy.

#### DEBT STRUCTURE

All of the city's debt is fixed rate and amortizes over the long-term.

#### DEBT-RELATED DERIVATIVES

The city has no exposure to swap agreements or derivatives.

#### PENSIONS AND OPEB

Muscatine's three-year average Moody's adjusted net pension liability (ANPL) through fiscal 2015 is \$45.5 million, equal to an above average 2.2 times operating revenue and 3.4% of full value. The ANPL is based upon an allocation of the reported unfunded liabilities of two multi-employer cost-sharing pension plans, the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS) and Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System of Iowa. Through fiscal 2014, we allocated the liabilities and assets of the plans to the city based upon its proportionate share of public employer contributions. The plans themselves allocated asset and liability shares starting in fiscal 2015. Moody's ANPL reflects certain adjustments we make to improve comparability of reported pension liabilities. The adjustments are not intended to replace the city's reported liability information, but to improve comparability with other rated entities. The city's fiscal 2015 contribution to the plans was \$2.1 million or 10.4% of operating revenues.

#### Management and Governance: Strong Institutional Framework and Financial Management

Iowa cities have an institutional framework score of "Aaa," or very strong. Property taxes, which are the primary revenue stream, are highly predictable despite recent property tax reform. Even with property tax caps on general and emergency levies, cities have strong revenue-raising flexibility due to various additional levies, including an unlimited levy for employee benefits. Expenditures mostly consist of personnel costs, which are highly predictable. Cities have a moderate ability to reduce expenditures due to the presence of employee unions. Many cities have elevated debt and pension burdens, but these liabilities are generally funded with unlimited tax levies.

Muscatine's management team has demonstrated its willingness and ability to maintain balanced operations through utilizing its revenue raising flexibility. This is indicated by a healthy operating ratio (five year average of operating revenues to operating expenditures) of 1.02 times. Additionally, management has instituted a formal fund balance policy to maintain an unrestricted fund balance of at least 16.7% of expenditures. Management's relationship with bargaining units is considered to be good. The current contract with all three of the city's bargaining units is settled through June 30, 2019 and allows for affordable salary increases.

#### Legal Security

Debt service on the Series 2016 Bonds is secured by the city's ad valorem property tax pledge, which is unlimited as to rate or amount.

## Use of Proceeds

Proceeds from the Series 2016 Bonds will be used to currently refund the city's callable Series 2008A Bonds and fund various capital improvement projects.

## Obligor Profile

The City of Muscatine is located along the Mississippi River, approximately 30 miles southwest of Davenport (Aa3). According to data from the 2010 Census, the city serves a resident population of 22,886.

## Methodology

The principal methodology used in this rating was US Local Government General Obligation Debt published in January 2014. Please see the Ratings Methodologies page on [www.moody.com](http://www.moody.com) for a copy of this methodology.

## Ratings

Exhibit 3

### Muscatine (City of) IA

Issue	Rating
General Obligation Corporate Purpose and Refunding Bonds, Series 2016	Aa2
Rating Type	Underlying LT
Sale Amount	\$4,600,000
Expected Sale Date	05/05/2016
Rating Description	General Obligation

Source: Moody's Investors Service

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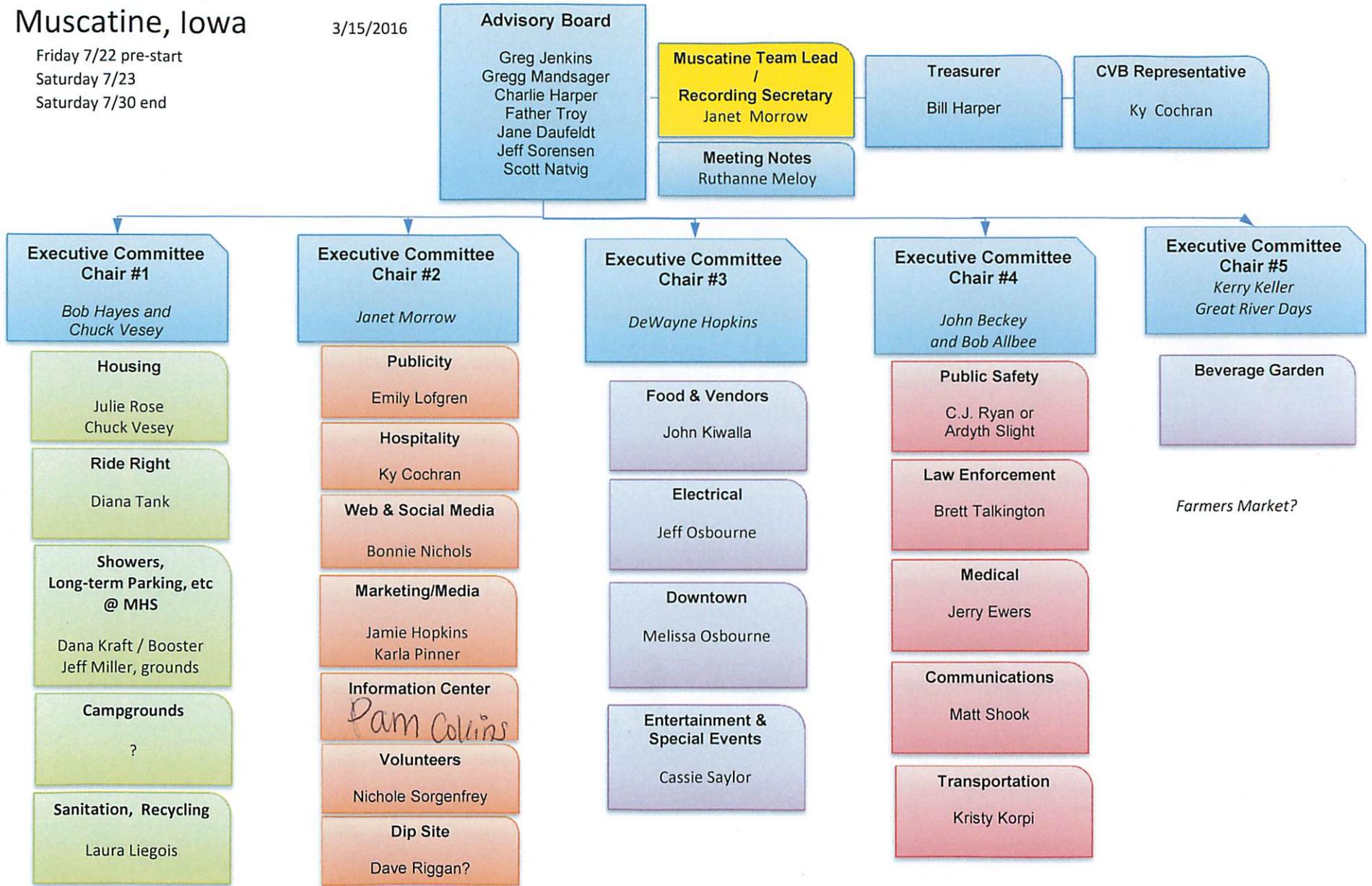
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# RAGBRAI XLIV Organizational Chart

Muscatine, Iowa

3/15/2016

Friday 7/22 pre-start  
 Saturday 7/23  
 Saturday 7/30 end



# EPA's Greening America's Communities

## 2016 Request for Letters of Interest

### Overview

The Office of Sustainable Communities in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Policy is seeking letters of interest from communities identified through the Agency's *Making a Visible Difference in Communities* (MVD) commitment to work in environmentally overburdened, underserved, and economically distressed communities. As part of the MVD effort EPA is providing design assistance to help communities create new visions for their neighborhoods that use green infrastructure to help manage and treat stormwater runoff while also making the neighborhoods more walkable, bikeable and generally more attractive. The program is modelled on the Agency's Greening America's Capitals program which provides design assistance to state capital cities (example of past reports can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/greening-americas-capitals>).

EPA will provide design assistance to successful applicants as described below. **Letters of interest are due on April 29, 2016.** For details on how to apply, see page four.

The goal of Greening America's Communities is to help a range of community types create a clear, implementable vision of distinctive, environmentally friendly neighborhoods that incorporate innovative smart growth strategies and green infrastructure systems. EPA will fund a team of designers to visit the community for up to three days to produce schematic designs and exciting illustrations intended to catalyze or complement a larger planning process for the pilot neighborhood. Additionally, this project could be the testing ground for broader, citywide actions the city might wish to undertake, such as changes to local codes and ordinances to better support smart growth and green infrastructure approaches. The design team along with EPA and other Federal partners will also assist local staff in developing implementation strategies.

EPA is providing this design assistance to help communities across the nation create stronger neighborhoods that protect the environment. Effective strategies for protecting environmental resources, such as street and public space design that use innovative stormwater practices, can also create a strong sense of place and help revitalize neighborhoods, spurring additional economic and social benefits. In addition, EPA is interested in supporting projects that build resilience to disasters and help communities prepare for and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

### Design Assistance Opportunity

Greening America's Communities will work with local communities to foster a strong sense of place by incorporating sustainable design techniques into streets, parks, plazas, and waterfronts. This place-based design assistance will help selected communities envision ways to reuse vacant and underutilized lands, provide more housing and

transportation choices, reduce infrastructure and energy costs, build resilience to climate change and natural disasters, and foster civic pride in neighborhoods and the community as a whole. The proposed project area should be no larger than a neighborhood but should consider the connections with sites outside of the focus area. The project area should serve as a catalyst for adjacent sites and neighborhoods and, at a larger scale, the entire community or region.

EPA will provide this assistance through an Agency contract vehicle, not a grant. EPA will select consultants who are experts in landscape architecture and urban design. Upon completion, the applicant will receive a set of illustrations depicting a sustainable civic vision for the selected project area, which the community can use to either kick-start a public involvement and planning process or complement a process currently underway. EPA will also provide a brief report that includes a compilation of the resources developed throughout the visit, including options for near-term implementation actions.

We hope that the design assistance will provide the community with materials that it could use to “kick start” a larger design process while also educating the public about the benefits of sustainable communities. The community could use these designs and resources in press releases, presentations at public meetings, websites, and integration with other city efforts, such as public health campaigns or annual city events. Though no in-kind funding is required, EPA expects the community to provide in-kind services in the form of logistics support for the workshop and outreach and communications.

### What Is Smart Growth?

The principles of smart growth help communities create a vision of how and where to grow and ensure that development supports local character. Smart growth strategies consider how new development fits with existing neighborhoods, building upon the community fabric and enhancing the connections between buildings and the surrounding sites and landscapes. Smart growth approaches help create high-quality buildings, infrastructure, natural resources, and whole neighborhoods that are distinctive, equitable, economically viable, and environmentally friendly.

These approaches are described by the ten smart growth principles:

- Mix land uses.
- Take advantage of compact building design.
- Create a range of housing opportunities and choices.
- Create walkable neighborhoods.
- Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place.
- Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty, and critical environmental areas.
- Strengthen and direct development towards existing communities.
- Provide a variety of transportation choices.
- Make development decisions predictable, fair, and cost effective.
- Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration in development decisions.

## Resources

For information on past Greening America's Capitals projects, please visit [www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/greening-americas-capitals](http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/greening-americas-capitals)

For more information on smart growth and green infrastructure, please visit EPA's websites: [www.epa.gov/smartgrowth](http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth), [www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure](http://www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure).

For more information on the Partnership for Sustainable Communities: [www.sustainablecommunities.gov](http://www.sustainablecommunities.gov).

For more information on HUD's Office of Housing and Sustainable Communities: [portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program\\_offices/sustainable\\_housing\\_communities](http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/sustainable_housing_communities).

For more information on the Federal Highway Administration's Livability Initiative: [www.fhwa.dot.gov/livability](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/livability), and the Federal Transit Administration's Livable and Sustainable Communities: [fta.dot.gov/publications/publications\\_10935.html](http://fta.dot.gov/publications/publications_10935.html).

## APPLICATION PROCESS

EPA is sending this Request for Letters of Interest to mayors of state capitals as well as to the elected officials of communities that are part of EPA's *Making a Visible Difference in Communities* initiative. Though elected officials will receive the invitation to apply, any city or county department, office, or agency may submit the letter of interest. Only one proposal should be submitted on a community's behalf. Cross-departmental coordination will be an important part of the process of implementing sustainable designs developed through this project.

Based on the written proposals and possible subsequent phone calls with applicants, EPA will choose three to five cities to receive technical assistance.

### Preparing the Letter of Interest

The review team will evaluate letters of interest based on the criteria listed below. Letters should be no more than 4 pages. Supplemental materials such as maps and site plans can also be submitted, but are not to exceed 4 pages. The total application should be no more than 8 pages. This application will serve as an initial screen of projects. A small number of applicants will then be asked to participate in a follow-up phone call with the interagency review team. EPA will make final selections following the completion of the interviews by spring 2016.

Letters of interest must include the following:

**1. Project Contact.** List name, title, phone, email, and address of the person who will be the main project contact. This person will be responsible for working with EPA staff to answer questions and provide additional information as the application process progresses. This person should have a comprehensive understanding of the work that would be done as part of the assistance.

**2. Description of the Design Challenge and Project Area.** Applicants need to articulate the design challenge and propose a specific project area in the community to focus on. Please see the list below for some ideas on design challenges to address, but do not feel limited by this list. The project area must be no larger than the neighborhood scale and should be chosen based on the needs of the area and the potential for implementation of the designs created through this assistance. Include information about how the project can engage overburdened, underserved, and/or historically underrepresented communities. What are the key challenges facing residents and users of this space? Why does this challenge exist? How has it been addressed in the past (if at all), and what do you hope to accomplish by addressing this challenge?

The following issues are of particular interest to reviewers this year:

- Green infrastructure for multiple community benefits.
- Planning and design for disaster resilience.
- Preparing for and adapting to the impacts of climate change.

- Brownfield, infill, or corridor redevelopment.
- Aligning transportation and housing planning.
- Public art and civic design strategies.

**3. Potential Impact of the Project.** Describe how the anticipated results of the project will help your community, as well as how the results could be replicated in other parts of the community or region. The proposal should include realistic, achievable goals for project implementation following the completion of the design assistance.

Understandably, the expected results might not be known, but successful applicants will have some sense of how this investment will benefit the city and the state's potential support for sustainable communities.

**4. Leveraging Other Federal Investments.** If your community has received grants or technical assistance projects from either the Partnership for Sustainable Communities or through the *Making a Visible Difference in Communities* effort, please describe how this project aligns with and relates to past or ongoing grants or projects.

**5. Support from Elected Officials and the Public.** Applicants need to identify persons and/or organizations that support the project and will work toward its implementation. Please include a list of references for each of the following:

- **Local Elected Officials Support:** can include mayors, city council members, and representatives from other decision making bodies with appropriate local, regional, or state governments.
- **Public or Community Support:** can include neighborhood coalitions, community development groups, local business organizations, and community-based organizations from disadvantaged communities.
- Successful proposals will also show support from appropriate property owners, especially for projects proposed on sites not owned by the applicant.

Letters of interest must be submitted via email to Abby Hall at [hall.abby@epa.gov](mailto:hall.abby@epa.gov) no later than April 29, 2016 by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time. If you have questions about this solicitation, please contact Abby Hall via email or at 415-972-3384.





# MUSCATINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

**FROM:** Phil Sargent, Assistant Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Grant

**DATE:** April 13, 2016

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The Federal Government has once again funded the program for the purchase of bulletproof vest for the year 2016/2017. This program came available in mid April. This is the same program in which we have participated in over the past several years. We are asking permission to apply for the funds once again this year. If approved this would be the 15<sup>th</sup> year that we have participated in this program.

The Federal Government provides up to 50% of the costs the vests for Police Officers. The program requires that we make the purchase as a government agency. This would mean that we make the initial purchase and then request the Federal reimbursement.

The program requires at least a 50% local match. The match would be the officer's cost for the vest. We currently allow officers to purchase vests using the buyback program. We would continue this practice by allowing the officers to pay at least 50% of the cost of the vests thus paying the match. The other amount would be reimbursed to the City from this Federal program.

On April 5, 2015, an internal posting was made in order to identify officers who are interested in participating during this funding cycle. The posting briefly described the program. They were asked to sign if they were interested in making a purchase of a vest knowing that they would have to pay 50% or more of the cost. I have had 4 officers sign saying that they would like to purchase a new vest for this round of the grant. We currently still have funding left over from the prior grant application to help pay for one of the vests for our new hire.

An estimated price per personal vest would be \$430.00. With the funding left over from last year we would like to apply for funding to cover up to half the cost of 7 vests. This grant request includes the cost for new hires in 2016. That brings the amount to \$3,080.00 (7 vests plus shipping).

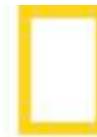
Therefore, the vests would be no cost to the city other than paying the up front cost before being reimbursed thru the two grants.

The total amount of the BPVG we are going to request will be \$1,540.00. That equals half of the total cost of the vests noted above.

We (the City) would buy the vests and then be reimbursed by both the Federal Government and officers.



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The screenshot shows the National Geographic Maps website. The top navigation bar includes the National Geographic logo, the word "MAPS", and links for "Shop", "Industry Pro", and "Dealers". A search bar is located on the right. The main content area features a large world map with the word "GEOTOURISM" overlaid. To the left of the map, there is a sidebar with a "COMPANY" menu and "Geotourism Products" section. The "COMPANY" menu includes links for "About Us", "Product Catalog", "Become a Retailer", "Custom Publishing", "Content Licensing", "Conservation Projects", "Geotourism Projects", and "NG Map Awards". The "Geotourism Products" section includes "Mobile MapGuides" with download buttons for "Download the FREE Mobile MapGuide" and "Print Maps for Marketing". The main text on the page defines Geotourism as "tourism that sustains or enhances the geographical character of a place - its environment, culture, aesthetics, heritage, and the well-being of its residents." and describes it as an authentic, enriching experience that involves regional communities and offers in-depth opportunities to enjoy the area's unique natural beauty and biodiversity.

<http://www.natgeomaps.com/geotourism.html>

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**9%** of GDP- direct, indirect and induced impact

**1 in 11** jobs

US\$ **1.4** trillion in exports

**6%** of the world's exports

from **25** million international tourists in 1950

to **1087** million in 2013

**5 to 6** billion domestic tourists

**1.8** billion international tourists forecast for 2030

## Tourism, key to development, prosperity and well-being

- An ever increasing number of destinations worldwide have opened up to, and invested in tourism, turning tourism into a key driver of socio-economic progress through export revenues, the creation of jobs and enterprises, and infrastructure development.
- Over the past six decades, tourism has experienced continued expansion and diversification, becoming one of the largest and fastest-growing economic sectors in the world. Many new destinations have emerged in addition to the traditional favourites of Europe and North America.
- Despite occasional shocks, international tourist arrivals have shown virtually uninterrupted growth – from 25 million in 1950 to 278 million in 1980, 528 million in 1995, and 1087 million in 2013.

### Long-term outlook

- International tourist arrivals worldwide are expected to increase by 3.3% a year from 2010 to 2030 to reach 1.8 billion by 2030, according to UNWTO's long term forecast *Tourism Towards 2030*.
- Between 2010 and 2030, arrivals in emerging destinations (+4.4% a year) are expected to increase at twice the rate of those in advanced economies (+2.2% a year).

# The Geotourism Program



- Geotourism – “tourism that sustains or enhances the geographical character of a place – its environment, culture, aesthetics, heritage, and the well-being of its residents.
- Geotourism leverages the power of National Geographic and local partners to gather and disseminate rich information about the unique and authentic aspects of a destination



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### How do they behave?

Geotravelers "go local".

They patronize local owned businesses and eat at restaurants serving regional cuisine. They buy from local crafts people and seek out traditional music and dance.

As a result the money they spend helps local people earn a living and preserve their destinations authenticity.



# Examples of Other Geotourism Programs

Heart of the Continent – Ontario (CAN), Minn. (USA)

<http://www.traveltheheart.com>

U.S.A. Gulf Coast States

<http://www.usgulfcoaststatesgeotourism.com>

Bahamas

<http://www.bahamasgeotourism.com>

Four Corners – Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah

<http://www.fourcornersgeotourism.com>

Crown of the Continent – Montana (USA), Alberta,  
British Columbia (Canada)

<http://www.crownofthecontinent.net>

Greater Yellowstone – Idaho, Montana, Wyoming

<http://www.yellowstonegeotourism.org>

Sierra Nevada – California, Nevada

<http://www.sierranevadageotourism.org>

The Central Cascades - Oregon, Washington

<http://www.thecentralcascades.com>

Colombia's Caribbean

<http://www.caribbeancolombia.com>

East Tennessee River Valley - Tennessee

<http://www.tennesseerivervalleygeotourism.org>

Lakes to Locks Passage – New York

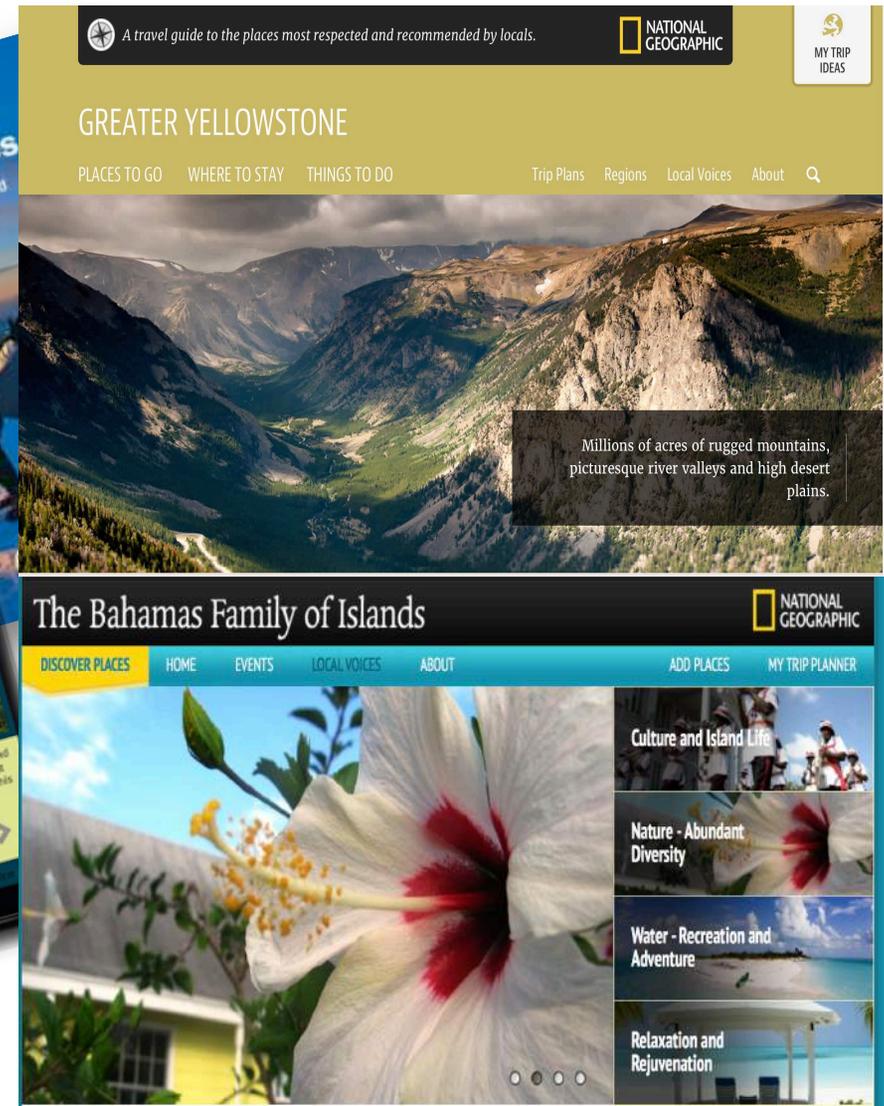
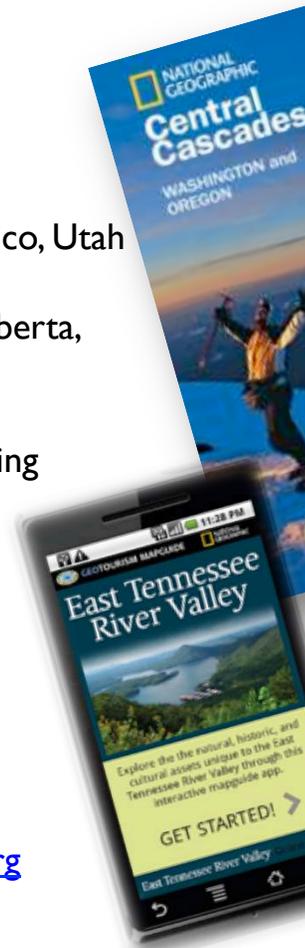
<http://www.lakestolocks.org>

Douro Valley of Portugal

<http://www.discoverdourovalley.com>

Newfoundland, Canada

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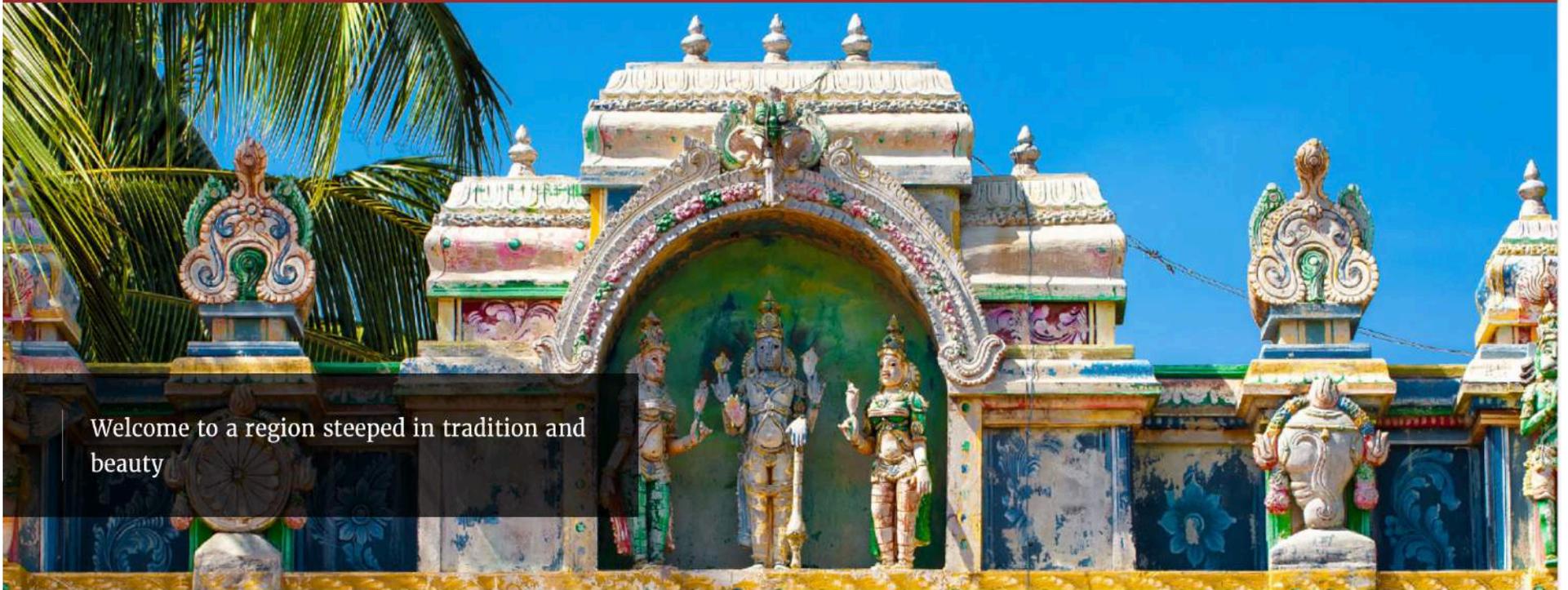


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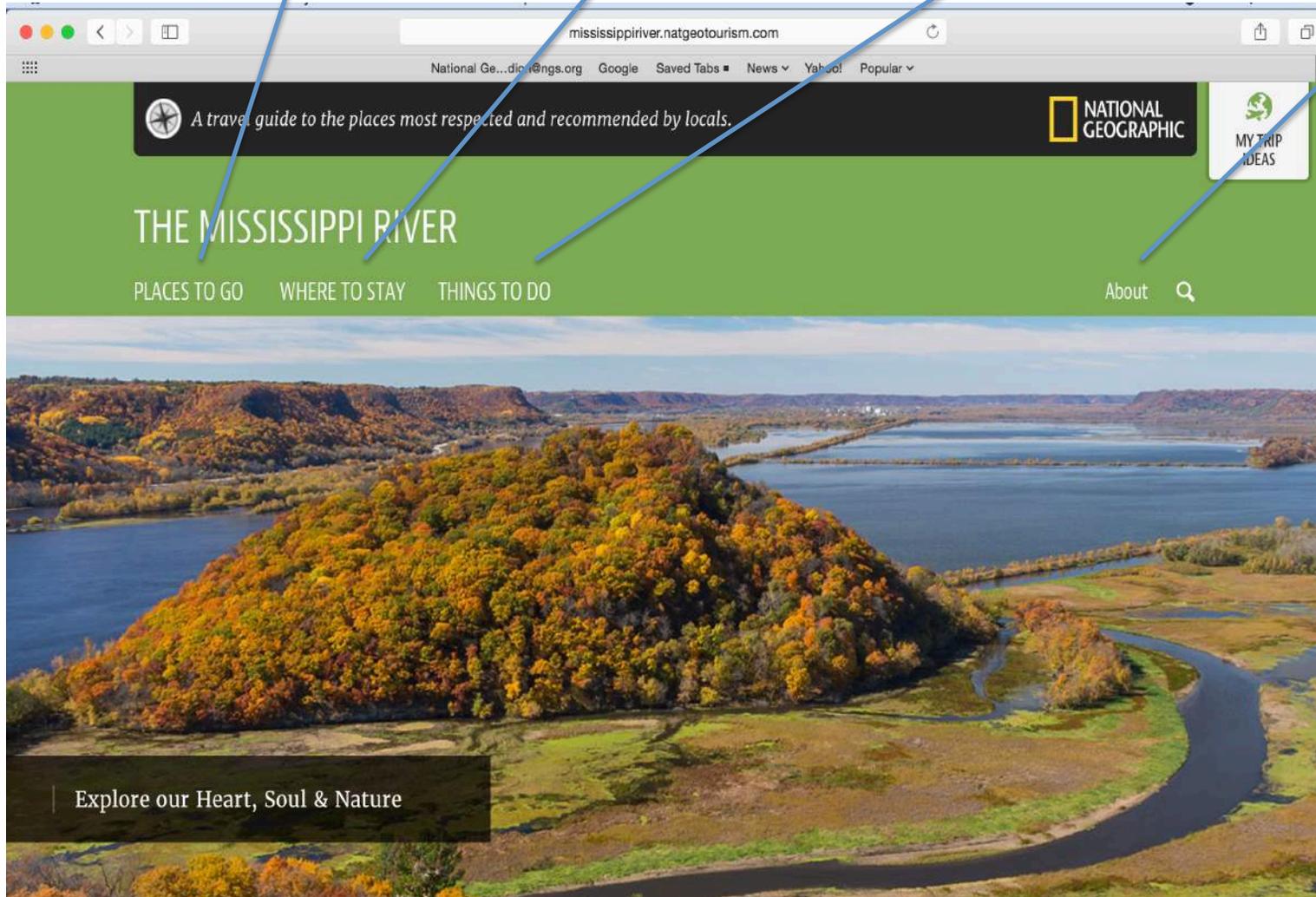
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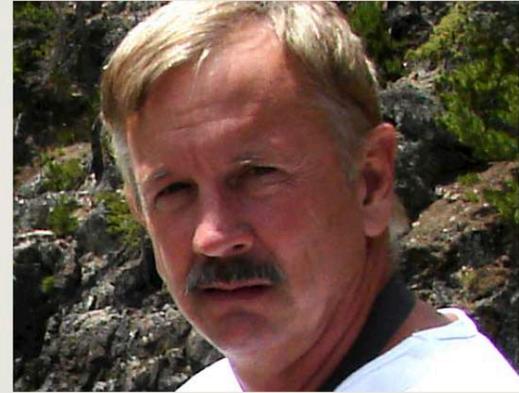
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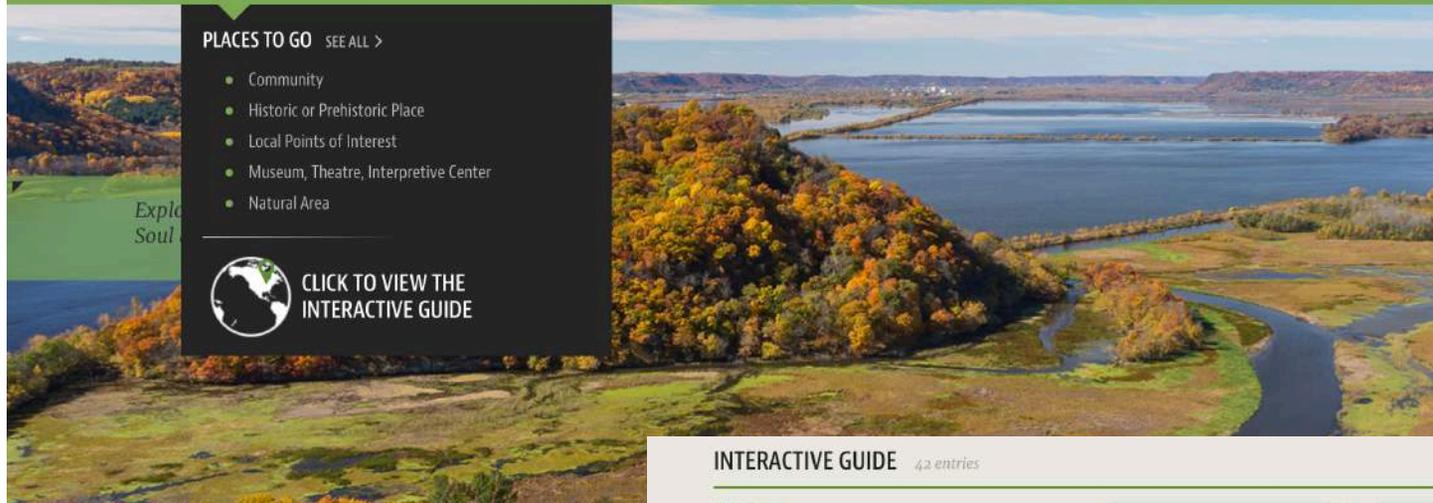
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### Birding at Dahomey National Wildlife Refuge



Prothonotary Warbler – Larry Pace

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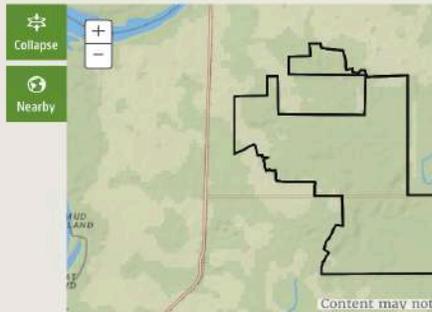
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Dahomey National Wildlife Refuge



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Dahomey National Wildlife Refuge is the largest remaining tract of bottomland hardwood forest in the northwest portion of Mississippi outside of the mainline levee. Located within the Mississippi Alluvial Valley, this 9,691 acre refuge was established in 1991 to provide habitat for migratory birds and protect wetlands.



The refuge is popular with waterfowl, deer, and squirrel hunters, getting most of its visitation between October and February. Other visitation is low, providing birders and other hikers a wonderful opportunity to experience the sights and sounds of the refuge.

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### Downloads

[Dahomey NWR Trails Trailsheet](#)



### Primary Species Commonly Experienced Here

Wintering waterfowl species that can commonly be seen include necked ducks, green-winged teal, northern pintail, and snow geese. Snow geese can often be seen or heard in large numbers. Other species include great blue herons, pied-billed grebes, and a variety of hawk, owl, woodpecker, and kinglet.

The spring and summer seasons see a much greater variety of neotropical migrants pass through or start nest here. Species include ruby-throated hummingbirds, blue jays, wood ducks, yellow-billed cuckoo, white-eyed vireo, summer tanagers, indigo buntings, and painted quail.

Shorebirds will also use the flooded fields as the spring and early summer. Visitors may see yellow-crowned night herons, and yellow-crowned night herons.

### Best Times and Seasons for Viewing

Waterfowl may be seen during the winter months, while the spring and summer bring a variety of migrating and nesting neotropical migrant songbirds. The best time to visit the refuge is in the spring and fall as birds are migrating to and from wintering areas.

### Access Considerations and Directions

Dahomey National Wildlife Refuge is open daily from sunrise to sunset. Visitors may hike on any of the mowed trails or gravel hiking trails. During any open hunting season (October 1 – February 28), all visitors must wear at least 300 square inches of hunter orange above the waist line. Please leave all pets at home and remember to leave no trace on the trails.

Pawpaw and Herbert Nature Trails provide year round birding opportunities in the no hunting area. Both are approximately 1 mile in length.

- Pawpaw Trail is a dead end trail which takes hikers from the parking lot on Highway 446 into a bottomland hardwood forest. The trail ends at Stillwater Bayou, where there is a photography blind. This is a shaded trail, but can become flooded during the late winter and early spring. Bug spray is recommended as mosquitoes can be very prolific during the summer.
- The Herbert trail is a 1-mile loop with a wildlife observation tower located 1/2 mile down the trail. Hikers will start and end at the parking lot off of Neblett Road at Happy Hollow pond. The trail winds around the edge of the pond and through an area that was reforested with hardwood trees in 2000. The trail receives full sunlight for most of its length. Visitors are encouraged to carry plenty of drinking water, sunscreen, and a hat.



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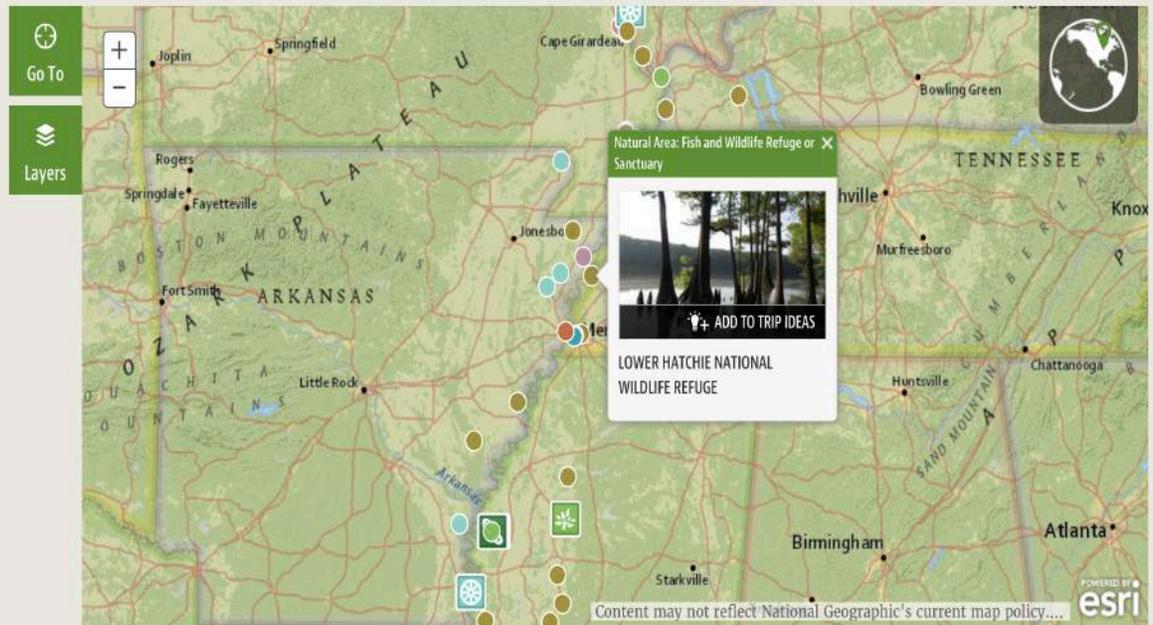
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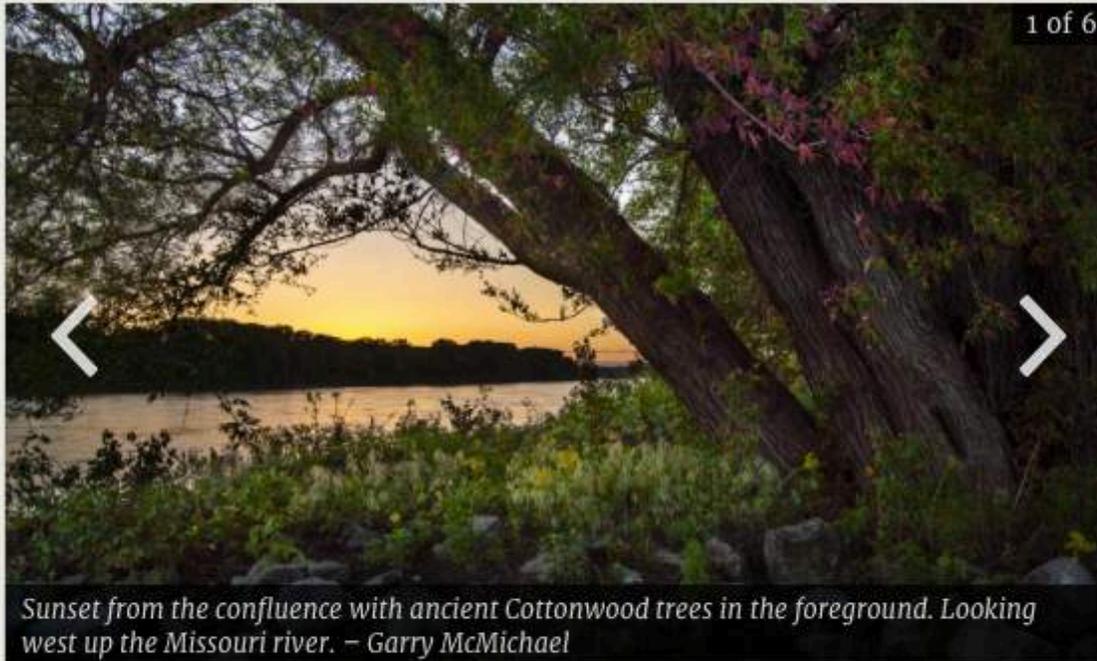
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Sunset from the confluence with ancient Cottonwood trees in the foreground. Looking west up the Missouri river. – Garry McMichael

## Contact Information

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### Contact Information

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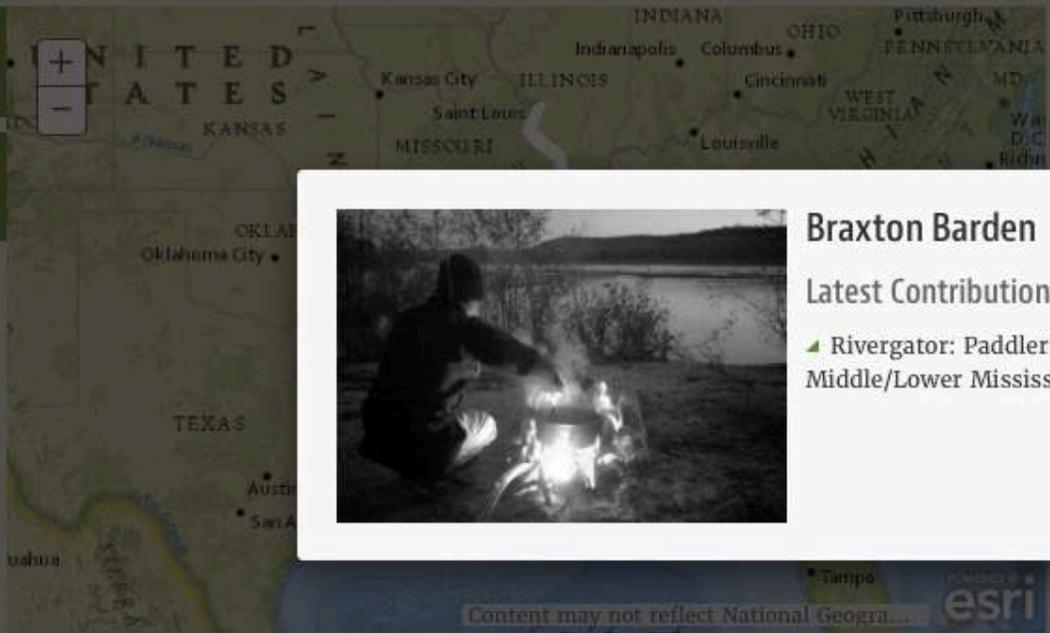
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Project Managers:

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**Terry Eastin**, Mississippi River Trail Inc.

For questions regarding nominations or  
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The Missouri Bootheel once was a natural basin to catch all of the Mississippi River's flood waters, and was unsuitable for any kind of habitation. Drainage and Levee Districts opened up the land for settlement around the 1900 and prevent the area from returning to days when the area was swamp land and forests of Cyprus, Oak and Willows. The location of New Madrid is part of the "Bootheel" at the north end of the great Mississippi River Delta. It is the most unique area in the state.

The River Walk Art Gallery was established in 2008 in the "Hart Stepp House" which is the oldest home west of the Mississippi established by Americans. The gallery show cases art work and photography of the region by local artist. Learn about the areas trees, plants, and wildlife through the eyes of both professional and amateur photographers.

## Contact Information

Don Lloyd - Gallery Director

573-748-4060

711 Waters Street City of New Madrid, MO

63869 US

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**Memphis - Feb. 23 & 24  
St. Louis - Feb. 25 & 26  
Quad Cities - Mar. 9 & 10  
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**MISSISSIPPI RIVER LIFE**

- 12 million people live along the Mississippi River
- 200 species of fish (25% of fish in North America)
- Migratory flyway for 326 species of birds (40% of the nation's migratory bird)
- 145 species of amphibians and reptiles
- 33 documented species of mussel

**Urban Areas**

- Minneapolis-Saint Paul, Minnesota
- St. Louis, Missouri
- Memphis, Tennessee
- Baton Rouge-Louisiana
- New Orleans, Louisiana
- Urban area population - 9.8 million

**Literary & Musical Giants**

Mark Twain	B.B. King
William Faulkner	Satchmo
Tennessee Williams	Louis Armstrong
T.S. Eliot	Elvis Presley
Alex Haley	Chuck Berry
F. Scott Fitzgerald	Johnny Cash

**Mississippi River Geotourism Map National Parks, Wildlife Refuges, and Trail**

**LEGEND**

- 41 Wildlife Refuges
- 19 National Park Units

**GEOTOURISM Corridor Program Strategy**

Brand the Mississippi River Corridor as a clean, safe, and unique world class destination.

Connect major Mississippi River Corridor attractions and destinations with additional inland travel opportunities.

Foster the growth of trails or circuits focusing on cohesive themes such as; nature, recreation, history, arts, cultural heritage, agriculture, urban and town life.

Provide a mechanism for regional and state tourism businesses and authorities to better manage challenges and cooperate on initiatives.

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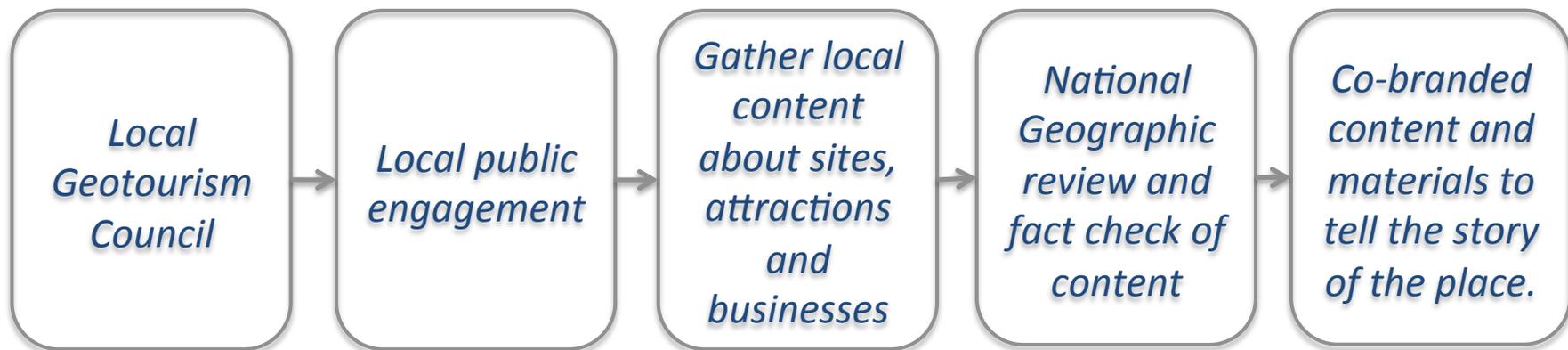
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# The Geotourism Program





## Key Deliverables

- High quality online [interactive website](#) of the region.
- Mississippi River Corridor [Geotourism Stewardship Council](#) with strategic business and marketing plan outlining the future of the program
- Public relations and initial [outreach and marketing](#) to roll out and promote the destination
- Established [network](#) of sites, attractions and businesses to inspire visitors to come and experience the place



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## [Project Timeline and Milestones](#)

**January '15** - Project Planning and Orientation

**March** – build the site nomination website

**June** - Site nomination launch / 150 days

**October** - End site nomination launch phase

**November** - Review of site nominations

**March '16** - Content Development

**April** – Set site live

**May** - Final debug / Hand over site

**June** - Final Strategic Plan

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## What is a Nomination?

The Geotourism Website is designed to give local residents the opportunity to share what is authentic and unique about their place with the rest of the world.

The way in which National Geographic collects all of those great ideas and suggestions from local residents is through “nominations”.

A nomination is simply a way for local residents to describe what they feel represents the distinctive characteristics of their place.

## Who Can Make Nominations?

Local people, businesses, and organizations are all invited to nominate points of interest, tourism related businesses and unique experiences for potential inclusion on the Mississippi River website.

## There are two types of nominations

For tourism related businesses:

- Describe a particular business and their products and services
- Someone who is associated with the business or designated by the owner to represent them

For other attractions (POI's, events, people, places)

- Describe the “attractions” in the destination
- Anybody can write a nomination for an attraction

## What can you nominate?

**Places** - featuring local cuisine and locally sourced and sustainable culinary products and goods such as traditional markets, shops and restaurants

**Remarkable natural areas** - and features such as rivers, lakes, wetlands, landscapes, natural formations, geology, forests, overlooks, viewpoints

**Locally owned and family business** - like unique lodging, cafes and bars, culture, recreation and tour operators

**Distinctive wildlife habitats** –and notable species of birds, mammals, flowers, reptiles or trees

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**Events** – music, community, ceremonies and festivals that highlight the community's heritage and traditions

**Cultural experiences** - indigenous communities, music and performing arts, living culture

**Outdoor experiences** - sites for biking, boating, hiking, birding, kayaking, horseback riding, fishing, watchable wildlife

**Scenic routes** - including hiking trails, bike routes, birding trails, boating, historic, cultural

**Community** – districts, architecture, conservation or restoration initiatives, interpretive centers, museums, theaters, venues

## Steps to open an Account to create Nominations



- Go to [mississippiriver.natgeotourism.com](http://mississippiriver.natgeotourism.com)
- Click on “Nominate”
- You will see a screen and insert your data in “Create an Account Here” and “Create your Password”
  - ✓ Insert your name and surname
  - ✓ Insert your email address
  - ✓ Insert your password



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# THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

PLACES TO GO WHERE TO STAY THINGS TO DO

About



Explore our Heart,  
Soul & Nature

Perrot State Park, Wisconsin / John Brueske

**Click on Add  
Nominations**



The Mississippi River Geotourism Program seeks to capture and promote the culture, heritage and ecological diversity of the people and places that are connected to the Mississippi River through the voices and stories of the people that live along its shores. National Geographic and its partners are working with local organizations, businesses and residents to map the best travel experiences, stories and businesses along the Mississippi River.

We invite you to recommend historic, cultural and natural landmarks; events, attractions and activities; businesses, artisans and storytellers as well as local legends that capture the region's unique character, heritage and beauty.

[>> Download the Nomination Guidelines <<](#)



### Nominate a Place to the MapGuide

Help tell the story of what is special about this place. Nominations open now!  
Start nominating here!



▾ Dahomey National Wildlife Refuge



▾ PawPaw Trail



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## Nominate Places and Stay in Touch

Sign up to nominate places to the mapguide and stay in touch.

### Create a New Account

If you already have an account, use the returning user login to the right.

First Name	Last Name
Email Address	Confirm Email Address

### Create Your Password

Password	Confirm Password
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- I would like to receive the email newsletter.
- Mail me a Printed MapGuide.
- I would like to nominate places to the MapGuide. [What's This?](#)

### Add Address and Contact Information

SUBMIT >

## Returning User Login

ENTER >

[Forgot your password?](#)



Click on Content

The screenshot shows the geoconsensus website interface. At the top right, the logo for 'geoconsensus' and 'NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC' is visible. The main title is 'The Out Islands of the Bahamas'. Below the title, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Dashboard', 'Users', 'Subscribers', and 'Content'. The 'Content' link is highlighted. To the right of the navigation bar, there are links for 'Support', 'My Profile', and 'Log Out'. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'YOUR PROFILE' section for 'Lucia Prinz' with a 'My Profile' link and an 'Update My Profile' link. To the right of the profile section, there is a breadcrumb trail 'Bahamas > Manage Content' and a button labeled '+ ADD NEW CONTENT'.

Click on Add New Content to Start your Nomination

Select a section for your nomination



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### SELECT A SECTION FOR YOUR CONTENT

- ▶ [Accommodation - Bed and Breakfast](#) *(learn more)*
- ▶ [Accommodation - Guest Cottages and Rental Properties](#) *(learn more)*
- ▶ [Accommodation - Hostel](#) *(learn more)*
- ▶ [Accommodation - Hotel or Motel](#) *(learn more)*
- ▶ [Accommodation - Inn and Guest House](#) *(learn more)*
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### CURRENT SECTION: Accommodation - Hotel or Motel

Choose a different content section

Content Guidelines



TEXT



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### New Content

Enter a Title for your Hotel or Motel Content

[Start Here](#)

#### USE PROMPT QUESTIONS

Hotel or Motel Description (explain more)

Pasting from Word?

**I** **B**

#### USE PROMPT QUESTIONS

Dining Style and Amenities

Pasting from Word?

**I** **B**

Breakfast Style Served

Select

Now you are ready to start entering the content of your nomination

### DOCUMENTS

**Simple Guide to Nominating**  
posted on 10/29/13  
posted by John Frandsen  
[edit](#) | [delete](#) | [archive](#)

**Nomination Guidelines**  
posted on 10/29/13  
posted by Rosemary Wardley  
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## CURRENT SECTION: Accommodation - Hotel or Motel

» [Choose a different content section](#)

» [Content Guidelines](#)



TEXT



MEDIA



CONTACTS



MAPPING

## New Content

Enter a Title for your Hotel or Motel Content

[Start Here](#)

### USE PROMPT QUESTIONS

Hotel or Motel Description (explain more)

Pasting from Word?



### USE PROMPT QUESTIONS

Lodging Style and Amenities

Pasting from Word?

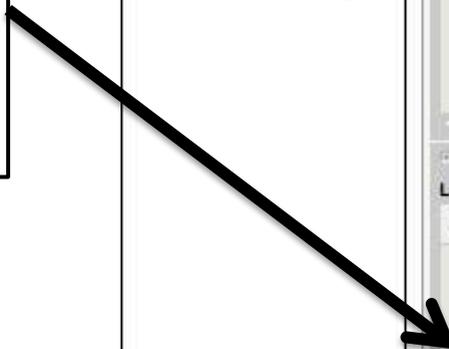


Breakfast Style Served

Select



Text: Write the text that describes your business or attraction in each of the boxes



Fill information for all the boxes in the Text section



**Seasons Open** (explain more)

**Additional Services and Amenities Available** Pasting from Word?

**Rate Range**

**Driving Directions** Pasting from Word?

**Eco-Friendly Site** (explain more)

**Eco-Friendly Notes** (explain more) Pasting from Word?

**Locally or Family-Owned Business** (explain more)

Some of the boxes have prompt questions to guide you on how to write your nomination.

Click on “Prompt Questions”

A screenshot of a web form titled "New Content". At the top, there is a text input field with the placeholder text "Enter a Title for your Bar, Saloon or Tavern Content". To the left of this field is a button labeled "Start Here" with a red outline. To the right is a "SAVE" button. Below the title field is a tabbed interface with a tab labeled "USE PROMPT QUESTIONS". Under this tab, the text "About this Establishment" is displayed, followed by a rich text editor with a toolbar containing icons for italic, bold, list, link, and unlink. A small text "Pasting from Word?" is visible in the top right corner of the editor area.

As you click through the prompts you will find the questions.

**USE PROMPT QUESTIONS**  
Use these prompt questions to help construct your information. As you type your responses will be added to the main response field below. After responding to the prompt questions, organize and edit the main response.

- What kind of people will likely be experienced at this establishment?

- What makes this establishment different from others?

About this Establishment Fasting from Word?

**I B** |  |  |  |  |  | 

When you are finished entering the text for each box you need to click on "save".

When you finish click on "save and next"

Locally or Family-Owned Business *(explain more)*

Locally or Family-Owned Business Notes *(explain more)* Pasting from Word?

**I** **B** | | | | | |

Accessibility Notes *(explain more)*

Pet Friendly Notes *(explain more)*

**SAVE** **SAVE AND NEXT**

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Navigation bar with icons for TEXT, MEDIA, CONTACTS, and MAPPING. A large blue arrow points to the CONTACTS icon.

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## Lucia's Bar

Lucia Prinz | [l.prinz@ecolmarinternational.com](mailto:l.prinz@ecolmarinternational.com)  
Created On: 10/22/2013 | Last Update On 10/22/2013 by [Lucia Prinz](#)

**IMAGES FOR LUCIA'S BAR** 0 images

» [Add or Edit Images](#) *Currently 0 images uploaded.*

**VIDEO FOR LUCIA'S BAR** 0 videos

» [Add or Edit Videos](#) *Currently 0 videos uploaded.*

**EMBEDDED VIDEO FILES FOR LUCIA'S BAR** 0 embedded videos

» [Add or Edit Embedded Videos](#) *Currently 0 embedded videos uploaded.*

**SOUND FILES FOR LUCIA'S BAR** 0 sound files

» [Add or Edit Sound Files](#) *Currently 0 sound files uploaded.*

**PDF FILES FOR LUCIA'S BAR** 0 pdf files

» [Add or Edit PDF Files](#) *Currently 0 pdf files uploaded.*

Summary bar with status and action buttons:

- TEXT: OK
- MEDIA: MISSING » [add](#)
- CONTACTS: MISSING » [add](#)
- MAPPING: MISSING » [add](#)

Status:  [Content is Currently Inactive](#) [SAVE](#) [SAVE AND NEXT](#)

Click on "Media"

Here you can upload your photos, videos and audio files.

At least four photos and one video

As you click on “Add or Edit Images” you will see this screen.

Click on “Add Files”  
to choose the  
pictures you want  
to Upload

Add the name of the  
Photographer

Click on “By uploading  
images I certify I am  
not violating the  
copyright of any  
individual or  
organization”

The screenshot shows a web interface for uploading images to a page titled "IMAGES FOR LUCIA'S BAR". The interface includes a header with the page title and "0 images". Below the header is a section titled "Select image files" with a sub-header "Select jpg, png, or gif image files to upload." and a table with columns "Files", "Size", and "Status". The table contains one row with "Add files" in the "Files" column, "0 b" in the "Size" column, and "0%" in the "Status" column. Below the table is a text input field labeled "Photographer:" with a placeholder "Photographer will be applied to all images uploaded in the current upload queue." and a checkbox labeled "By uploading images I certify I am not violating the copyright of any individual or organization." Below the checkbox is a "START UPLOAD" button. At the bottom of the interface is a section titled "CURRENT IMAGES" with the text "No images uploaded for this entry" and an "UPDATE IMAGES" button. Blue arrows point to the "Add files" button, the "Photographer:" input field, the checkbox, the "START UPLOAD" button, and the "UPDATE IMAGES" button.

Files	Size	Status
Add files	0 b	0%

Click on “Start Upload” to finalize the process

Add all your contact information on the form.



TEXT > MEDIA > CONTACTS > MAPPING

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### Lucia's Bar

Lucia Prinz | [lprinz@edimassinternational.com](mailto:lprinz@edimassinternational.com)  
Created On: 10/22/2013 | Last Update On: 10/22/2013 by Lucia Prinz

#### MANAGE CONTACTS FOR LUCIA'S BAR

##### Update and Manage Contacts

Search for contacts or add new contacts below

Search For:

##### ASSOCIATED CONTACTS

No contacts have been assigned to this content.

Close New Contact Form

Use the form below to add a new contact.

Contact Type:

First Name:

Last Name:

Organization or Desk Name:

Telephone Number:

Telephone Number (Toll Free):

Fax Number:

Website Address:

Email Address:

Street or Mailing Address:

Apt or PO Box Number:

City:

Postal Code:

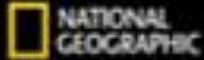
Country:

State/Province/Region:

**SAVE CONTACT**

Mapping: Choose the best option to describe your location.

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## YOUR PROFILE

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### LOCATION MARKER OPTIONS FOR LUCIA'S BAR

Choose the map marking method that is most appropriate for the location.

-  **Mark a Single Location**  
For one, fixed location point.
-  **Mark Multiple Locations**  
For content that has more than one fixed location point.
-  **Mark Path, Line, or Route**  
For content that extends along a route or line.
-  **Mark an Area**  
For content that covers a broad area.

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allows you to  
locate your place  
on the  
National Geographic  
base map

The process for nominating attractions is almost the same, only the boxes in the “text” section are different.

The screenshot shows a web application interface for managing content on the National Geographic website. The header includes the site title "The Out Islands of the Bahamas" and the National Geographic logo. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with tabs for "Dashboard", "Users", "Subscribers", and "Content". The "Content" tab is active, showing a "SELECT A SECTION FOR YOUR CONTENT" dropdown menu set to "Community - Cultural Site or District".

The main content area is titled "Lucia's Bar" and includes a "SAVE" button. Below this, there are three text input fields with rich text editors, each labeled "Pasting from Word?":

- USE PROMPT QUESTIONS** (with a minus sign icon)
- About this Cultural Area**
- History of Area**
- Accessibility Notes** (with a link to "explain more")

At the bottom of the page, there is a status bar with a "Status" dropdown menu set to "Inactive", a red warning message "Content is Currently Inactive", and "SAVE" and "SAVE AND NEXT" buttons. On the left side, there is a "YOUR PROFILE" section for Lucia Prinz, including a "NO IMAGE UPLOADED" message and a list of actions: "Create Announcement", "View Active Announcements", "View Archived Announcements", "Add Document", "Add Folder", "View Active Folders", and "View Archived Folders".

SELECT A SECTION FOR YOUR NOMINATION  
Accommodation - Inn and Guest House

Navigation bar with icons for TEXT, MEDIA, CONTACTS, and MAPPING.

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## Arugam bay Tourist Hotel Meenas

Neelalogani Mahendran | [meenasarugam@gmail.com](mailto:meenasarugam@gmail.com)  
Created On: 01/13/2015 | Last Update On 01/13/2015 by Neelalogani Mahendran

Content or Location Title  
Arugam bay Tourist Hotel Meenas **SAVE**

### USE PROMPT QUESTIONS

Short Description *(explain more)* Pasting from Wo

Rich text editor toolbar with icons for Bold, Italic, List, and Link.

For travelers who want to take in the sights and sounds of Arugam Bay, Arugambay Tourist Hotel Meenas is the perfect choice. Set 0.4 km from the excitement of the city, this 1-star hotel commands an excellent location and provides access to the city's biggest attractions. With its convenient location the hotel offers easy access to the city's must-see destinations.

Take advantage of a wealth of unrivaled services and amenities at this Arugam Bay hotel. Top features of the hotel include tours, Wi-Fi in public areas, room service, shared lounge/TV area, 24-hour room service.

All guest accommodations feature thoughtful amenities to ensure an unparalleled sense of comfort. Whether you're a fitness enthusiast or are just looking for a way to unwind after a hard day, you will be

# Step 1: Text



Navigation bar with icons for TEXT, MEDIA, CONTACTS, and MAPPING. The MEDIA icon is highlighted.

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## Arugam bay Tourist Hotel Meenas

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Created On: 01/13/2015 | Last Update On 01/17/2015 by Jim Dion

### IMAGES FOR ARUGAM BAY TOURIST HOTEL MEENAS 22 images

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# Step 2: Media



Navigation menu with icons for TEXT, MEDIA, CONTACTS, and MAPPING. The CONTACTS icon is highlighted.

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#### MANAGE CONTACTS FOR ARUGAM BAY TOURIST HOTEL MEENAS

**Update and Manage Contacts**  
 Search for contacts or add new contacts below

*Search for an existing contact to assign to this content*

**EXISTING CONTACTS**

1	Meena Mahendran - MD	▶ update	✖ remove
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▶ Update Contact Order  
 + ADD A NEW CONTACT

#### NOMINATION COLLECTIONS FOR ARUGAM BAY TOURIST HOTEL MEENAS

*Select the appropriate collections for your content*

**Inspire Me**

Select

**SAVE COLLECTION INFO**

## Step 3: Contacts



**PLOT** | **SEARCH** | **RESET**

Place a point, several points, draw a line, draw an area, and choose your basemap

Select:

▶ Search for a place name or address  Input Lat/Lon  Select Base Map

**Tips** Mouseover your marker to update the marker's title. To move the marker click and drag the marker.  
 Use the zoom slider on the upper left of the map to zoom the map closer. Click the SEARCH tab to look for a place or address. Click and drag anywhere on the map to move the map.



## Step 4: Mapping



# The Mississippi River



MUSEUM, THEATRE, INTERPRETIVE CENTER | Art Gallery or Studio

LOG OUT



MY TRIP IDEAS

## River Walk Art Gallery

RECOMMEND THIS 0

ADD TO TRIP IDEAS



The Missouri Bootheel once was a natural basin to catch all of the Mississippi River's flood waters, and was unsuitable for any kind of habitation. Drainage and Levee Districts opened up the land for settlement around the 1900 and prevent the area from returning to days when the area was swamp land and forests of Cyprus, Oak and Willows. The location of New Madrid is part of the "Bootheel" at the north end of the great Mississippi River Delta. It is the most unique area in the state.

The River Walk Art Gallery was established in 2008 in the "Hart Stepp House" which is the oldest home west of the Mississippi established by Americans. The gallery show cases art work and photography of the region by local artist. Learn about the areas trees, plants, and wildlife through the

## Contact Information

Don Lloyd - Gallery Director  
573-748-4060  
711 Waters Street City of New Madrid, MO  
63869 US  
[Visit Website](#)

## Nearby

REFINE



▲ [Bass Pro Shop's Big Cat Quest Tournament](#)



▲ [Higgerson School Historic Site](#)



## TIPS!

- Your nomination is a description of your business or an attraction, therefore you have to write it in a way that when people will read it they will be **inspired to visit**. Be very descriptive and don't leave out any exciting details!
- If you are in process your nomination and you have not finished completing a section and you want to do it later, don't forget to click on "**Save**" in the bottom right corner.
- When you finish completing a sections click on **save and next**. The system will take you automatically to the next section; **Media, Contact Information, Map**
- Don't forget to **upload pictures (at least four) and videos..** You want potential visitors to see how wonderful your place is!
- **Once complete submit to Editor**

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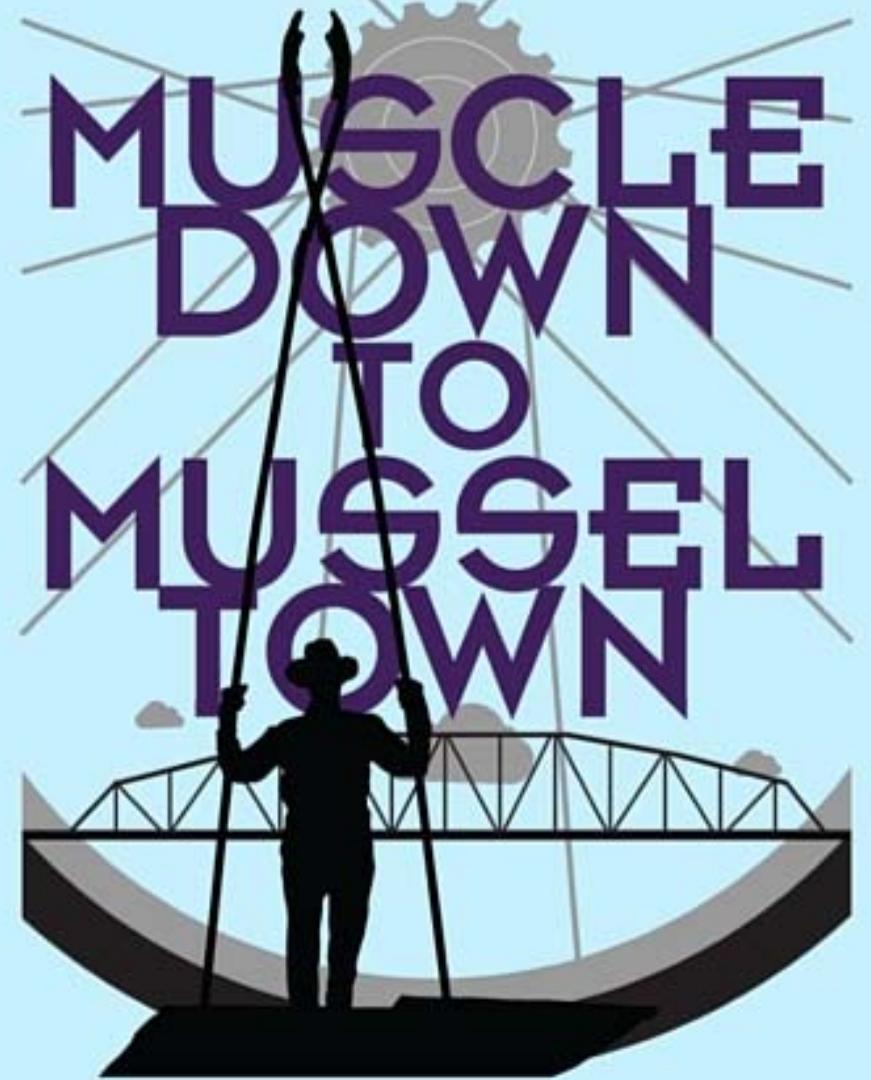
# RAGBRAI TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 3 AT 6 P.M.

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## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT AND AGENDA BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 3:30 p.m.  
Scott County Administrative Center  
600 West Fourth Street  
Davenport, IA

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ACTION NEEDED  
(yellow)

INFORMATIONAL  
(white)

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|---|-----------------------|--|---|---|-----------------------|--|-----------------|
| X   | X                     | X  | 1. <u>Approval of the March 23, 2016 Minutes (See enclosed)</u> – John Thodos, Chair  |   |                       |  |                 |
| X   | X                     |  | 2. <u>Treasurer’s Report (See enclosed)</u> – Frank Klipsch, Treasurer  |   |                       |  |                 |
| X   | X                     |  | 3. <u>Finance and Personnel Committee/Financial Matters</u> – JoAnne Hillman, Finance and Personnel Committee Member  |   |                       |  |                 |
| X   | X                     |  | a. <u>Bills (See enclosed)</u>  |   |                       |  |                 |
| X   |                       | X  | b. <u>Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2016 Program Budget as of 3/31/2016 (See enclosed)</u>  |   |                       |  |                 |
| X   | X                     |  | c. <u>Contracts/Grants for Consideration</u> – Denise Bulat, Executive Director   |   |                       |  |                 |
| <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 45%; padding: 5px;">I. Amendment to Unity Point Health/Quad City Health Initiative contract</td> <td style="width: 25%; padding: 5px;">PICH grant activities</td> <td style="width: 20%; padding: 5px;">\$31,502, bringing the total contract to \$141,277</td> <td style="width: 10%; padding: 5px;">9/30/15-9/29/16</td> </tr> </table> |                       |  |   | I. Amendment to Unity Point Health/Quad City Health Initiative contract | PICH grant activities | \$31,502, bringing the total contract to \$141,277 | 9/30/15-9/29/16 |
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| II. Other Contracts/Grants  |                       |  |   |   |                       |  |                 |
| X   | X                     | X  | 4. <u>Consideration of Adoption of Bi-State Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2016 (See enclosed resolution)</u> – Denise Bulat, Executive Director   |   |                       |  |                 |
| X   | X                     | X  | 5. <u>Presentation and Consideration of Resolutions Supporting the FY2017 Quad Cities and Region 9 Transportation Work Planning Programs (TPWPs) (See enclosed)</u> – Gena McCullough, Planning Director                              |   |                       |  |                 |
|   |                       | X  | 6. <u>Presentation and Comments on the Quad Cities Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Planning Certification Review</u> – Representatives from Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration |   |                       |  |                 |
| 7. <u>Questions or Comments by Commissioners</u>  |                       |  |   |   |                       |  |                 |
| 8. <u>Other Business</u>  |                       |  |   |   |                       |  |                 |
| 9. <u>Adjournment</u>   |                       |  |   |   |                       |  |                 |

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 – 3:30 p.m.**  
Scott County Administrative Center  
600 West Fourth Street  
Davenport, IA

**MINUTES OF THE  
BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION**

Wednesday, March 23, 2016, 3:30 p.m.  
Scott County Administrative Center  
600 West Fourth Street  
Davenport, IA

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Thodos – Chair, Callaway-Thompson, Earnhardt, Heninger, Hillman, Holst, Klipsch, Lawrence, Maranda, Moore, O’Boyle, Palmgren, Raes, Schloemer, Sherwin, Stoermer, Sunderbruch, Tank, Terry

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Anderson, Austin, Broderson, Conrad, Gallagher, Gordon, Gradert, Howard, Liddell, Looney, Newton-Butt, Pauley, Sorensen, Washburn

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Andrew Barnes, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bulat, Grabowski, McCullough, Moritz

Chair Thodos called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m. and opened with introductions of those present.

1. **Approval of the February 24, 2016 Minutes.** Ms. Sherwin moved to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2016 meeting as presented. Ms. Sherwin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. **Treasurer’s Report.** Mayor Klipsch presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending February 29, 2016, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$707,531.02. Mayor Klipsch moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Ms. Earnhardt seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. **Finance and Personnel Committee.**
  - a. **Bills.** Ms. Hillman presented the bills totaling \$24,815.43, as listed on the following bills listing:

**Bills List**

Ted J. Hamer, Administrator Hearing Officer, January services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	\$ 2,730.00
HNTB Corporation, Modeling Development services January 23, 2016 thru February 19, 2016	3,285.66
Hurt, Norton & Associates, February 2016 legislative technical service and Professional Media Services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	9,750.00
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrator Hearing Officer, February services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	3,325.00

Addendum

Rock Island County Treasurer			5,724.77
04/2016	Rent	\$4,618.38	
04/2016	Internet Access	88.00	
02/2016	Postage	752.24	
02/2016	Supplies	146.33	
02/2016	Cell Phone	119.82*	
*(Partial costs reimbursed by HCEDP)			

Ms. Hillman moved approval of the bills totaling \$24,815.43 as presented above. Ms. Sherwin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2015-16 Program Budget as of February 29, 2016. Ms. Hillman explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in members' packets. The Commission is 67% through the fiscal year with 62.8% expended and within budget.
- c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. Ms. Bulat presented the following contracts or grants for consideration.
  - SCRA grant for a consultant study for local government IT needs and opportunities for joint purchasing in Scott County. The grant is up to \$30,000, and the period of the grant is April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

Mr. Stoermer moved approval of the grant amendment as presented above. Ms. Callaway-Thompson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

4. Bi-State Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2016 Draft Presentation. Ms. Bulat presented the final draft sections of the Bi-State Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2016. The sections presented included the executive summary, analysis of regional economy, strategic direction and performance measures, and projects lists from the Bi-State Region.

Ms. Bulat explained Bi-State Region governments and development organizations self-reported economic development related projects. Projects in the list include downtown improvements, sewer, water, roads, housing, and business expansions. Business expansions and losses are listed with estimated jobs created, retained, or lost.

A full plan of the CEDS is created every five years, and the draft of the 2016 document is available for review until the April meeting when Commissioners will be asked to adopt the plan. The full draft will be available for public review on the Bi-State website at [www.bistateonline.org](http://www.bistateonline.org). Commissioners, along with economic development staff and professionals, were encouraged to review the information and provide feedback by April 25.

5. Consideration of Adoption of 2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. McCullough presented the *2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan* for adoption by Commissioners. She noted that five informational public meetings held drew 37 attendees and 232 website views. Public comments focused on transit improvements, pavement maintenance and completion of projects—such as the Mississippi River Trail—passenger rail service between Chicago and Quad Cities, and reconstruction of the I-74 Mississippi River Corridor.

Two items were recommended to be added to the final document. The Federal Transit Administration suggested adding an action item under the objective “Increase Accessibility and

Mobility Options” to study the feasibility of bus rapid transit, express bus, and park-n-ride enhancements. The other was to add a segment in the unconstrained “Projects Requiring Additional Study” along 205th Street between Bettendorf and LeClaire in Scott County in order to create an improved corridor between the two communities. This would allow for this concept to be investigated further in the future.

The plan process reflected changes in the transportation system over the last five years and envisioned future roads, rail connections, river navigation improvements, bikeways, sidewalks, and public transit. The travel needs in the metro area, traffic safety and congestion were evaluated. Quad Citians want mobility options, access, and connectivity. Between maintenance and expansion projects, over \$8.9 billion is estimated to be spent on the Quad Cities transportation system for the next 30 years. Eighteen miles of new roads and nearly 100 miles of reconstructed roads are anticipated by 2045.

In addition to roads, 280 miles of new bikeways are envisioned, including the completion of the Mississippi River Trail, a new crossing at I-74 with the reconstruction project, River to River Trail in Moline, and completion of the American Discovery Trail. Eleven transit priority corridors have been identified to increase density and potential ridership of the three fixed-route transit systems. By 2045, 333 buses are anticipated to be replaced and new routes implemented. Today, 30% of streets classified as collector or greater have sidewalks on one or both sides. The area will be working to close gaps and address “Complete Streets” corridors. All of these facilities will enhance Quad Cities’ transportation alternatives, so residents can have greater mobility options in the future.

Mayor Klipsch motioned to adopt the *2045 Long Range Transportation Plan*, and Ms. Sherwin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Upper Mississippi River Navigation System. Mr. Barnes spoke on the challenges and opportunities for maintaining and improving the infrastructure on the Mississippi River. On the 1,200 mile Mississippi River navigation system, there are 37 lock sites predominately built in the 1930s. The American Society of Civil Engineers recently rated the dam and inland waterway with a D and D-, respectively.

The Upper Mississippi River (UMR) carries more than 600 million tons of cargo each year. With the completion of improvements to the Panama Canal in 2016/17, opportunities may be present to increase river navigation and move more products. Barge transportation is the least expensive mode for bulk commodities and the most green transportation option. Mr. Barnes cited the cost savings for industry as \$23.74 per ton for traffic moving through the UMR, with annual cost savings near \$1 billion.

U.S. Inland Waterway Trust Fund supports a portion of the system. In 2014, the navigation fuel tax was raised from \$0.20 to \$0.29 per gallon, which improved funding for operations and maintenance. There are three main programs to fund projects – operation and maintenance, major rehabilitation, and future improvements. Only operations and maintenance has been funded.

Upcoming work on the river navigation system locally in 2016 includes:

- Locks 13 and 21 dewatering
- Locks 14-17 bulkhead recesses

- Marseilles Dam repairs
- Dresden Dam gate replacement
- Locks 13 and 16 miter gates replacement
- Lock 15 guidewall repairs

The result of delayed maintenance and new project implementation affects system reliability and contributes to congestion within the river navigation system. The Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program (NESP) has never received construction funds and would be considered new project implementation.

7. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no questions or comments by Commissioners.
8. Other Business. Chair Thodos informed Commissioners that the Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative annual meeting will be held in the Quad Cities in 2018. He also mentioned that there will be a public hearing about the potential closing of the Kewanee juvenile detention facility.
9. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Callaway-Thompson  
Secretary

**BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
FOR THE MONTH ENDING MARCH 31, 2016**

	<u>Balance March 1</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>Balance March 31</u>
<b>GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT BANK &amp; BOOK BALANCE:</b>				
Balance – March 1, 2016	\$ 661,581.78			
Add Deposits		\$ 231,745.96		
Less Transfers			\$ 213,248.85	
Balance – March 31, 2016				\$ 680,078.89
<b>RLF SAVINGS ACCOUNT BANK &amp; BOOK BALANCE:</b>				
Balance – March 1, 2016	\$ 1,173.90			
Add Deposits		\$ 0.15		
Less Transfers			\$ 0.00	
Balance – March 31, 2016				\$ 1,174.05
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT BANK AND BOOK BALANCE:</b>				
Balance – March 1, 2016	(\$ 58,592.42)			
Add Deposits		\$ 116,382.65		
Less Checks Written			\$ 119,518.12	
Balance – March 31, 2016				(\$ 61,727.89)
<b>PAYROLL ACCOUNT BANK &amp; BOOK BALANCE:</b>				
Balance – March 1, 2016	\$ 3,367.76			
Add Deposits		\$ 96,742.90		
Less Checks Written			\$ 96,857.20	
Balance – March 31, 2016				\$ 3,253.46
<b>INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS BANK &amp; BOOK BALANCE:</b>				
Balance – March 1, 2016	<u>\$ 100,000.00</u>			
State Bank of Orion 12/25/15 – 6/25/16 (.20%)				
Add Investments Made		<u>\$ 0.00</u>		
Less Investments Matured			<u>\$ 0.00</u>	
Balance – March 31, 2016				<u>\$ 100,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL BANK &amp; BOOK BALANCE:</b>				
Balance – March 1, 2016	<u>\$ 707,531.02</u>			
Deposits in March		<u>\$ 444,871.66</u>		
Withdrawals in March			<u>\$ 429,624.17</u>	
Balance – March 31, 2016				<u>\$ 722,778.51</u>
<b><u>PASS THROUGH FUNDS</u></b>				
<b>BI-STATE RLF ACCOUNT:</b>				
Balance – March 1, 2016	<u>\$1,000,080.50</u>			
Add Deposits		<u>\$ 23,142.12</u>		
Less Withdrawals			<u>\$ 110.00</u>	
Balance – March 31, 2016				<u>\$1,023,112.62</u>
<b>MERCER-MUSCATINE RLF ACCOUNTS:</b>				
Balance – March 1, 2016	<u>\$ 94,353.56</u>			
Add Deposits		<u>\$ 3,748.93</u>		
Less Withdrawals			<u>\$ 15.00</u>	
Balance – March 31, 2016				<u>\$ 98,087.49</u>

**BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL  
AT THE APRIL 27, 2016  
BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION MEETING**

Blackhawk Bank & Trust, VISA charge card expenses related to Managers & Administrators Committee meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); 1 staff attending the Quad Cities Chamber DC Advocacy trip; 2 staff attending the Managing Multiple Projects, Objectives and Deadlines training; 1 staff attending the Economic Development Administration National Conference; 1 staff attending the Adult First Aid/CPR/AED training; office supplies	\$ 3,375.35
HNTB Corporation, Modeling Development services February 20, 2016 thru March 25, 2016	2,402.86
Hurt, Norton & Associates, March 2016 legislative technical service and Professional Media Services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	9,750.00
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrator Hearing Officer, March services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	<u>2,940.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$18,468.21</u></b>

Additional bills for which invoices have not yet been received and will be listed on an addendum to be distributed separately.

**BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION  
FY 2015-16 Program Budget Status Report  
Through Month of March – 75% of Year**

<b>ADOPTED BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$2,007,436.00</b>	<b>EXPLANATION:</b>
<b>EXPENDED THROUGH MARCH:</b>	<b>\$1,446,393.46 (72.1%)</b>	
<b>STAFF LEVEL BUDGETED:</b>	<b>25.00 F.T.E.</b>	
<b>STAFF LEVEL MAINTAINED:</b>	<b>20.50 F.T.E.</b>	

**MEMBER GOVERNMENTS SERVED DIRECTLY AND ACTIVITIES DURING MARCH:**

**ALEDO** – MMRLF Coord.; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Website Support.  
**ALPHA** – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.  
**ANDALUSIA** – RICWMA Staffing; MPO Trans. Coord. & LRTP; Riverfront Council; Website Support.  
**ANDOVER** – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; USDA Grant Inquiry; Website Proposal.  
**ATKINSON** – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Website Support.  
**BETTENDORF** – Air Quality Asst.; Drug/Alcohol Testing Consort.; I-74 Bridge Coord.; IAQC Transit Planner Coord.; Joint Purchasing; QCICNet; Riverfront Council; RLF Loan Admin.; Scott Co. Housing Council; Solid Waste Coord.; Trail Coord. and Trails Counting; REAP Plan Update; Park/Rec Plan Update; MPO Trans. Coord. & LRTP.  
**BLUE GRASS** – Reg. 9 Transp. Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Website Support; RDA Grant Application.  
**BUFFALO** – Riverfront Council; Solid Waste Coord.; Trail Planning & Related Funding Asst.; IDPH Nutrition Grant.  
**CAMBRIDGE** – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.  
**CARBON CLIFF** – Joint Purchasing; RICWMA Staffing; MPO Trans. Coord. & LRTP; Trail Planning; Aerial Photo Mapping Asst.  
**COAL VALLEY** – Joint Purchasing; MUNICES Coord.; RICWMA Staffing; Floodplain; Aerial Photo Inquiry.  
**COLONA** – Joint Purchasing; Floodplain, Funding inquiry.  
**CORDOVA** – RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council; Website Support.  
**DAVENPORT** – Air Quality Asst.; IAQC Transit Planner Coord.; CitiBus Routes Advisory Group & FTA 5339 Status, Joint Purch.; QCICNet; Riverfront Cncl.; RLF Loan Admin.; Scott Co. Housing Cncl.; Solid Waste Coord.; Dav. Schools Haz. Mit. Plan; Trails Planning & Count Collection; PICH-Safe Routes to Schools Planning; MPO Trans. Coord. & LRTP Projects Coord.; Floodplain Grants. Asst.; FFC Revisions.  
**EAST MOLINE** – Air Quality Asst.; E9-1-1 Coord.; IL QC Intergov. Comm.; Joint Purchasing; MUNICES Coord.; QCICNet; RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council; RLF Admin.; RMS Coord.; Interop. Proj.; MPO Trans. Coord. & LRTP; Trail Planning; Zoning Ordinance; Floodplain.  
**ELDRIDGE** – Drug & Alcohol Consort.; Solid Waste Coord.; Website Support; Trails Planning & Research; MPO LRTP Projects Coord.  
**GALVA** – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.  
**GENESEO** – HCEDP Part.; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Trail Planning/Mapping/Grant App.  
**HAMPTON** – MUNICES Coord.; RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council.  
**HENRY COUNTY** – HCEDP Participation & FTA 5311 Compliance Review, Joint Purchasing; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Trail Coord.; Legislative Priorities Asst.; USDA Grant; Floodplain Coord.; MPO Trans. Coord. & LRTP Projects Coord.; LESA Review, Fact Sheet Update; Juvenile Detention Facility Data Asst.  
**HILLSDALE** – Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Floodplain.  
**KEWANEE** – Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Juvenile Detention Facility Data Asst.  
**LECLAIRE** – Joint Purchasing; Riverfront Council; Solid Waste Coord.; MPO Trans. Coord. & LRTP; Trails Planning; Comprehensive Plan & Mapping.  
**LONG GROVE** – Reg. 9 Trans. Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Website Support.  
**MCCAUSLAND** – Reg. 9 Trans. Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Grant Assistance.  
**MILAN** – E9-1-1 Coord.; IL QC Intergov. Comm.; Joint Purchasing; MUNICES Coord.; QCICNet; RICWMA Staffing; MPO Trans. Coord & LRTP; RLF Admin.; RMS Coord.; Interoperability Project; Cons. Dispatch Study Asst.; Economic Development Profile; Zoning Map Update; Hennepin Canal Trail Event Map.  
**MOLINE** – Air Quality Asst.; E9-1-1 Coord.; Joint Purch.; I-74 Bridge Coord.; IL QC Intergov. Comm.; MUNICES Coord.; QCICNet; RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Cncl; RLF Adm.; RMS Coord.; Trails Coord.; MPO Trans. Coord & LRTP; PICH-Safe Routes to Schools Planning; Interop. Proj.  
**MUSCATINE CITY** – Air Quality Asst.; Joint Purch.; Reg. 9 Transportation Coord., Including Freight; MMRLF Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; SWAP Grant Review & Plan Update; Trail Planning/ADT Coord.; Trails Use Count; Riverfront Planning.  
**MUSCATINE COUNTY** – Air Quality Asst.; Joint Purchasing; Reg. 9 Coord, LRTP; Solid Waste Coord. & Plan Update; Trails Planning/ADT Coord.; Transit Mobility Coord.; MMRLF Coord.  
**NEW BOSTON** – Transit Mobility Coord./HSTP Planning.  
**OAK GROVE** – E9-1-1 Coord.; Zoning Map Development.  
**ORION** – HCEDP Participation; Website Support; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Fact Sheet/Community Profile Development.  
**PORT BYRON** – RICWMA Staffing; MPO Trans. Coord & LRTP; Riverfront Council; Passenger Ferry Funding Inquiry.  
**PRINCETON** – Riverfront Council; Solid Waste Coord.; MPO Trans. Coord. & LRTP; Trail Planning.  
**RAPIDS CITY** – RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council.  
**RIVERDALE** – Riverfront Council; Solid Waste Coord.; Trails Coord; Website Support.  
**ROCK ISLAND CITY** – Air Quality Asst.; E9-1-1 Coord.; IL QC Intergov. Comm.; Joint Purch.; MUNICES Coord.; QCICNet; Riverfront Cncl.; RICWMA Stfg.; RLF Loan Admin.; RMS Coord.; Interop. Proj.; PICH-Safe Routes to Schools Planning; Trails Coordination & Counts Collection; MPO Trans. Coord & LRTP Projects Coord.  
**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY** – Air Quality Asst.; E9-1-1 Coord.; IL QC Intergov. Comm.; Joint Purchasing; LEPC Committee; MUNICES Coord.; QCICNet; RICWMA Stfg & Website Support; RMS Coord.; Trail Coord.; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Passenger Rail; Floodplain Coord. Efforts; Haz. Mit. Planning Coord.; QC Health Initiative, Safe Routes to Schools Planning; Highway Safety Planning; MPO Trans. Coord. & LRTP Projects Coord.; Graphics Asst – ETSB Stationery.  
**SCOTT COUNTY** – Financial Mgmt – Scott Co. KIDS and Scott Co. Hsg. Cncl.; Scott Co. Kids Community Plan; Air Quality Coord.; I-74 Bridge Coord.; Joint Purch.; QCICNet, Reg. 9 Transportation Coord. & MPO LRTP; Transportation Planning Orientation; RLF Admin.; Solid Waste Coord. and Plan Update; Trail Planning/ADT Coord.; REAP Plan Update; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Interop. Project; QC Health Initiative Safe Routes to Schools Planning; Countywide IT Survey.  
**SHERRARD** – Joint Purchasing; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Website Support; Mapping Asst.  
**SILVIS** – E9-1-1 Coord.; IL Intergov. Comm. Coord.; Joint Purch.; MUNICES Coord.; QCICNet; RICWMA Stfg.; RMS Coord.; Trails Plan.; TAP Project Dev. Process; RLF Loan Admin.; Mapping Assistance.  
**VIOLA** – Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Zoning Map Update.  
**WALCOTT** – Reg. 9 Transportation Coord.; RLF Admin; Solid Waste Coord.; Trail Coord; Mapping Asst.  
**WEST LIBERTY** – Air Qual. Coord.; Reg. 9 Transportation Coord.; Trails Plan/ADT Coord. Solid Waste Coord.; Musc. Co. Haz Mit Plan; MMRLF; Comprehensive Plan Proposal.  
**WILTON** – Air Qual. Coord.; Reg. 9 Transp. Coord. & TAP Project Management Process; Solid Waste Coord.; Muscatine Co. Haz Mit Plan; MMRLF; Zoning Map Update.  
**WINDSOR** – Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; CDAP Grant Application Asst. & Mapping.  
**WOODHULL** – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

## **Bi-State Report – March**

**COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Prepared five-year update of regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Conducted cost-of-living survey. Provided information to Henry County Economic Development Partnership (HCEDP) board. Monitored scheduling for Enterprise Zone application, December 2016. Attended IA RELAT meetings. Attended Iowa Regional Council meeting. Assisted members with legislative priorities. Communicated with Mercer and Muscatine Counties' economic development officials to discuss development efforts and strategies. Hosted APA planning and bike/pedestrian webinars for members.

### **DATA/GRAPHICS/MAPPING/ON-LINE SERVICES**

**Data Center:** Staff responded to 14 data and map requests in March 2016 including 5 from local governments, 2 from businesses, 4 from private citizens, and 3 from non-profits. The data section of the Bi-State website had 54 page views. The data warehouse site ([www.greaterqcregion.org](http://www.greaterqcregion.org)) had 312 visits and 478 page views. Staff continued to refine data for the *Bi-State Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2016*, the *LeClaire Comprehensive Plan*, the Henry County factsheet, and the 2016 Illinois Enterprise Zone Application.

**Graphics/GIS/Mapping:** 2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan coordination, data, and GIS/mapping; Be Healthy QC (PICH) Grant – Trails Website; Pleasant Valley Schools Map Update; QC Street Map (Folded & Wall Versions) Distribution; QC Urban Travel Model Data and GIS Assistance; Transportation Work Program Mapping; Update/Maintain GIS Data for Street Centerlines, Traffic Counts, MPA Boundary, Federal Functional Class Routes, Urban Areas, Corporate Limits, Landmarks, Rail, Trails, and other layers.

**www.bistateonline.org:** Total pages viewed for March 2016 was 2,330 and top pages viewed included: Our Staff (101); Home Page (743); Search (72); Careers (59); QC Metro Area Long Range Transportation Plan (57); Joint Purchasing Program & Bids (56); I-74 Bridge Construction Article (47); Documents (45); Average Daily Traffic Counts (44); and Who We Are (42).

**ENVIRONMENTAL, RECREATION, RIVERFRONT SERVICES:** Responded to inquiries & assisted with trail/recreation project funding assistance/grants and trail use counting. Submitted Iowa Region Solid Waste Plan update and facilitated comments. Prepared IA SWAP grant review. Served Rock Island County Waste Management Agency (RICWMA) with coordination of meetings, oversight, and management of waste disposal and recycling programs, including drop-off recycling program RFP process; reporting; and overall agency administration. Responded to RICWMA telephone inquiries from general public & media concerning solid waste and recycling issues. Continued coordination of issues related to Bi-State Region Clean Air Partnership and strategies for emission reduction. Continued multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation planning. Attended River Action & RiverVision meetings. Organized and held bi-monthly meeting of Quad City Riverfront Council.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUMS AND REGIONAL SERVICES:** Continued assistance to the Joint Purchasing Council (JPC). Worked on the following bids: food service supplies, janitorial supplies, turf chemicals, can liners, and paper. Staffed Quad Cities Area intergovernmental forums and meetings of area recreation directors, managers, administrators, and chief elected officials. Continued coordination and planning for the awarded Department of Justice interoperability grant. Assisted with Rock Island Arsenal issues.

**REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF):** Administered Bi-State RLF Program: Prepared meeting cancellation and financial summary report. Provided information to potential applicants from Davenport and Moline. Continued receiving job creation information from active companies. Administered Mercer/Muscatine RLF Program (MMRLF): Prepared financial summary report. Provided information to potential applicants. Worked with Aledo, Muscatine City and County, West Liberty, and Wilton to identify potential projects for gap financing.

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, PROGRAMMING AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT:** Attended related meetings, presented information, and continued staff coordination of river crossing issues. Summarized public informational meetings on draft 2045 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and presented final recommendations for adoption. Preparing adopted LRTP for publication.. Held Iowa interdisciplinary traffic safety meeting. Prepared monthly reports of federal transportation programs and coordinated related funding/reporting. Monitored air quality emission issues and exceedances. Continued "Make Air Quality Visible" strategic plan implementation. Worked on connections of American Discovery Trail (ADT)/Grand Illinois Trail and Mississippi River Trail and attended related meetings, as well as other trail planning and grant assistance. Facilitated issues related to Bi-State Regional Trails Committee. Participated in Partnership in Community Health (PICH) grant facilitation. Coordinated Bi-State Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium and continued random testing program. Monitored MPO and Iowa Region 9 FY16 Transportation Planning Work Programs and developed FY2017 drafts. Monitored MPO & Region 9 FFY16-19 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) including facilitating TIP revisions and maintenance of data entry in Iowa TPMS as part of transportation improvement programming. Administered IAQC and Illinois Region 2 transit coordinator positions. Continued efforts to implement FTA 5339 grant process. Monitored status of implementation of passenger rail service to Chicago. Attended area Air Service meeting. Participated in webinars, workshops, and conferences on various transportation topics.



Serving local governments in Muscatine and Scott Counties, Iowa; Henry, Mercer and Rock Island Counties, Illinois

RESOLUTION OF THE BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION IN SUPPORT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

OFFICERS: CHAIR John Thodos VICE-CHAIR Carol Earnhardt SECRETARY Kim Callaway-Thompson TREASURER Frank Kilpsch

MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES:

City of Davenport Frank Kilpsch, Mayor Vacant, Alderperson Jason Gordon, Alderman Randy Moore, Citizen City of Rock Island Dennis Pauley, Mayor Chuck Austin, Alderman City of Moline Scott Raes, Mayor Sean Liddell, Alderman City of Bettendorf Bob Gallagher, Mayor City of East Moline John Thodos, Mayor City of Muscatine Diana Broderson, Mayor City of Kewanee Steve Looney, Mayor City of Silvis; Villages of Andalusia, Carbon Cliff, Coal Valley, Cordova, Hampton, Hillsdale, Milan, Oak Grove, Port Byron, and Rapids City Tom Conrad, Mayor, Silvis Cities of Aledo, Colona, Galva, Geneseo; Villages of Alpha, Andover, Atkinson, Cambridge, New Boston, Orion, Sherrard, Viola, Windsor, and Woodhull Dave Holmes, Mayor, Woodhull Cities of Blue Grass, Buffalo, Eldridge, Fruiland, LeClaire, Long Grove, McCausland, Princeton, Riverdale, Walcott, West Liberty, and Wilton Marty O'Boyle, Mayor, Eldridge

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES:

Henry County Roger Gradert, Chair Dennis Anderson, Member JoAnne Hillman, Member Mercer County Vacant Muscatine County Jeff Sorensen, Chair Bob Howard, Member Rock Island County Ken "Moose" Maranda, Chair Kim Callaway-Thompson, Member Scott Terry, Member Elizabeth Sherwin, Citizen Scott County Carol Earnhardt, Member Diane Holst, Member Tom Sunderbruch, Member Jazmin Newton-Butt, Citizen PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES: Ralph H. Heninger Nathaniel Lawrence Rick Schloemer Bill Stoermer Jim Tank Rory Washburn Executive Director Denise Bulat

WHEREAS, the Bi-State Regional Commission serves local government within Muscatine and Scott Counties, Iowa, and Henry, Mercer, and Rock Island Counties, Illinois; and WHEREAS, the Bi-State Regional Commission has established continued economic development in the region as a major priority; and WHEREAS, the economic opportunities and limitations exist in the Region that influence development possibilities; and WHEREAS, the surveillance and analysis of these economic factors promote long range development consideration for coordinated action within the Region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Bi-State Regional Commission hereby adopts the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2021 and the policies set forth therein.

Passed this 27th day of April 2016 by the Bi-State Regional Commission.

Signed:

Attest:

By: John Thodos, Chair Bi-State Regional Commission

Member Bi-State Regional Commission





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Henry, Mercer and Rock Island Counties, Illinois

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**TREASURER**  
 Frank Klipsch

**MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES:**

City of Davenport  
 Frank Klipsch, Mayor  
 Vacant, Alderperson  
 Jason Gordon, Alderman  
 Randy Moore, Citizen  
 City of Rock Island  
 Dennis Pauley, Mayor  
 Chuck Austin, Alderman  
 City of Moline  
 Scott Raes, Mayor  
 Sean Liddell, Alderman  
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 Diana Broderson, Mayor  
 City of Kewanee  
 Steve Looney, Mayor  
 City of Silvis; Villages of  
 Andalusia, Carbon Cliff,  
 Coal Valley, Cordova, Hampton,  
 Hillsdale, Milan, Oak Grove,  
 Port Byron, and Rapids City  
 Tom Conrad, Mayor, Silvis  
 Cities of Aledo, Colona, Galva,  
 Geneseo; Villages of Alpha,  
 Andover, Atkinson, Cambridge,  
 New Boston, Orion, Sherrard,  
 Viola, Windsor, and Woodhull  
 Dave Holmes, Mayor, Woodhull  
 Cities of Blue Grass, Buffalo,  
 Eldridge, Fruitland, LeClaire,  
 Long Grove, McCausland,  
 Princeton, Riverdale, Walcott,  
 West Liberty, and Wilton  
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 Scott County  
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 Jazmin Newton-Butt, Citizen  
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 Bill Stoermer  
 Jim Tank  
 Rory Washburn  
 Executive Director  
 Denise Bulat

**RESOLUTION**

**BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION**  
**ADOPTING THE FY 2017 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WORK PROGRAM,**  
**AUTHORIZING FILING OF GRANT APPLICATIONS AND EXECUTION**  
**OF GRANT CONTRACTS CONSISTENT WITH THE WORK PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS,** the Bi-State Regional Commission serves local government within Scott and Muscatine Counties, Iowa and Rock Island, Henry and Mercer Counties, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS,** the purpose and objectives of the Bi-State Regional Commission are to serve as a forum for intergovernmental cooperation, provide technical assistance, serve as an information clearinghouse for data and the intergovernmental project review process, assist in the allocation of state and federal funds and conduct regional studies; and

**WHEREAS,** the Bi-State Regional Commission annually develops a transportation planning work program which describes all major transportation planning work tasks to be performed by its staff during the coming fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS,** the federal and state agencies which provide funding for the activities described in the work program require submittal of grant applications and execution of contracts;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Bi-State Regional Commission on this 27th day of April 2016 as follows:

1. That the FY 2017 Transportation Planning Work Program contains major transportation work activities which are consistent with the purpose and objectives of the Commission;
2. That the Commission Chair, Secretary, and Executive Director, as appropriate, are hereby authorized to submit the necessary applications to the:
  - State of Illinois, Department of Transportation; and
  - State of Iowa, Department of Transportation;



3. That the appropriate Commission officials are authorized to execute the planning grants resulting from the above stated applications; and
4. That the appropriate Commission officials are authorized to furnish all assurances and additional information as may be required in connection with all grant applications and contacts.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

by \_\_\_\_\_  
John Thodos, Chair  
Bi-State Regional Commission

by \_\_\_\_\_  
Bi-State Regional Commission



Serving local governments in Muscatine and Scott Counties, Iowa; Henry, Mercer and Rock Island Counties, Illinois

RESOLUTION

BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION ADOPTING THE FY 2017 REGION 9 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AUTHORIZING FILING OF GRANT APPLICATIONS AND EXECUTION OF GRANT CONTRACTS CONSISTENT WITH THE WORK PROGRAM

OFFICERS:

CHAIR John Thodos

VICE-CHAIR Carol Earnhardt

SECRETARY Kim Callaway-Thompson

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MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES:

- City of Davenport: Frank Klipsch, Mayor; Vacant, Alderperson; Jason Gordon, Alderman; Randy Moore, Citizen
City of Rock Island: Dennis Pauley, Mayor; Chuck Austin, Alderman
City of Moline: Scott Raes, Mayor; Sean Liddell, Alderman
City of Bettendorf: Bob Gallagher, Mayor
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City of Muscatine: Diana Broderson, Mayor
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Cities of Aledo, Colona, Galva, Geneseo; Villages of Alpha, Andover, Atkinson, Cambridge, New Boston, Orion, Sherrard, Viola, Windsor, and Woodhull: Dave Holmes, Mayor, Woodhull
Cities of Blue Grass, Buffalo, Eldridge, Fruitland, LeClaire, Long Grove, McCausland, Princeton, Riverdale, Walcott, West Liberty, and Wilton: Marty O'Boyle, Mayor, Eldridge

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES:

- Henry County: Roger Gradert, Chair; Dennis Anderson, Member; JoAnne Hillman, Member
Mercer County: Vacant
Muscatine County: Jeff Sorensen, Chair; Bob Howard, Member
Rock Island County: Ken "Moose" Maranda, Chair; Kim Callaway-Thompson, Member; Scott Terry, Member; Elizabeth Sherwin, Citizen
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PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES:

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Executive Director
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WHEREAS, the Bi-State Regional Commission serves local government within Muscatine and Scott Counties, Iowa and Henry, Mercer, and Rock Island Counties, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the purpose and objectives of the Bi-State Regional Commission are to serve as a forum for intergovernmental cooperation, provide technical assistance, serve as an information clearinghouse for data and the intergovernmental project review process, assist in the allocation of state and federal funds and conduct regional studies; and

WHEREAS, the Bi-State Regional Commission annually develops a transportation planning work program which describes all major transportation planning work tasks to be performed by its staff during the coming fiscal year for Region 9; and

WHEREAS, the federal and state agencies which provide funding for the activities described in the work program require submittal of grant applications and execution of contracts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bi-State Regional Commission on this 27th day of April 2016 as follows:

- 1. That the FY 2017 Transportation Planning Work Program for Region 9 contains major transportation work activities which are consistent with the purpose and objectives of the Commission;
2. That the Commission Chair, Secretary, and Executive Director, as appropriate, are hereby authorized to submit the necessary applications to the State of Iowa, Department of Transportation;
3. That the appropriate Commission officials are authorized to execute the planning grants resulting from the above stated applications; and
4. That the appropriate Commission officials are authorized to furnish all assurances and additional information as may be required in connection with all grant applications and contacts.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

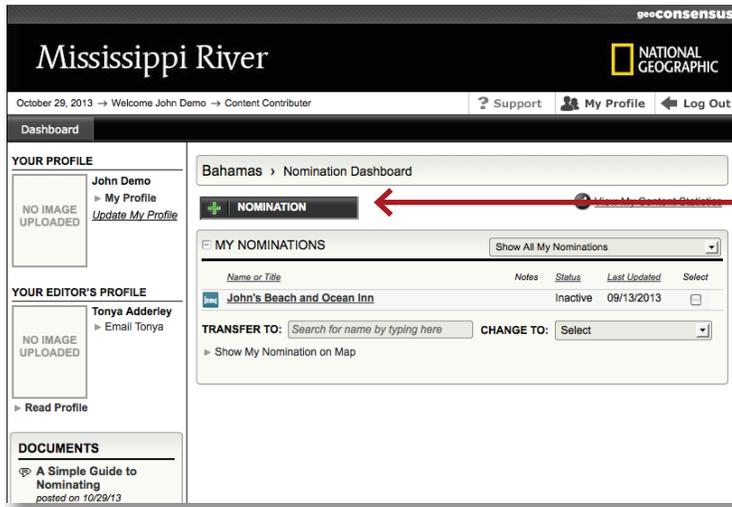
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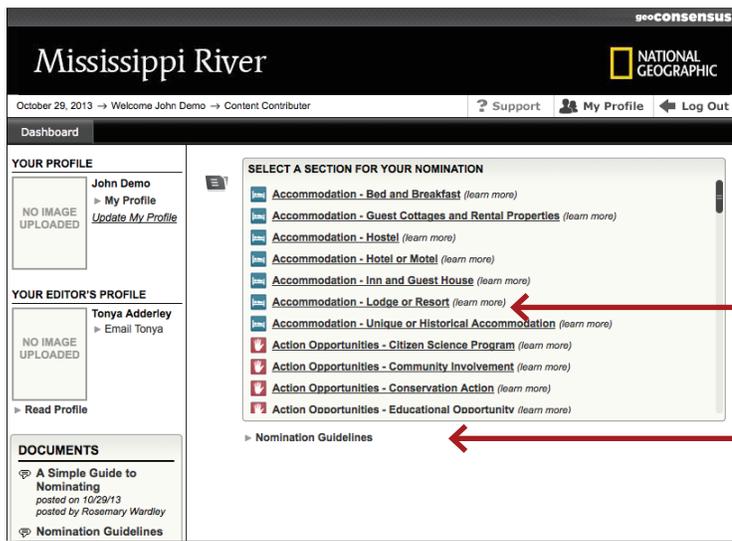


# A Quick and Easy Guide to Nominating



## Step 1

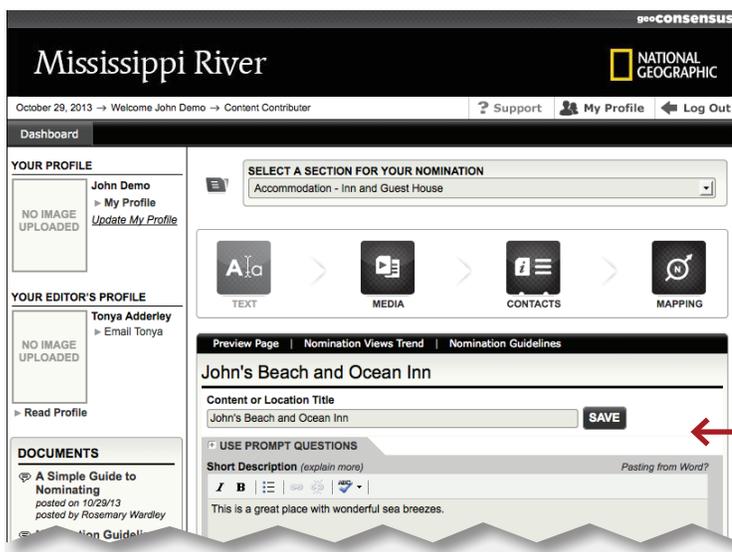
Click the ADD NEW NOMINATION button.



## Step 2

Select the most appropriate section for your nomination. You can read more about each section by clicking on the 'learn more'.

You can learn about the nomination criteria and guidelines by clicking on the Nominations Guidelines link.



## Step 3

Provide your nomination with a title and save it. Then add additional text information about your nomination. Titles should be in roman, "Title Case" (not all caps). Text should be in roman, "Sentence case."

Your nomination should include all nomination areas, TEXT, MEDIA, CONTACTS and MAPPING.

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Visitor Fees (if any)

Seasons Open

Accessibility Notes (explain more)

Pet Friendly Notes (explain more)

TEXT OK MEDIA OK CONTACTS OK MAPPING OK

Status: Active

SAVE SAVE AND NEXT

Collaborators (what's this?)

Notes

Reminders *There are 0 reminders set for this nomination.*

## Four Key Areas

At the bottom of the TEXT area you see the status of your content in each of the areas, TEXT, MEDIA, CONTACTS and MAPPING.

You can invite other signed-up users to collaborate on your nomination.

You may also add and exchange notes with the editor about your nomination (use this!).

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IMAGES FOR JOHN'S BEACH AND OCEAN INN 4 images

Select image files

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CURRENT IMAGES

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## Add Media

You can upload as many images as you want. The file storage size of your image should be less than 2 megabytes but more than 200 kilobytes. The ideal image dimension is 1,200 pixels wide. You can also add videos, embedded video, documents and sound files.

**You must upload at least one image for your nomination!**

YOUR EDITOR'S PROFILE

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John's Beach and Ocean Inn

MANAGE CONTACTS FOR JOHN'S BEACH AND OCEAN INN

Update and Manage Contacts

ASSOCIATED CONTACTS

Close New Contact Form

Contact Type: Public Contact

First Name: Last Name: Organization or Desk Name: Telephone Number: Telephone Number (Toll Free): Fax Number:

## Add Contacts

Add contact information for your nomination. You can add many contacts, however, you should add at least one contact. This should be the information the public can use to learn more about the nomination, or to otherwise contact the nomination.

**Search to see if a contact already exists before adding.**

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Choose the map marking method that is most appropriate for the location.



**Mark a Single Location**  
For one, fixed location point.



**Mark Multiple Locations**  
For content that has more than one fixed location point.



**Mark Path, Line, or Route**  
For content that extends along a route or line.

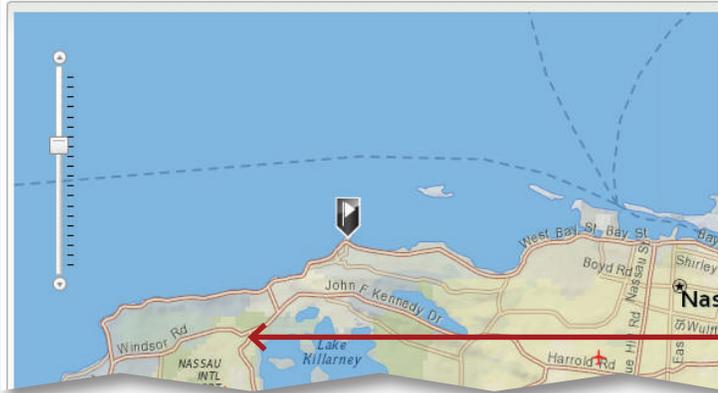


**Mark an Area**  
For content that covers a broad area.

## Map It!

Choose to map as a single location, many locations, a route, or as an area. You can change from one type of mapping to another later on.

Use the zoom slider on the upper left of the map to zoom the map closer. Click the SEARCH tab to look for a place or address. Click and drag anywhere on the map to move the map.



## Mapping Tools

Use the tools to zoom-in and accurately plot your nomination on the map. You can also search for placenames and addresses to get in the vicinity. Make sure your nomination is marked exactly.

**Use the zoom tool to ensure accurate mapping.**

## Mississippi River



October 29, 2013 → Welcome John Demo → Content Contributor

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YOUR PROFILE

John Demo

My Profile

Update Profile

YOUR EDITOR'S PROFILE

Tonya Adlerley

Email Tonya

DOCUMENTS

Bahamas > Nomination Dashboard

NOMINATION

View My Content Statistics

MY NOMINATIONS

Show All My Nominations

Name or Title	Notes	Status	Last Updated	Select
John's Beach and Ocean Inn		Inactive	09/13/2013	

TRANSFER TO: Search for name by typing here CHANGE TO: Select

Show My Nomination on Map

## Your Dashboard

All your nominations are listed on your dashboard. You can return as often as you like to update and add-to.

When your nomination is complete, change its status to **Submit to Editor**

**Don't forget to add your profile picture and info!**



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF  
POLICY

The Honorable Mayor of Muscatine  
Mayor Diana L. Broderson  
215 Sycamore Street  
Muscatine, Iowa 52761

Dear Mayor Broderson:

On behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, I would like to invite Muscatine to submit a proposal for the 2016 Greening America's Communities program. The program is an EPA assistance program modelled on the agency's Greening America's Capitals program which provides design assistance to state capital cities. This year the agency wants to provide similar assistance to elected officials and leaders of communities that are part of EPA's *Making a Visible Difference in Communities* initiative.

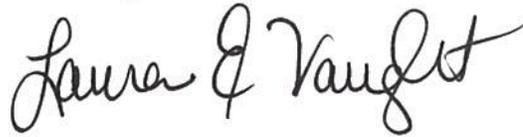
The goal of the program is to help communities create new visions for their neighborhoods that use green infrastructure to help manage and treat stormwater runoff while also making the neighborhoods more walkable, bikeable and generally more attractive. Greening America's Communities will help communities consider ways to incorporate sustainable design strategies with multiple social, economic, and environmental benefits into their planning and development. Examples of some the previous design assistance given to state capitals can be found on the Greening America's Capitals web page, [www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/greening-americas-capitals](http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/greening-americas-capitals).

If you choose to submit a proposal and your city is selected, the EPA will fund a team of designers to visit Muscatine for up to three days and work with city staff and stakeholders to produce designs and potential implementation strategies developed in collaboration with the city, the EPA, and other federal partners. These products are intended to catalyze or complement a larger neighborhood planning process that your city could undertake. In addition, this effort could be a testing ground for broader, citywide actions, such as changes to local codes, ordinances, or capital improvement plans to better support smart growth and green infrastructure. In addition, the EPA is interested in supporting projects that build resilience to disasters and help communities prepare for and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

The EPA is providing this design assistance to help communities across the nation create stronger neighborhoods that protect the environment. Effective strategies for protecting environmental resources, such as street and public space design that use innovative stormwater practices, can also create a strong sense of place and help revitalize neighborhoods, spurring additional economic and social benefits.

We hope you will consider submitting a proposal. Instructions for submitting proposals are attached to this letter. If you have any question, please contact Abby Hall at (415) 972-3384 or [hall.abby@epa.gov](mailto:hall.abby@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Vaught". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "L".

Laura Vaught  
Associate Administrator

Enclosure

cc:

Marc Kingston, EPA Region 7