**LWV UMRR Program for Action 2024-25**

**LWV UMRR is uniquely positioned -** we are a multi-state League focused on protecting and enhancing the Mississippi River. The people in our League ILO are active, engaged and passionate, and are also involved in other organizations, giving us a broad base of knowledge about what’s happening around us.

This draft program for action takes the work we've done together and points us toward our work for the future. To do this, LWV UMRR proposes to:

Build upon the affiliations LWV UMRR members have in other LWV’s and other organizations focused on the Mississippi to seek opportunities to advocate for the river in a broad, national context.

Lead LWV in supporting federal legislation to protect the Mississippi River’s quality and quantity:

* Mississippi River Restoration and Resilience Initiative (MRRRI) – stalled ·
* Safeguarding our Mississippi River Together (SMRT) – stalled
* 2023 Farm Bill (reauthorized every five years) – stalled
* Interstate Mississippi River Compact – a legal mechanism under US Constitution; being explored, stakeholder mapping underway

Work with our member state Leagues and LWV US to build effective advocacy based on LWV positions, and partner with organizations actively working on these bills. Primary partners include:

Mississippi River Network

Isaak Walton League

Clean Water for All

Sierra Club

IA Environmental Council

MN Land Stewardship Project