

Climate Change and its Impacts on the Upper Mississippi River: How LWVs can bring about change through education, advocacy and action



LWV Upper Mississippi River Region's Annual Meeting

June 1, 2019 at Schaar's Bluff near Hastings, Minnesota – 9:30 to 3:30

(Yes, we know this is the same time as the CMAL Annual Meeting... it just worked out that way.)

Morning business meeting, afternoon Climate Change session

John Linc Stine, Executive Director of the Freshwater Society

Mr. Stine is the former Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and has represented the state on the Great Lakes Commission and the International Joint Commission on the Red River of the North. He will help us integrate what we see and know about climate change in the Upper Midwest with what is happening to the Mississippi. What are the water quality challenges the river will face? What are the effects of increased erosion? How are cities up and down the river adapting to these challenges?



Matt Gladue, Program Director, Our Mississippi Our Future, the Nature Conservancy

The Our Mississippi Our Future project's ambitious goal is to protect and restore thousands of acres of land in the Upper Mississippi watershed in Minnesota to prevent degradation. Their 2019 report, "[Mississippi Headwaters: The Business Case for Conservation](#)" lays out the potential costs and benefits of this action. Climate change is a factor here – and the work they are embarking on will help by providing additional carbon storage and wetlands for flood prevention.

Caryl Terrell, LWV Dane County and LWV US Climate Change Task Force

How can LWV's effectively advocate for change? – the work of LWV US in Climate Change will be showcased here, and participants will leave with tools to lead stronger climate change adaptations in their home communities. Read about the LWV US Tool Kit [at this link](#).



LWV ABC delegate charge \$45; bring a guest for \$20. Join us free of charge for the afternoon session (starting at 12:30). To register:

www.lwvumrr.org/registration.html