



LWV UMRR Program for Action 2024-25

LWV UMRR is uniquely positioned - we are a multi-state Inter-League Organization focused on protecting and enhancing the Mississippi River. The Board and members of UMRR 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.

Now it's time to take advantage of our unique position to lead our member Leagues in advocating for the Mississippi. This program for action takes the work we've done together and points us toward our work for the future.

To do this, LWV UMRR will:

Build upon the affiliations LWV UMRR members have with other LWV's and other organizations focused on the Mississippi to seek opportunities to advocate for the river in a broad, national context. Support local Leagues educational projects including hosting the "Pure Sparkling Stream Water" Pop Art exhibit throughout our five-state region this coming year.

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

- Mississippi River Restoration and Resilience Initiative (MRRRI)
- Safeguarding our Mississippi River Together (SMRT)
- 2023 Farm Bill reauthorization

Research and assess the possibility of an Upper Midwest Compact to protect the Mississippi from water diversion.

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.

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