

# THE BIG RIVER WORKS

A Cooperative Vision for Mississippi River Sustainability  
Presentation of Findings & Recommendations



## **PROGRAM**

**June 11, 2014**

**8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

U.S. Capitol Visitors Center • Room SVC 203-02 • Washington D.C.

**8:30 AM - 9:00 AM**

### **OPENING REMARKS**

- *R. King Milling, Chairman, America's WETLAND Foundation*
- *The Honorable Jay Dardenne, Lt. Governor, Louisiana; Co-Chair, The Big River Works*
- *The Honorable Sheila Simon, Lt. Governor, Illinois*

**9:00 AM – 9:15 AM**

### **THE FUTURE OF AMERICA'S RIVER**

*Dale Hall, CEO, Ducks Unlimited; Board Member, America's WETLAND Foundation*

**9:15 AM – 9:30 AM**

### **COOPERATION TO SAVE THE WORLD'S GREAT RIVERS & DELTAS**

*Robert Twilley, Executive Director, Louisiana Sea Grant College Program; Adjunct Professor, Louisiana State University*

**9:30 AM – 11:15 AM**

### **THE BIG RIVER – SUSTAINING A VITAL AMERICAN ASSET**

#### **Findings & Recommendations**

- *Val Marmillion, Managing Director, America's WETLAND Foundation*
  - *Sidney Coffee, Senior Advisor, America's WETLAND Foundation*
- I. Develop a comprehensive approach for Mississippi River system health and sustainability**  
*Gerry Galloway, Glenn L. Martin Institute Professor of Engineering, University of Maryland*
  - II. Encourage cooperative action for Mississippi River system health and sustainability**
    - *The Honorable Hiram Copeland, Mayor of Vidalia, LA; Executive Committee Member, Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative*
    - *Ann Mills, Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Department of Agriculture*



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- III. Coordinate national approach to Mississippi Watershed governance**
  - *Ellen Gilinsky, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Water, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*
  - *Major General John Peabody, Deputy Commanding General for Civil and Emergency Operations, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*
  
- IV. Engage the public to build political will & next steps**

*General Discussion facilitated by America's WETLAND Foundation*

**11:15 AM – 11:30 AM CLOSING REMARKS**  
*The Honorable Mary Landrieu, U.S. Senator, Louisiana*

**11:30 AM – 11:45 AM MEDIA AVAILABILITY**

