

ALTON RIVERFRONT PARK

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Alton's Amazing Assets

Iconic Riverfront

Clark Bridge and the Marina

Historic Town







STONE

HOUSE SOUNDS

WOW

Woodstock

GOLDEN FROG
Organics
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CROP CONTROL

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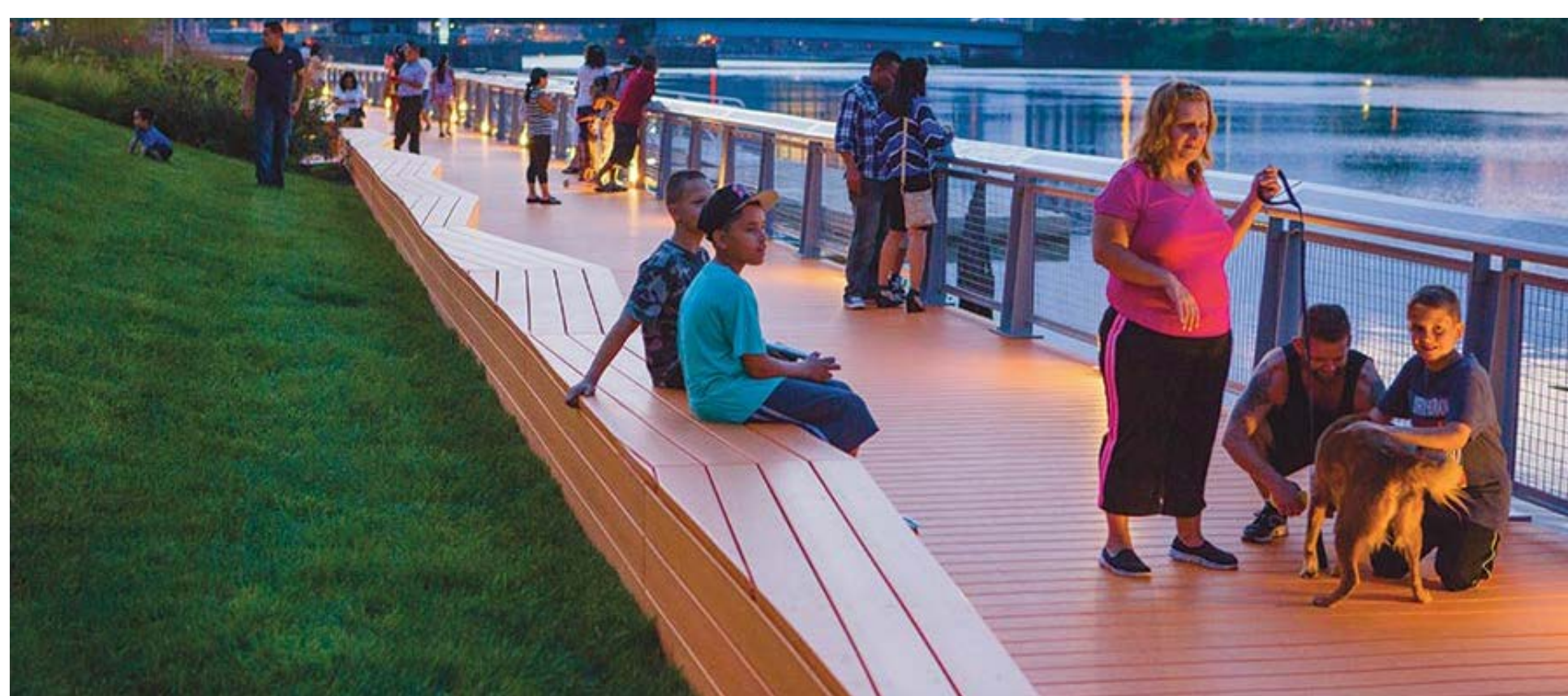
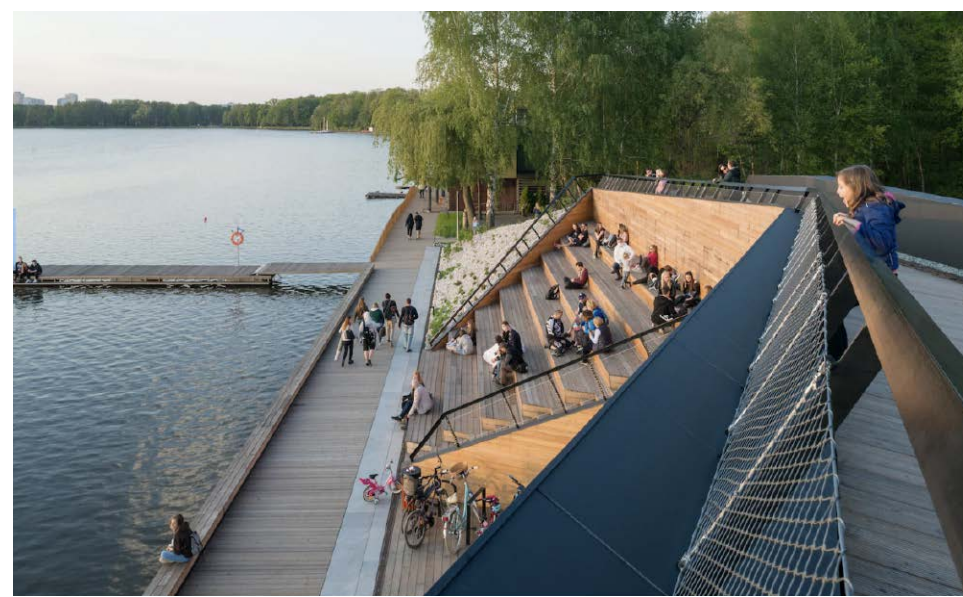
- SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE
- WATERWAYS
- HYPOALLERGENIC
- GARDEN SEED
- PEST CONTROL
- GREEN FARMING
- LAKE WINING

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**AltonWorks is
Transforming Historic
Downtown Alton
into a Vibrant, Walkable,
and Innovative Place to
Live, Work, and Play**

**Let's Work Together
to Transform
Riverfront Park into a
Family-Friendly Outdoor
Recreation Destination**



**Here's
Riverfront Park
Today**





**Let's Use Innovative
Riverfront Development
Principles to Create a
Place People Love**

- 1) Showcase the river's history**
- 2) Activate the riverfront but preserve the view shed**
- 3) Limit obstacles and connect the community to the river**
- 4) Engage with the water**

5) Connect seamlessly along the riverfront & into downtown

6) Repair and enhance the environment

7) Employ high-quality architectural materials and sustainable engineering



AltonWorks Proposes a New Vision for Riverfront Park



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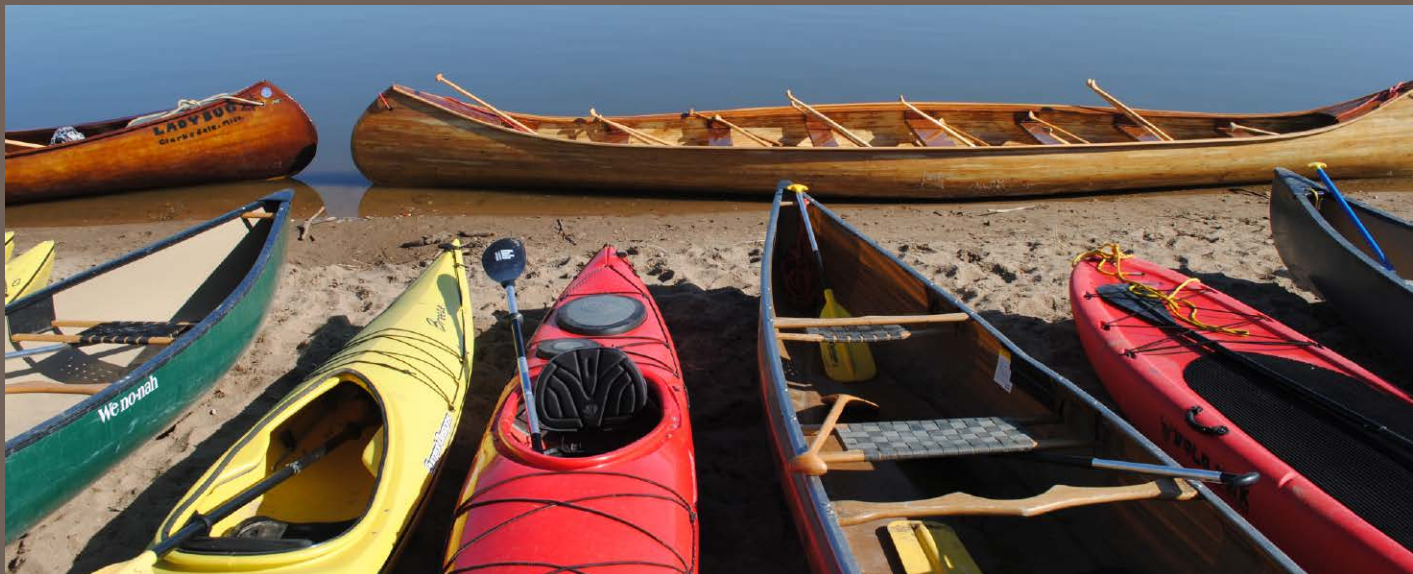
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3 - Add Concrete Boardwalk Along the Riverfront



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4 - Connect Riverfront & Downtown with Bike Trail



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5 - Activate the Great Lumber Site for Family Fun



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Recommended Site for Landside Argosy Casino



6 - Build a Floodproof Bike Park for All Ages



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7 - Upgrade Amenities at Russell Commons Park



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8 - Make Amphitheater Great for Artists & Guests



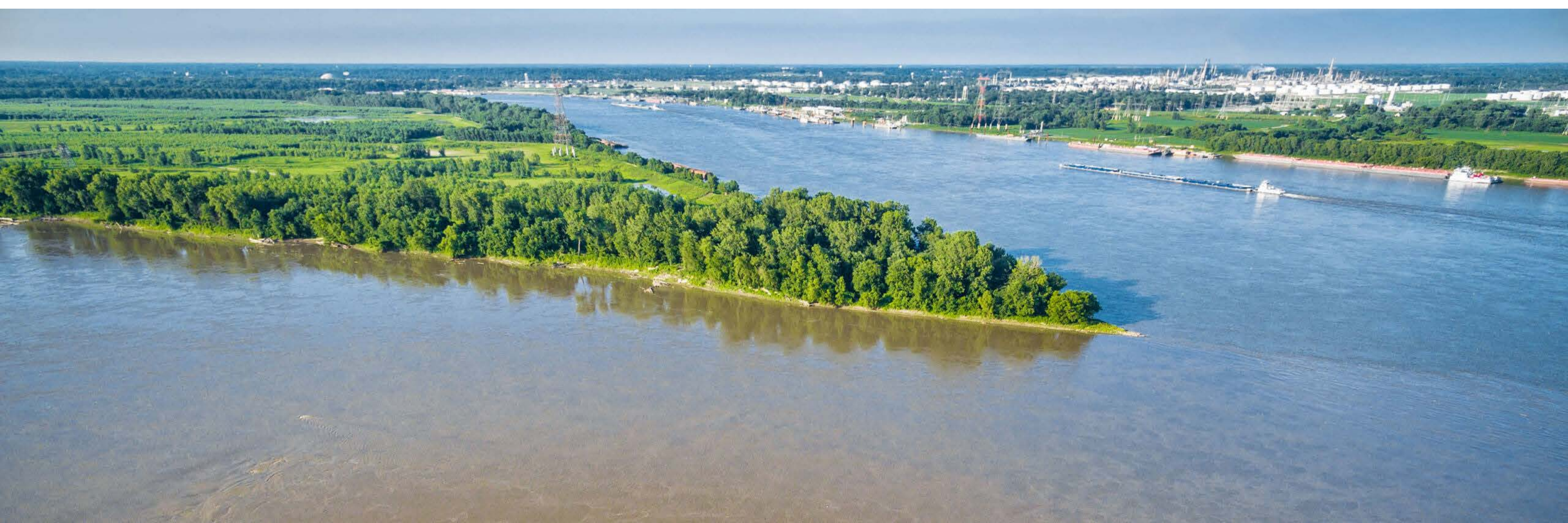
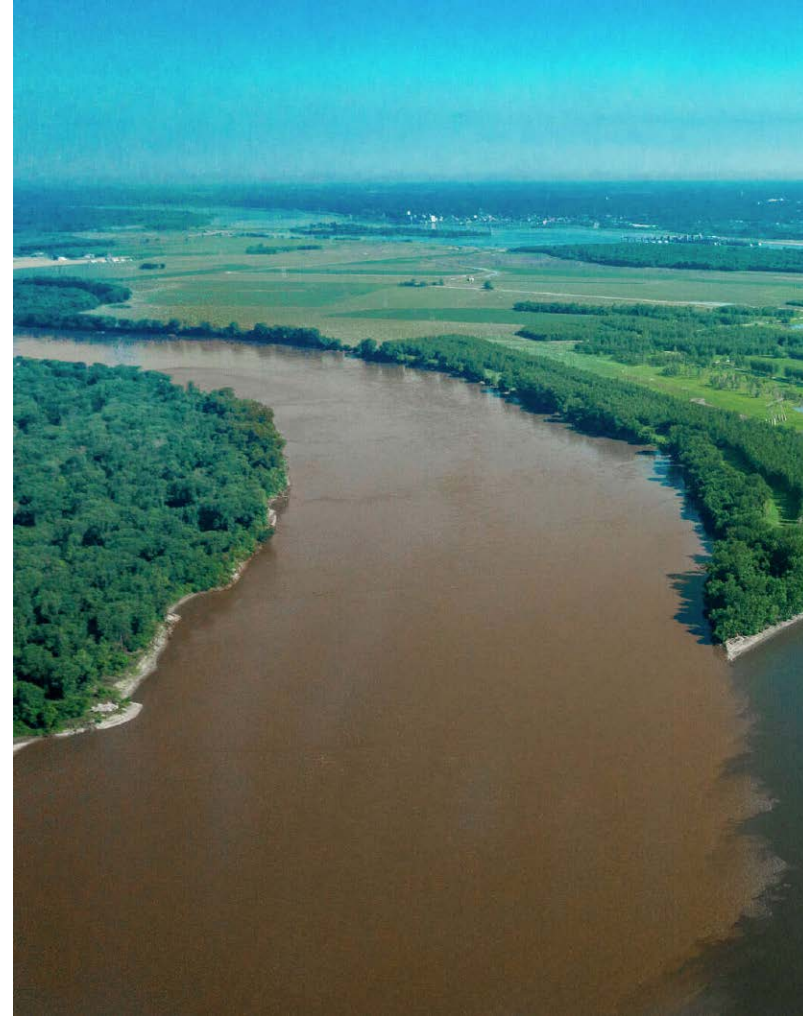
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Next Steps & Funding Sources

**AltonWorks
Proposes
the Great Rivers
National Park**

**National Parks
Bring in Billions
of Dollars in Positive
Economic Development**



Examples of Similar National Parks

**New River Gorge National Park,
West Virginia**

**Mississippi National River &
Recreation Area, Minnesota**

New River Gorge National Park, West Virginia

70,000 acres along 53 miles of the New River from Bluestone Dam to Hawk's Nest Lake



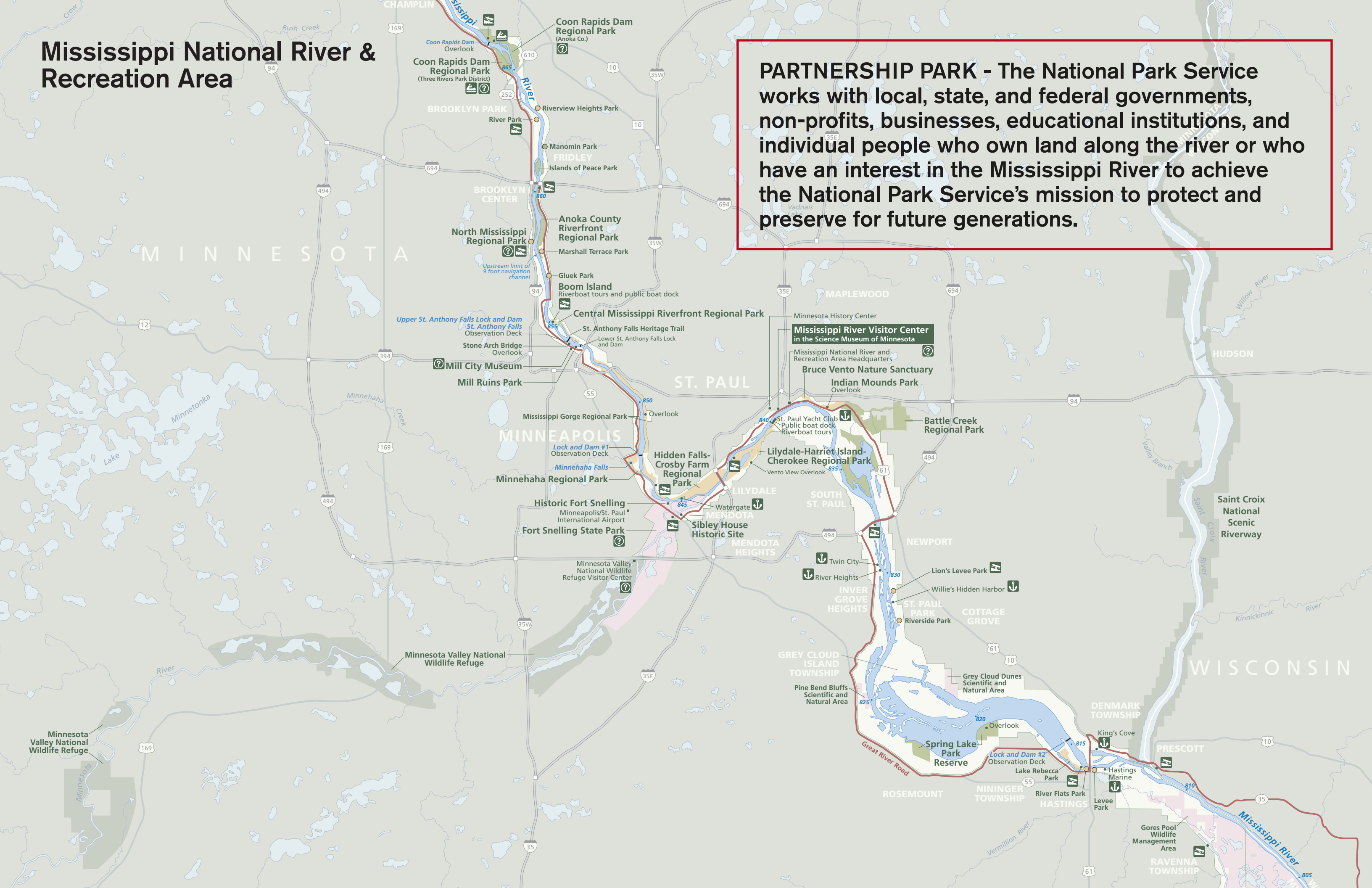
Mississippi National River & Recreation Area

72-mile long park in Minneapolis, MN for fishing, boating, birdwatching, and canoeing



Mississippi National River & Recreation Area

PARTNERSHIP PARK - The National Park Service works with local, state, and federal governments, non-profits, businesses, educational institutions, and individual people who own land along the river or who have an interest in the Mississippi River to achieve the National Park Service's mission to protect and preserve for future generations.



**Great Rivers National
Park Would Preserve
and Protect the Iconic
Mississippi River and
its Confluences with
the Missouri and
Illinois Rivers**

**Within This Area There
are Thousands of
Acres Under More Than
20 Federal, State,
and Local Jurisdictions -
All Public Lands**

**Bring Them Under the
National Park Service -
Consistent Trails,
Interpretives, Amenities,
Marketing, Maintenance,
and Funding**

Proposed Great Rivers National Park

135,000 acre, 144 mile designated recreation park corridor and beacon of sustainability





- 01 Weldon Spring Conservation Area (MO)
- 02 Howell Island Conservation Area (MO)
- Big Muddy National Fish & Wildlife Refuge (USFWS - MO):
- 03 • Boone's Crossing
- 04 • Howard Bend
- 05 • Bryan Island
- 06 • Cora Island
- 07 Lewis & Clark Boat House and Museum (MO)
- 08 Lewis & Clark Monument (MO)
- 09 Jean Baptiste du Sable Park (MO)
- 10 Saint Stanislaus Conservation Area (MO)
- 11 Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area (MO)
- 12 Pelican Island Natural Area (MO)
- 13 Fort Belle Fontaine (MO)
- 14 Edward "Ted" and Pat Jones Confluence Point State Park (MO)
- 15 Columbia Bottom Conservation Area (MO)
- 16 Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail (NPS)
- 17 Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower (IL)
- 18 Lewis & Clark State Historic Site - Camp DuBois (IL)
- 19 Maple Island Conservation Area (USACE - MO)
- 20 National Great Rivers Museum & Melvin Price Lock and Dam (USACE/IL)
- 21 Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary (USACE/MO)
- 22 Great River NWR @ Dresser Island and West Alton Pool 26 (USFWS)
- 23 City of Alton - Riverfront Park (IL)
- 24 City of Alton - Piasa Park (IL)
- 25 John M. Olin Nature Preserve / Hoffman Gardens (IL)
- 26 Pere Marquette State Park (IL)
- 27 Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge (USFWS)
- 28 Great River National Wildlife Refuge (USFWS)
- 29 Cuivre Island Conservation Area (MO)
- 30 Sandy Island Conservation Area (MO)
- 31 BK Leach Memorial Conservation Area (MO)
- 32 Clarence Cannon National Wildlife Refuge (MO)

**Alton Would Become
the Hub and Gateway
for Great Rivers
National Park Bringing
Tremendous Economic
Benefits and New Jobs
to the Region**

**Let's protect, preserve,
and enhance our
nationally significant
historic, cultural,
ecological, scenic,
recreational, scientific,
and economic resources**

Great Rivers National Park Becomes the “Third Coast,” Drawing Tourists and New Residents



**“Some ideas are just a
‘no brainer.’”**

Mike Morrow, Mayor of Grafton

Let's Share the Beauty!



Thank You

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