



Support WAVE 4: Waterways are Vital for the Economy, Energy, Efficiency, and Environment Act of 2012 (H.R. 4342)

This bill incorporates the elements of the Inland Waterways Capital Development Plan Invest in America's Inland Waterways Transportation System

Benefits to America

America's inland waterways are a precious resource, and the envy of the world because of the natural "water highway" the waterways system provides for commerce. Modern lock and dam infrastructure is critical to U.S. competitiveness in the world market, to environmental protection, to energy efficiency, to the sustainment of well-paying American jobs and to congestion relief. Inland waterways transportation is a key component of the intermodal transportation network, and is essential to our nation's economy, environment, and quality of life.

A Consensus Plan to Improve Inland Waterways Navigation Infrastructure

Business leaders and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers worked together for 18 months to develop a comprehensive, consensus package of recommendations to improve the continued vitality of this critical system. The Capital Development Plan, unanimously endorsed by the congressionally established Inland Waterways Users Board, and included in the WAVE 4 bill (introduced March 30, 2012) will:

- **Prioritize the completion of navigation projects across the entire system;**
- **Improve the Corps of Engineers' project management and processes to deliver projects on time and on budget;**
- **Reform project cost allocations;**
- **Deliver 25 modernization projects and \$8 billion of job creation;**
- **Recommend an affordable user fee funding mechanism to meet the system's needs, and**
- **Realize a sustainable annual appropriation of \$380 million.**

The Plan represents a new approach to meet the longstanding need for efficient delivery and timely completion of critical projects and sustainable funding for the Inland Waterways Trust Fund. The nation's transportation system and taxpayers would benefit from the completion of essential navigation infrastructure and the containment of cost overruns.

Recommended Reforms

The proposal would:

- Preserve the existing 50% industry/50% federal cost-sharing formula for new lock construction and major lock rehabilitation projects costing \$100 million or more.
- Adjust the current model to provide 100% federal funding for dam construction and major rehabilitation and smaller lock rehabilitation projects, recognizing the value derived by other beneficiaries from dams and the pools created by dams.
- Include a cost share cap on new lock construction projects to incentivize keeping projects on budget and prevent shippers from bearing the burden of paying for unreasonable cost overruns. This will strengthen the ability of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund to fund more priority projects in the pipeline.

The proposed new funding parameters will necessitate a 30% to 45% increase (between 6 and 9 cents per gallon) in the existing fuel tax of 20-cents-per-gallon that is paid by the barge and towing industry, the only users of the system who currently are taxed. At the same time, the recommended reforms to the Corps of Engineers' project management and delivery process would ensure that these additional resources are spent wisely.

Endorsements

The Board of Directors of The American Waterways Operators, the national trade association for the American tugboat, towboat and barge industry, voted to authorize AWO to advocate before the Administration and Congress in favor of the recommended plan.

The Board of Directors of the National Waterways Conference, Inc., the national organization advocating for the enactment of common-sense policies recognizing the widespread public benefits of our nation's water resources infrastructure, voted unanimously to support the plan.

The Board of Directors of Waterways Council, Inc., the national public policy organization advocating a modern and well-maintained national system of ports and inland waterways, voted unanimously to support the recommendations of this industry-Corps joint effort.

The more than 200 organizations on the following page join us in supporting this important effort:

Supporters of Inland Waterways Capital Development Plan/ WAVE 4

National Organizations

American Agri-Women
American Land Conservancy
American Soybean Association
American Waterways Operators
Dredging Contractors of America
Inland Rivers Ports & Terminals, Inc.
International Liquid Terminals Association
National Association of Manufacturers
International Association of Bridge, Structural,
Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers
International Propeller Club of the United States
National Audubon Society

National Corn Growers Association
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Grain and Feed Association
National Mining Association
National Waterways Conference, Inc.
North American Equipment Dealers Association
Steel Manufacturers Association
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
United Association of Plumbers, Fitters, Welders
and Service Technicians
United Brotherhood of Carpenters
Waterways Council, Inc.
Farm Resource Center
Grain & Feed Association of Illinois

State, Regional, and Local Organizations

Alabama State Port
Authority
Association of Tennessee Valley Governments
Bond County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Boone County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Bureau County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Calhoun County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
California Marine Affairs & Navigation Conf.
(CMANC)
Carpenters' Dist. Council of Greater St. Louis and
Vicinity
Carroll County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Chemical Industry Council of Illinois
City of Pittsfield, Ill.
Clark County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Coalition of Alabama Waterway Associations, Inc.
Cook County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Coosa-Alabama River Improvement Association,
Inc.
DeWitt (Mo.) Drainage and Levee District
DeWitt County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
DuPage County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Effingham County (Ill.) Farm Bureau

Great River Economic Development Foundation
Greene County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association
Hancock County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Huntington District Waterways Association
Illinois AgriWomen
Illinois Association of Drainage Districts
Illinois Biotechnology Industry Organization
Illinois Corn Growers Association
Illinois Farm Bureau
Illinois Farmers Union
Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Association
Illinois Grape Growers & Vintners Association
Illinois Seed Trade Association
Illinois Soc. of Prof. Farm Managers and Rural
Appraisers
Illinois Soybean Association
Indiana Corn Growers Association
Indiana Soybean Alliance
International Union of Operating Engineers Local
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Iowa Corn Growers Association	Port of Houston Authority
Jasper County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans
Jersey County (Ill.) Business Association	Port of Pittsburgh Commission
Jersey County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Port of Portland (Oregon)
Kane County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Port of Vancouver, WA
Kendall County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Montgomery County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Kentuckians for Better Transportation	Red River Valley
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce	Association
Kentucky Corn Growers	Rock Island County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Kingdom of Callaway (Mo.) Chamber of Commerce	Rosedale-Bolivar County (Miss.) Port
Knox County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Commission
LaSalle County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Sangamon County (Ill.) Farm
Lee County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Bureau
Little Rock Port Authority	Shelby County (Ill.) Farm
Louisiana Assn. of Waterway Operators &	Bureau
Shipyards	Show-Me-State Black Ducks Chapter, Ducks
Macon County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Unlimited
Marshall-Putnam (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Southern Illinois Builders
Mason County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Association
McLean County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Southern Illinois Construction Advancement
McDonough County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Program
Menard County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Stark County Farm (Ill.)
Mercer County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Bureau
MidCentral Illinois Regional Council of Carpenters	Stephenson County (Ill.) Farm
Migratory Waterfowl Hunters, Inc.	Bureau
Minnesota Chapter of ASFMRA	Tennessee Cumberland Waterways Council
Minnesota Corn Growers Association	Tennessee River Valley Assn.
Minnesota Grain and Feed Association	Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Develop. Auth.
Mississippi Water Resources Association	Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Develop. Council
Missouri Corn Growers Association	Texas Agri Women
Missouri Levee & Drainage District Association	Texas Waterways Operators Association
Mo-Ark Association	Tri Rivers Waterway Development Assoc.
Ogle County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Tri-State Development Summit
Ohio Corn Growers Association	Tulsa Port of Catoosa
Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA)	Twin Parish Port Comm.
Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce	Upper Mississippi Waterway Association
Peoria County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Upper Mississippi, Illinois & Missouri Rivers Assn.
Perry County (Ill.) Farm Bureau	Warrior-Tombigbee Waterway Association
Pike and Scott County (Ill.) Farm Bureaus	Washington County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 562 (St. Louis)	Waterways Association of Pittsburgh
Port of Cincinnati, LLC	Whiteside County (Ill.) Farm Bureau
Port of Delcambre, LA	Will County (Ill.) Farm Bureau

Companies

Advantus Strategies, LLC	Holcim (US) Inc.
AEP River Operations	Ingram Barge Company
Ag-Land FS, Inc.	Inland Marine Service
Agriservices Of Brunswick, LLC	The Integra Group, Inc.
Alter Barge Line, Inc.	J.A.M. Marine Services, LLC
Alpha Natural Resources	Kirby Corporation
American Commercial Lines	K-Sea Transportation Partners LP
American Inland Ports, LLC	Lafayette Workboat Rentals, LLC
American River Transportation Company	LeBeouf Bros. Towing, LLC

Amherst Madison, Inc.
Artco Fleeting Service
B&G Towing LLC/Acme Marine LLC
Bayou Fleet Inc.
Bludworth Marine LLC
Blue Danube Incorporated
Bob Brackmann Farms
Brennan Marine, Inc
Brunswick River Terminal, Inc.
Buffalo Marine Service, Inc.
Bunge North America
C&C Marina Maintenance Company
Campbell Transportation Company
Canal Barge Company, Inc.
Cargill, Inc.
CF Industries Holdings, Inc.
CGB Enterprises, Inc.
Channel Shipyard Companies
CHS Inc.
Cincinnati Bulk Terminals, LLC
CITGO Petroleum Corporation
Clarkson Grain Company Inc.
Colusa Elevator
CONSOL Energy
Cooper T Smith
Crouse Corporation
Deloach Marine
E.ON U.S.
Farm Credit Services of Illinois
FirstEnergy Solutions
Grain Processing Corporation
GROWMARK
Hartsburg Grain Company
Hodel Farms Inc.
Hines Furlong Line, Inc.

Magnolia Marine Transport Co.
Marathon Petroleum Company LLC
MARMAC, LLC d/b/a McDonough Marine
Marquette Transportation Company, LLC
Martin Marine
McNational Inc.
Mulzer Crushed Stone
Natures Way Marine, LLC
New Orleans Shipyard
Northern Partners Cooperative
Nucor Steel Tuscaloosa, Inc.
Osterholt Farms
Parker Towing Company
PowerSouth Energy Cooperative
Rentech Energy Midwest
Sause Bros., Inc.
Servco FS Cooperative
Smurfit Stone Container Corporation
T & T Marine Salvage, Inc.
Thomson, Rhodes & Cowie P.C.
Tidewater Barge Lines, Inc.
TPG Marine Enterprises, LLC
TradeWinds Towing LLC
Trinity Marine Products, Inc.
Twomey Company
Turn Services, LLC
United Ocean Services
Upper River Services LLC
Valero Energy
Volunteer Barge & Transport Inc.
Vulcan Materials Company
The Waterways Journal, Inc.
Yager Materials, LLC

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