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MISSISSIPPI RIVER CITIES & TOWNS INITIATIVE

2013 POLICY PLATFORM

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Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative

Capitol Meeting

2013 Policy Platform



- Enact an environmentally sound and financially sustainable Water Resources Development Act that includes a Mississippi River Environmental Restoration, Protection and Sustainability Program
- Foster the continued growth and increased effectiveness of the newly-formed bipartisan Congressional Mississippi River Caucus
- Focus Federal resources where they can advance the most improvement in the Mississippi River's water quality
- Pass a comprehensive Farm Bill that allows cities to participate in and receive funding from the Conservation Stewardship Program, establishes a national sodsaver program, and reestablishes the historic link between conservation compliance and crop insurance premium subsidies
- Establish a National Drought Council that works with stakeholders to create a drought policy action plan and comprehensive national drought preparedness legislation
- Establish a multi-agency Federal initiative to develop and implement a coordinated strategy that aids local governments as they address aquatic invasive species in the Mississippi River Basin
- Preserve the Pre-Disaster Mitigation program for hazard planning and project implementation, and fund that program during Fiscal Year 2014 at a level of \$100 million