HOW?

- DIRECT FEDERAL AFFAIRS OUTREACH
- MEDIA & PUBLIC EDUCATION
- GRASSROOTS ACTIVISM

IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY AND RELIABILITY OF INLAND WATERWAYS TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

WATERWAYS COUNCIL, INC. (WCI)

WCI is the national organization focused on the operation and maintenance, rehabilitation, and modernization of our inland waterways' locks and dams.

OUR COALITION

WCI is a broad-based coalition of shippers and inland carriers, waterways service providers, contractors, ports, manufacturers, energy providers, agriculture and agribusiness interests, organized labor, conservation organizations, and other advocacy groups.

For more than a decade, WCI continues to provide tremendous value to its members who rely on the infrastructure that supports a strong and vibrant inland waterways transportation system.

DEMONSTRATING LEADERSHIP, ACHIEVING OUTCOMES

WCI is the respected voice to Congress & the Administration. From Congressional hearings to one-on-one meetings, WCI is a valued resource on public policy.

- **Increasing appropriations for lock and dam modernization.** WCI leads the charge to increase federal investment in construction funding, delivering $1.3 billion in Inland Waterways Trust Fund (IWTF)-financed projects since 2001;
- **Preserving the Inland Waterways Trust Fund by highlighting the multiple stakeholders benefiting from the completion of Olmsted dam.** The IWTF was never designed to be a blank check. Shifting the 50%-50% cost to 85% federal-15% diesel fuel revenues will allow approximately $546 million for other priority projects;
  - Prioritizing the $8 billion portfolio of lock rehabilitation and modernization. WCI members reached out to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to deliver a 20-year capital development plan;
  - Immediate goals: completing Olmsted’s dam while finishing Chickamauga, Lower Mon 2,3,4 and Kentucky projects; modernizing the Upper Mississippi & Illinois Rivers through the Navigation-Ecosystem Sustainability Program (NESP); maximizing efficiency on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW);
- **Achieving a 9-cent per gallon increase into diesel fuel revenues.** WCI members unanimously and voluntarily agreed to a 45% increase to the per-gallon diesel fuel user fee, leveraging an additional $1.45 million per year available for lock construction;
- **Authorizing legislation.** WCI led the advocacy effort for the 2014 and WRDA 2016 Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA), providing Congress a blueprint for completing the backlog of rehabilitations and new construction;
- **Stopping lockage tolls or other taxes.** WCI continues to prevent proposals that would negatively impact barge transportation;
- **Achieving funding.** WCI urged Congress to appropriate nearly $450 million in 100% federal stimulus funding for lock and dam construction – unrequested by the Administration – in the 2009 American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.

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Increasing the Annual Funding for Inland Waterways Trust Fund Projects
PARTNERING

- WCI successfully urged the Corps of Engineers to develop a 20-year capital development plan, the Inland Marine Transportation System Capital Projects Business Model of April 2010, which has become law;
- WCI members infused industry perspectives into the WRRDA 2014-authorized update to the capital development plan;
- WCI provides outreach to state legislators, governors and mayors;
- WCI is an important partner in Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF) initiatives such as dredging and continues to engage Congress toward full annual appropriations of the $1.6 billion deposited annually into the HMTF;
- WCI searches for collaborative opportunities with conservation organizations;
- WCI is active in other entities important to the inland waterways, including the National Waterways Foundation, which commissions research on the importance of the inland waterway system, and the Inland Waterways Users Board (IWUB), an advisory board to Congress and the Administration;

YOUR VOICE ON LOCKS & DAMS

- WCI is the go-to source for regional, national and international media. WCI is widely recognized as a respected voice of industries impacted by the waterways;
- Comprehensive media & public education campaigns
  - Award-winning brochures and publications illustrate the importance of our waterways system. Easy downloads available at www.waterwayscouncil.org;
  - WCI’s TV commercial brings the waterways to the airwaves! View it at www.waterwayscouncil.org. A longer 3-minute YouTube video is also available;
  - Outreach to editorial boards at publications across the United States;
  - Supporting RiverWorks Discovery, Living Lands & Waters, and other efforts highlighting the importance of our rivers and waterways;

MEMBERSHIP CONNECTIVITY

WCI provides multiple opportunities for members to stay connected and to network:
- Bi-weekly Roundtable Discussion conference calls address the latest legislative developments, WCI staff activity, and timely topics of interest to members
- Our Capitol Current newsletter provides comprehensive information from a national and regional perspective, including the Member Spotlight and Conservation Column features
- Bi-weekly E-brief emails to keep members informed
- www.waterwayscouncil.org provides a wealth of statistics and easy access to legislators through our Action Center
- Join us November 14-16, 2018 at Chicago’s Sofitel Hotel-Magnificent Mile for the Waterways Symposium. WCI’s Washington Meetings and legislative fly-in occurs each spring.
- More info: Text LOCKS to 52886

Rapid Response to Crises

WCI’s assertive outreach kept the news media and WCI members focused on the critical impacts of the closure of the Ohio River at Locks 52-53 in autumn of 2017.
- Quick response to time-sensitive issues. WCI’s work focused national media (and Congressional and White House) attention on the aging lock and dam infrastructure and importance of Olmsted’s completion;
- Stream-lined communication helped to inform our members, and others in industry, of developments related to this and other closures;
- WCI’s active communications outreach underscores that our inland waterways are critical to shippers, American farmers, jobs, exports, traffic congestion relief, the environment, and energy efficiency.

Help Support the Powerful Coalition Unified to Create More Efficient River Transportation

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