WHO is Waterways Council?
A Powerful Coalition Advocating for River Transportation Infrastructure

Transportation: America’s inland river barges move 578 million tons* of cargo annually, valued at $220 billion. It’s the least expensive, most energy-efficient, safest, environmentally-friendly mode of transporting commodities that Americans use every day - but it’s reliant on outdated lock & dam infrastructure. *2017, USACE

78% of locks will exceed their design life by 2020

Manufacturing: Transporting America’s commodities on the final legs of early 20th century infrastructure. River transportation can answer intermodal challenges – but market opportunities need modernized and maintained lock & dam infrastructure.

The national public policy organization advocating for the operation and maintenance, rehabilitation, and modernization of our inland waterways lock & dam infrastructure – that’s Waterways Council, Inc.

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Advocating for Locks and Dams

**Agriculture Producers:** More than 60% of America’s agriculture exports travel our inland rivers. Barges provide lowest-cost transportation, so locks & dams are critical in ensuring America’s harvest is competitive in the global market.

**Construction Trades:** WCI works to create hundreds of millions of work hours in lock construction, rehabilitation and maintenance. Family-wage jobs for America’s carpenters, millrights, piledrivers, operating engineers, cement masons, plumbers and pipefitters, electricians, laborers, divers, iron workers and other skilled trades will rebuild our lock & dam infrastructure.

**Energy Providers:** Keeping the lights on requires reliability from locks & dams to move America’s energy resources by water. Adequately maintained and modernized locks will help ensure America’s energy independence.

**Conservation & Recreation:** WCI partners with conservation and recreation groups on finding solutions through sound policies for our multi-use river system. We work to ensure efficient and reliable infrastructure while keeping our river ecosystems healthy.