



Upper Mississippi River System Flood Risk and Sediment Management Summit

July 26-27, 2017
Dubuque, Iowa

The Upper Mississippi River Basin Association (UMRBA) invites you to attend a summit focused on how we collectively might improve flood risk and channel maintenance management of the Upper Mississippi River System (Upper Mississippi).

Registration and Survey Information Is Provided Below

Summit Purpose and Objectives

The Upper Mississippi, with its large geographic scale and global significance, supports tremendous economic and ecological activity and productivity but also faces extraordinary challenges. Substantial changes in land use throughout the Upper Mississippi watershed compounded with increasing frequencies and severity of rainfall events are affecting the economic resilience of local river communities and the safety and reliability of commercial navigation. The social, economic, and environmental consequences of flood response, recovery, and mitigation decisions can be profound. So, too, are the consequences of frequent and often times emergency closures of the navigation system that disrupt global trading routes and affect the Midwest economy.

The complex nature of river systems and the wide array of human uses require thoughtful and inclusive dialogue among the diverse suite of stakeholder representatives throughout the region. Therefore, the states, through UMRBA, would like to work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to facilitate an open and transparent planning effort involving all stakeholders to better understand how current and future surface water and sediment from watershed tributaries influence the system and affect management. This understanding will help to identify effective and sustainable solutions to reduce flood risk and improve channel maintenance management.

As a first step, UMRBA is inviting people who work and live within the Upper Mississippi floodplain to participate in a regional discussion on July 26-27, 2017 in Dubuque, Iowa. Objectives for this UMRS Flood Risk and Sediment Management Summit are to:

- > Inform the scope of a UMRS watershed study focused on developing comprehensive, long term, systemic strategies for flood risk and channel maintenance management on the Upper Mississippi
- > Reach a common understanding of the availability and utility of existing information
- > Develop and strengthen regional collaboration among those who work and live in the Upper Mississippi floodplain

Registration Information

By July 14, 2017, please register to attend the summit using the Google Form ([linked here](#)). If you are unable to use the Google Form, we ask that you contact Margie Daniels at mdaniels@umrba.org or 651-224-2880 to register. We will then include you on our distribution list for summit-related information, including details about the meeting location and lodging. While there is no registration fee, we will need to know if you are planning to attend. Tentative times are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both July 26 and 27, 2017.

Stakeholder Survey (We want your input!)

By July 14, 2017, please complete the following survey ([linked here](#)) so that we can capture your perspectives related to flood risk and sediment management on the Upper Mississippi. (*Helpful tips below.*) Survey results will be used to focus the July summit's discussion and to inform the purpose, objectives, and scope for the watershed study. **Please complete the survey regardless of whether you are able to attend the workshop.**

***Helpful survey tips:** Each user can answer the survey questions only once – i.e., individuals cannot take the survey multiple times. However, users are able to revisit the survey at any time. This allows users to review and take time to prepare answers. Users are able to change any “clickable answers” immediately or at a later date – e.g., multiple choice or ranking. Users are not able to revise any open-ended, written answers. A helpful tip may be to write the question in a separate document and submit your answer as you are ready.

For more information about the summit, please contact Kirsten Mickelsen at kmickelsen@umrba.org or 651-224-2880.