Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative:

80 Mayor-Lead Municipalities
5000 km of Waterway
10 States
1 River
Recent Climate Impacts:

Hurricane Katrina
Hurricane Isaac
100, 200, 500-Year Floods
50-year Drought

$200 billion in impacts since 2005
$51 billion in impacts since 2011
$10+ billion in impacts in 2016
The Mississippi River:

- Largest Agricultural Trade footprint
- Largest Navigable system
- Sustains most agriculturally productive zone
- 40% of all US agricultural output
- 60% of US grain output
- Makes possible United States’ only trade surplus
Finance Mechanism for Resilience

Over 35% of world’s traditional cropland is in river basins

World’s river basins are being impacted by climate change

Healthy rivers equals a sustainable food supply

Healthy rivers equals access to fresh clean drinking water

Create a dedicated investment mechanism to sustain our food-producing river basins