

REP. RON KIND'S MISSISSIPPI RIVER ACTION PLAN



Protecting Our River for Future Generations

The Mississippi River contributes to Wisconsin's economy, to the health of our natural environment, and to our quality of life. As a founder and co-chair of the Upper Mississippi River Basin Task Force and the co-chair of the Congressional Mississippi River Caucus, Rep. Kind has made the protecting the Mississippi River a hallmark of his work in Congress.

Repairing the River's Aging Locks and Dams

- It is more important than ever that we all work together to bring the river's infrastructure into the 21st century. Rep. Kind has consistently voted in support of legislation that would fund more repair projects on the Mississippi.
- Rep. Kind has fought to ensure water resources legislation included policy priorities for the Upper Mississippi River, including maintenance and upgrades to our locks and dams for commercial transportation, which creates jobs here at home and strengthens Wisconsin's economy.

Protecting the Mississippi by Promoting a Strong Conservation Title in the Farm Bill

- Rep. Kind has been a leader in support of the conservation title in the Farm Bill. As work continues on the 2018 Farm Bill, Ron will once again fight for increased funding and strong conservations measures.
- Additionally, Rep. Kind's Agriculture Environmental Stewardship Act would give farmers a tax incentive to invest in technologies which will help prevent harmful nutrients from making their way into the river system.
- Rep. Kind will continue to work to improve Water Quality by creating new methods to reduce the number of harmful substances entering our waterways.

Restoring the River Through the Upper Mississippi River Restoration Program

- Rep. Kind has long supported and pushed for greater investment in the Upper Mississippi River Restoration (UMRR) program, which last year celebrated its 30th Anniversary. We must continue to invest in this program.

Creating Jobs by Supporting Recreation, Tourism, and Navigation

- According to a recent U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service analysis, the Upper Mississippi River has a \$580 billion economic impact on the local economy.
- Rep. Kind introduced bipartisan legislation to preserve the natural habitat of migratory birds, which bring thousands of tourists to the region each year.