



Climate Change and its Impacts on the Upper Mississippi River
LWV Upper Mississippi River Region Annual Meeting - June 1, 2019

Climate Change and its Impacts on the Upper Mississippi River: How LWVs can bring about change through education, advocacy and action

Agenda

9:30 – Gather at Schaar’s Bluff: morning refreshments and socializing

10:00 – **Business meeting**

- Qualification of delegates, quorum, adoption of agenda
- Action report
- Treasurer report and budget
- Election of officers
- Bylaw revision

11:15 – Adjourn business meeting, get lunch and eat while we talk to:

11:30 – **Representative Angie Craig, Minnesota Congressional District 2**, on the Local Water Protection Act – this bill has passed the US House but does not have a companion in the Senate.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1331>



If you have not registered as a delegate or guest for the business meeting, you are welcome to come to talk with Representative Craig! (But if you want to have lunch with us we’ll ask for a \$20 payment to support our mission and cover food costs. Thank you for understanding!)



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Noon: Break and set up for afternoon session

12:30 – **Climate change discussion** Questions and answer for each speaker will take place immediately following their presentation

John Linc Stine, Executive Director of the Freshwater Society

Mr. Stine is the former Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and has represented the state on the Great Lakes Commission and the International Joint Commission on the Red River of the North. He will help us integrate what we see and know about climate change in the upper Midwest with what is happening to the Mississippi. What are the water quality challenges the river will face? What are the effects of increased erosion? How are cities up and down the river adapting to these challenges?



Matt Gladue, Program Director, Our Mississippi Our Future, the Nature Conservancy

The Our Mississippi Our Future project’s ambitious goal is to protect and restore thousands of acres of land in the Upper Mississippi watershed in Minnesota to prevent degradation. Their 2019 report, “[Mississippi Headwaters: The Business Case for Conservation](#)” lays out the potential costs and benefits of this action. Climate change is a factor here – and the work they are embarking on will help by providing additional carbon storage and wetlands for flood prevention.



Caryl Terrell, LWV Dane County and LWV US Climate Change Task Force

How can LWV’s effectively advocate for change? – the work of LWV US in Climate Change will be showcased here, and participants will leave with tools to lead stronger climate change adaptations in their home communities. This discussion will be led by Caryl Terrell of LWV Dane County (WI), a member of the initial LWV US Climate Change Task Force from 2006 to 2008. Read about the LWV US Tool Kit [at this link](#).



3:30 - Adjourn