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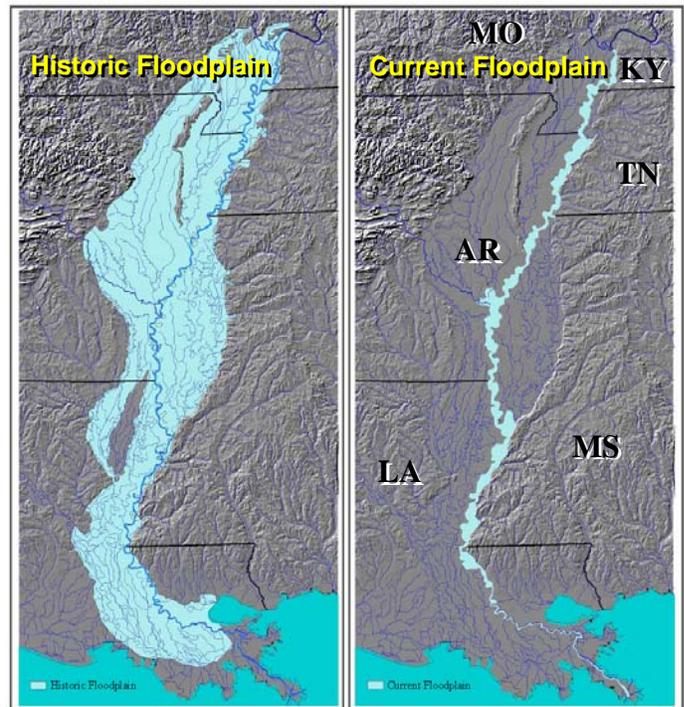
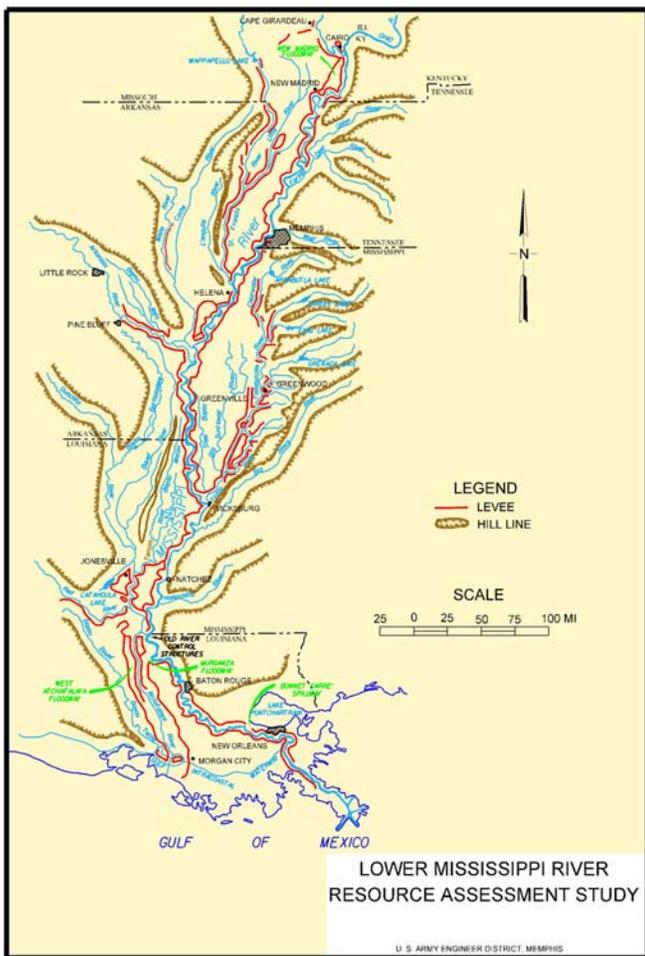


LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER RESOURCE ASSESSMENT, AR, IL, KY, LA, MS, MO, TN FACT SHEETS AND MAPS



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Study Name: Lower Mississippi River Resource Assessment (LMRRA), AR, IL, KY, LA, MS, MO, TN

Authority: Water Resources Development Act of 2000, Sec. 402

Location and Description: The study area covers portions of 7 states and 235 counties and parishes. It is made up of river reaches and adjacent floodplains within the Lower Mississippi River alluvial valley (LMRAV) having commercial navigation channels on the Mississippi mainstem and tributaries south of Cairo, Illinois, and the Atchafalaya basin floodway system. The active floodplain encompasses approximately 1.8 million acres; including 1,600 lakes and 145 river side-channels. The LMRAV supports 241 species of fish, 50 species of mammals, 45 species of reptiles and amphibians and 37 species of mussels. Scientists estimate that nearly 40% of North America's waterfowl and 60% of all bird species migrate through the river valley. This study will provide the opportunity to engage competing interests in the Lower Mississippi River valley and to conduct collaborative planning. The local sponsor for the study is the Lower Mississippi River Conservation Committee.

Status: \$246,000 was allocated in 2008 and are being used to initiate a reconnaissance study. The reconnaissance study can be completed in two years, pending availability of funds. The estimated cost for the reconnaissance study is \$500,000 and is 100 percent Federal cost.

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1. Data Gaps



2. Natural Resource Habitat Needs



3. River-related Recreation Access Needs



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