

Waterways Freight Diversification and Economic Development Initiative



The Waterways Freight Diversification and Economic Development Initiative, directed by the Appropriations Act of 2024, aims to revitalize communities along the Ohio, Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers Corridor (Three Rivers Corridor) by promoting economic development and freight diversification. This effort seeks to leverage the region's waterways to boost freight transportation, create good-paying jobs and stimulate local economies.

The Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization (Energy Communities IWG) is tasked with convening relevant stakeholders in communities along the waterways. This collaborative approach aims to address these communities' unique challenges and unlock their economic potential through targeted support and strategic investments.

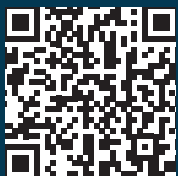


U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pittsburgh District Project on the Ohio River. (Michel Sauret)



Project Goals

- Support transitioning communities along the Three Rivers Corridor by encouraging new investments in diverse industries.
- Promote the use of the waterways for freight transportation to boost economic growth and reduce environmental impact.
- Leverage funds from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act to enhance infrastructure, reduce carbon emissions and create good-paying jobs.



How You Can Get Involved

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