### Mississippi River Parkway Commission

**Exclusive Sponsorship Benefits** 

## What are the MPRC and the Great River Road?

- Mississippi River Region
  - 2,500-mile-long region in the heart of America
  - More than 150 cities, towns and villages
  - Tourism and recreation generate tens of billions of dollars and support more than 650,000 jobs in 10-state region
  - Mississippi River Region is a strong market and partnering with the MRPC is key to reaching that market





## What are the MPRC and the Great River Road?

- Mississippi River Parkway Commission (MRPC)
  - Established in 1938
  - Mission to preserve, promote and enhance the Great River Road National Scenic Byway
  - Oldest 10-state Mississippi River organization
  - Four committees, each of which oversees a particular area of interest
    - Transportation
    - Marketing
    - Culture & Heritage
    - ERA (Environment, Recreation & Agriculture)

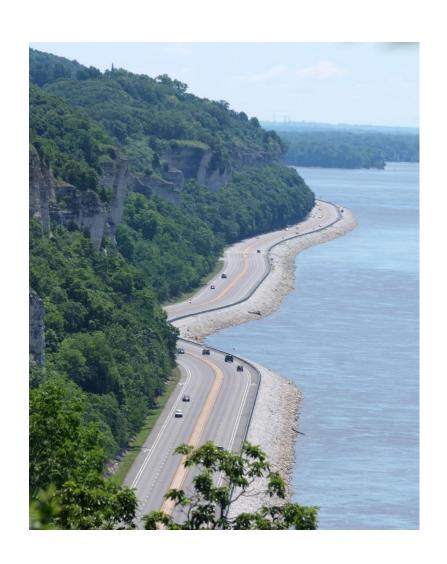






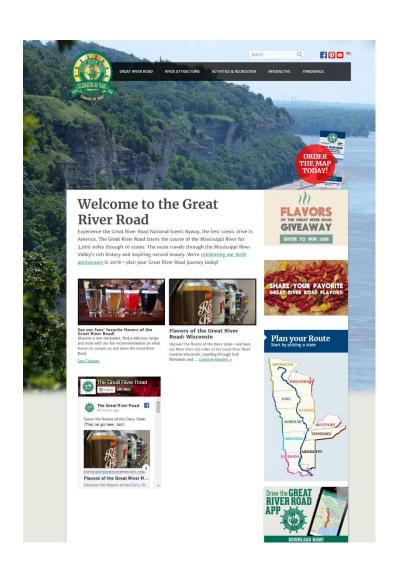
## What are the MPRC and the Great River Road?

- The Great River Road
  - National Scenic Byway beside the Mississippi River for 3,000 miles from the headwaters in northern Minnesota to Gulf of Mexico
  - Home to charming river towns and big cities
  - More than 80 Interpretive Centers share the stories, history, culture and heritage of their regions

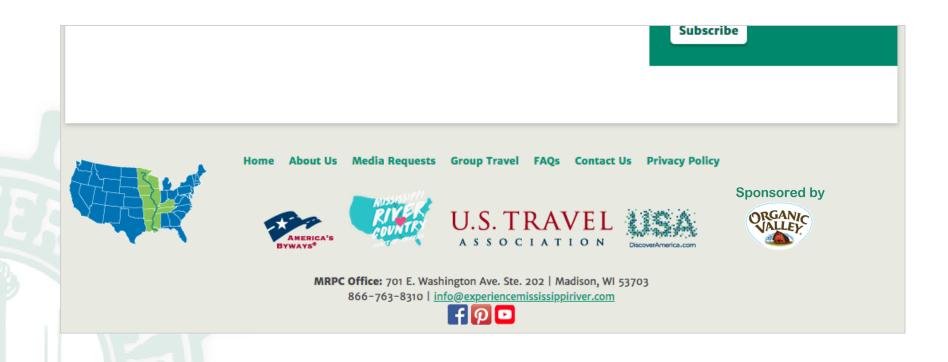


#### Robust, Diverse Online Traffic

- Estimated 350,000 total pageviews in 2018
- High average session duration—over 2 minutes
- Major market representation: Chicago, Twin Cities, St. Louis, New York, Dallas-Ft. Worth and Los Angeles
- 50/50 gender representation
- Generationally diverse visitor demographics
- 50% mobile usage



#### Website Sponsorship Presence



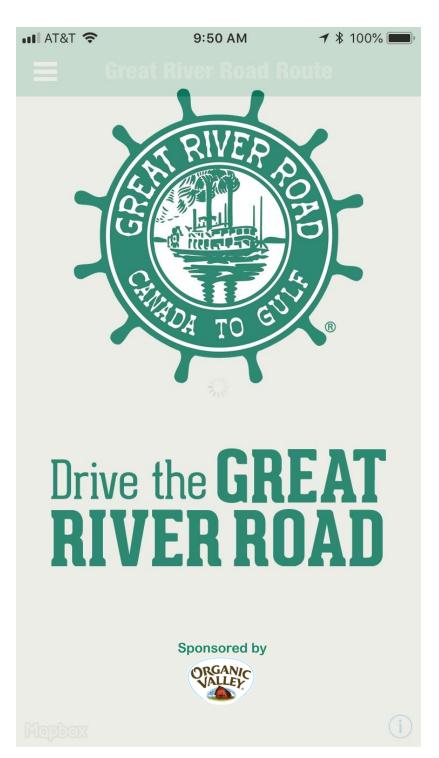
#### Interactive Mobile Application

- Over 14,500 downloads
- Robust growth with an increase of 134% in downloads since most recent app update
- Available on all platforms (Android, iOS)
- Additional asset capacity, including businesses, recreational trails and "push" notifications for nearby attractions



#### App Welcome Screen





#### Quarterly E-newsletters

- Cultivated 20,000+ member mailing list
- Average open rate of 25% (industry average: 17.3%)
- Average click rate of 4% (industry average: 2.3%)
- Additional funding could increase blast frequency



#### Win \$500 for your next Great River Road trip!

September is <u>Drive the Great River Road Month</u>, and there's no better time to explore America's oldest and longest National Scenic Byway. Spectacular fall colors, fun events, unique attractions—you'll find it all on the <u>Great River Road</u>.

Now, we're giving you a chance to win some cold hard cash to spend on your next Great River Road trip! Enter the Drive the Great River Road Month Sweepstakes before September 30, and you could win \$500 to spend exploring charming river towns, engaging museums and more.

Enter now and start your Great River Road adventure today!

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### E-newsletter Sponsor Mention









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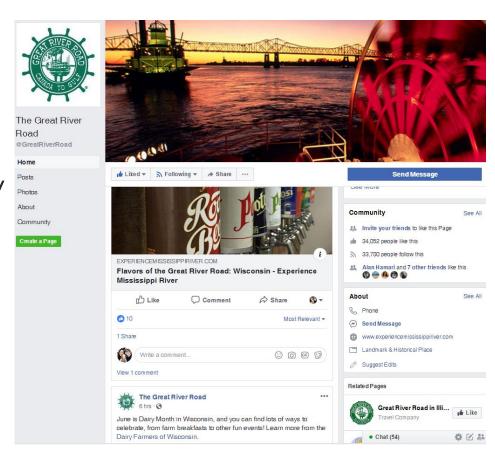
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#### Engaged Social Media Presence

- Over 34,000 Facebook fans
- Engaged fanbase with top posts reaching 10,000+ users organically
- 64% female engagement
- Ability to segment advertising and increase reach within major demographic markets



#### Featured Sponsor Facebook Post



The Great River Road is proud to recognize Organic Valley as a travel sponsor. Organic Valley is committed to locally grown, organic food, and their products--from milk to cheese and everything in between--can be found at stores up and down the Great River Road.

www.organicvalley.coop/store-locator/





# Popular 10-state Map Featured in New York Times & Other Media

- Current distribution: 125,000 maps in 10-state region
- Users voluntarily send donations
- 10-state network distribution
- Larger budget would allow MRPC to meet high demands for maps from Interpretive Centers



### Map Cover Sponsor Mockup



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# 10-State Strategic Network of Interpretive Center representation

- Network of 80+ centers hosts hundreds of thousands of visitors annually
- Map distribution
- Positioning on key signage and/or kiosks
- Diverse audience reach
- Niche, market appeal
- Together, Interpretive
   Centers are a distribution
   network that spans the
   Mississippi River Valley and
   includes small towns and
   large metro areas



#### Interpretive Center Sponsorship Signage



#### Two Annual MRPC meetings

- Minimum two meetings per year; spring and fall
- Conferences attended by regional and national experts in tourism, transportation, economic development
- Broad-based river exposure in one meeting







#### Sponsorship at MRPC Meetings

 Opportunity for sponsored feature presentation, branded material distribution in packets and onsite signage at annual meetings



### Exclusive three-year sponsorship benefits: \$150,000

- Website logo and link/page
- Welcome screen on mobile application
- Logo and link on quarterly enewsletters - 20,000 subscribers
- Branded content through social media channels
- Cover banner on 10-state map
- Branded content, including signage, at 80+ Interpretive
   Centers in all 10 states

**VALUED AT \$6,000,000**(\$12/1,000 IMPRESSIONS)