



Mississippi River Parkway Commission Semi-Annual Meeting

Quincy, IL | April 11-13, 2018

Working Together to Celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Great River Road

Make plans to attend the 2018 MRPC Semi-Annual Meeting, in Quincy, IL, from April 11-13. This is a great time to meet in Illinois, as the state is celebrating its bicentennial. Illinois is considered the Big Water State/Freshwater Capital of America. The Mississippi River runs 593 miles along the Illinois border, and Illinois is home to some of the Mississippi's important tributaries, including the Rock, Ohio, Illinois, and Kaskaskia rivers.

Quincy's history is intertwined with the Mississippi River, and it welcomes travelers with 100 restaurants, 30 parks, 10 museums and 4 National Register Historic Districts. More information is available at seequincy.com. Help advance the mission of the Great River Road in its 80th year by registering today!

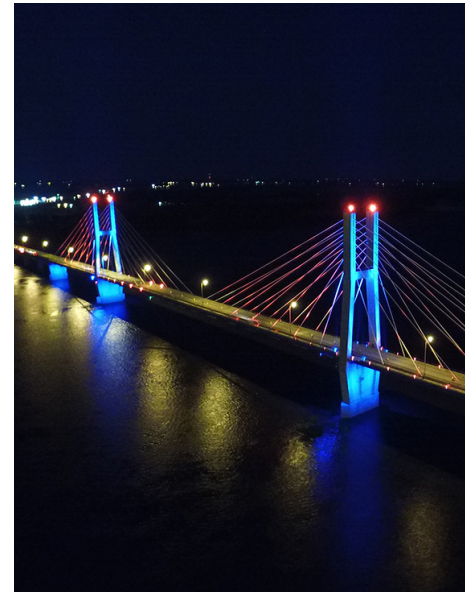
Working Agenda *(Subject to change.)*

Wednesday, April 11

- 4:00-6:00pm **Board of Directors Meeting**
- 4:00-6:00pm **Registration**
- 6:00-8:00pm **Welcome Reception at Villa Kathrine**
Hosted by Great Rivers Country

Thursday, April 12

- 7:00am-4:00pm **Registration**
- 8:00-8:30am **New Member Orientation**
- 8:00-8:30am **Committee Chairs Meeting**
- 8:45am-11:45am **General Session**
We'll spend the morning in a working session discussing topics specific to the development of our 10-state Corridor Management Plan, one of our organizational goals. This discussion will engage all committees and provide a lead into afternoon technical committee breakout sessions.



Registration

Register at
mrpcmembers.com/meeting

Delegates (all sessions & meals included):
\$150 - Early Bird - by March 30
\$175 - After March 30

Spouses/Guest of Delegate:
\$100 - Early Bird - by March 30
\$125 - After March 30

Interpretive Center personnel:
\$100 - Early Bird - by March 30
\$125 - After March 30

**Remember: register by
March 30 to save.**

Getting to Quincy

- Quincy is 2 hours north of St. Louis, 1.5 hours west of Springfield and three hours southeast of Des Moines.
- The Quincy Regional Airport has two flights daily to Chicago/O'Hare.
- Quincy is served by Amtrak train service.



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12:00-1:15pm

Lunch & Learn

(About state activities along the Great River Road)

1:30-3:45pm

Technical Committee Breakout Sessions

(Marketing, Transportation, Culture & Heritage, and Environment, Recreation & Agriculture)

4:30-6:30pm

Historical Homes Tour and Social

Enjoy a local beverage and tour of two historic private homes in Quincy.

6:45-8:00pm

Dinner at The Patio Restaurant

Friday, April 13

8:00-9:00am

Roundtable discussion on multi-state bicycling events

9:00am-11:00am

Quincy Off the Record Tour

Be educated and entertained as you hear about Quincy's (Off the Record) Famous & Infamous 13. You won't want to miss this spine-tingling tour, an example of how Quincy markets its history and assets to bring visitors to the area.

11:30am-12:30pm

Lunch & Learn

(About state activities along the Great River Road)

12:45pm-4:00pm

General Session

During our afternoon session, we'll connect with partnering organizations, hearing about updates on projects and promotions happening along the Mississippi River, such as Swarovski Waterschool, Great Rivers Country, The National Great Rivers Research & Education Center, Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative, Mississippi River Connections Collaborative, Upper Mississippi River Basin Association and Northeast-Midwest Institute.

We'll close our conference with a recap on committee activity and continued promotions of the 80th year of the Great River Road.



Villa Kathrine

A beautiful Mediterranean-style architecture graces the bluffs above the Mississippi at Quincy. Built as a home in 1900, the building now houses the Tourist Information Center for Quincy and is a member of our Great River Road Network of Interpretive centers.

Hotel Reservations

Quality Inn & Suites of Quincy

201 S. Third Street
Quincy, IL, 62301

A special room rate is available now at the conference hotel, the Quality Inn & Suites.

To reserve a room, call 217-222-2666. Rooms are \$79 per night—ask for the **MRPC room block** rate. Make your reservations today!

Day Trips

As you travel to Quincy, consider a side trip to Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Great River Road Interpretive Center (2 1/2 hours southeast of Quincy, near St. Louis), or other Illinois Great River Road Interpretive Centers.