

# **Environment, Recreation and Agriculture Committee(ERA) of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission(MRPC)**

**BY**

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The ERA Committee is planning to work on the following items in CY 2021. Some of the items may and will continue for future years also.

1. As a direct response to CMP, the ERA Committee is planning to contact personally the technical personnel from all ten (10) States, specifically those working for the DNR and DOT to obtain information on:
  - Way showing and Intrinsic resources of the river (preferably in electronic format) extending one County level along the river,
  - This work can only be accomplished with the direct and hands on support from the State Chairs.
2. We will provide information about the Land and Water Conservation Fund and identify opportunities for utilizing these grant funds to meet objectives in the CMP. Provide letters of support when asked.
3. We will engage with the MS River Legislators and other elected officials in efforts to improve access to the MS River and at the same time identifying Environmental, Recreational, and Agricultural resources of the river.
4. We will publicize and request for Nominations (State Chairs please) for the Stewardship Award for 2021.
5. The ERA Committee requesting only \$500 for possible travel support for the Stewardship Award recipient, if needed.