



**LWV Upper Mississippi River Region InterLeague Organization**

**58 Local Leagues & 4 State Leagues: Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois**



Water can be best dealt with as a region, because water crosses political boundaries. Water from south Washington County flows directly to our Mississippi River and indirectly to it from our St. Croix River.

The UMRR ILO is made up of 58 local Leagues and 4 state Leagues in the Upper Mississippi River Region watershed.

This region starts from the Headwaters in Itasca State Park, Minnesota, and goes to Cairo, Illinois, where the Ohio River enters our Mighty Mississippi River.



## What Does UMRR Do?

### Primary education and advocacy focus:

Mississippi River pollution and solutions

### Plus, water-related issues:

- ◊ Climate Change      ◊ Drinking Water
- ◊ Mining                  ◊ Farm Bill
- ◊ Pipelines                ◊ And more...

The primary focus of UMRR is education and advocacy to reduce pollution from fertilizers and road salt. UMRR also addresses related water topics such as Climate Change, Drinking Water, Mining, the U.S. Farm Bill, Pipelines, and more.

## Upper Mississippi River Region Partners

- ◊ [LWV Woodbury-Cottage Grove Area Advocacy Team](#)
- ◊ [LWV MN Environmental Protection Task Force](#)
- ◊ [Minnesota Environmental Partnership](#)
- ◊ [And Others](#)



The Upper Mississippi River Region InterLeague Organization, has many partners. One is our Woodbury-Cottage Grove Area LWV Advocacy Team. This team works with the state LWV MN and its Environmental Protection Task Force. The LWV MN is a member of the Minnesota Environmental Partnership, which consists of over 100 organizations.

## What Do You Enjoy? Engage as Your Time Allows

- ◊ Listen to UMRR educational programs online; go on future field trips
- ◊ Help write a short UMRR paragraph in our local league newsletter
- ◊ Be our **Alternate Delegate/Delegate** at the UMRR annual meeting
- ◊ Participate in UMRR **Action Committee**
- ◊ Partner with groups: i.e., **MN Water Day/Earth Day at the Capitol**



Here are some of the things you can do just once, in as little as an hour, or become more involved. Not on this list, we have local water issues regarding groundwater conservation and contamination with PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), a group of human-made, forever chemicals including PFOA, PFOS. If you have time as well as interest, we may engage in these issues. Let us know if you have questions and what issues you'd like to be involved in.