

Over 120 multipurpose dams in the Ohio River Basin provide flood control, water supply, hydropower and recreation opportunities.

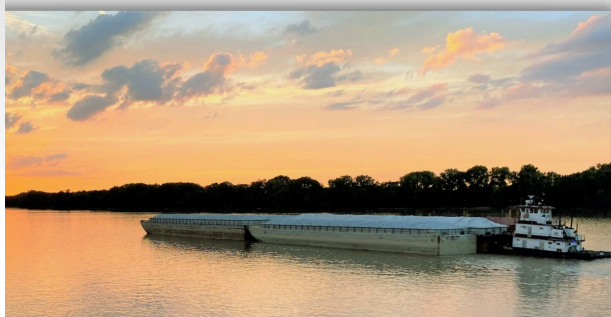
The Ohio River generates more than \$80 billion in consumer spending through world-class nature recreation.

Over 10 million people get drinking water from the Ohio River and its tributaries.

The Ohio River Basin is home to over 30 million people.

The Ohio River annually moves roughly 200 million tons of barge cargo through 140 river terminals.

The Ohio River Basin is renowned for the biodiversity of its 16 ecoregions and is home to over 160 species of fish.



The rivers, streams, and wetlands of the Ohio River Basin provide drinking water, wildlife habitat, flood protection, water-filtration, recreational opportunities, and unequalled scenic beauty. Long-term investments are needed to sustain the natural and economic benefits our communities derive from them.



The 14-state Ohio River Basin includes portions of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.



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# STRATEGIC ACTIONS



## ABOUT US

The Ohio River Basin Alliance (ORBA) is a collaborative of stakeholders striving to sustain healthy ecosystems and vibrant communities, with economies dependent upon world-class river resources within the Ohio River Basin.



ORBA began in 2009 at the Ohio River Basin Summit, co-led by Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission, the US Army Corps of Engineers, and the US Environmental Protection Agency. Today, ORBA includes over 500 members from over 200 organizations including local, state and federal agencies, as well as commissions, industry, academia, and non-profits.

## THE OHIO RIVER BASIN STRATEGIC PLAN

# ORBA GOALS

1

### Abundant Clean Water:

Plentiful, clean sources of water to support the economic, social and environmental functions that depend upon them.

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### Healthy and Productive Ecosystems:

Restored and protected ecosystems that will support natural habitats and thriving wildlife populations.

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### Knowledge & Education to Inform Decisions:

Economic, social, and environmental decisions that are grounded in relevant research and supported by communities.

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### Nation's Most Valuable River Transportation & Commerce Corridor:

Safe, efficient, and dependable commercial navigation.

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### Reliable Flood Risk Management:

Reduced flood risks through well-managed infrastructure and effective conservation of ecosystem services.

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### World-Class Recreation:

A highly integrated, nature-based recreation system that enriches quality of life and drives economic growth in communities.

Secure water-related infrastructure improvements in the Ohio River Basin, including investments in assessment and monitoring programs.

Support a needs analysis of ecosystems in the Ohio River Basin with the scientific and economic justification of ORBA's Ohio River Basin Restoration Plan.

Establish collaborations to identify gaps and priorities in research. Engage the public in education programs that focus on the value of Ohio River Basin resources.

Ensure adequate support of infrastructure projects in the Ohio River Basin, including locks and dams. Attract industries that will use the inland waterways system.

Assess high flood risk areas in the Ohio River Basin and identify priority projects; install adequate monitoring programs (i.e. stream gages) to notify and protect communities.

Connect existing trails, expand access, and identify gaps to integrate a safe, connected outdoor recreation system in the Ohio River Basin.