



Mississippi River Science Forum

The Evolving Role of the U.S. Geological Survey and the Mississippi River

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USGS Science on the Mighty Mississippi



USGS: A Long History on the River

USGS 07010000 Mississippi River at St. Louis, MO

Available data for this site [SUMMARY OF ALL AVAILABLE DATA](#)

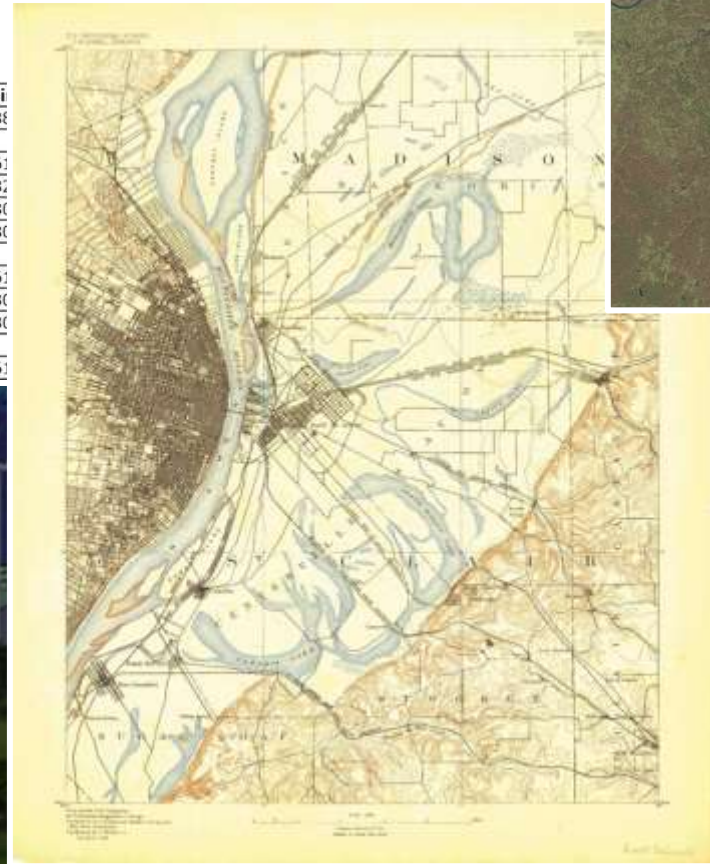
Stream Site

DESCRIPTION:

Latitude 38°37'44.4", Longitude 90°10'47.2" NAD83
 St. Louis City, Missouri, Hydrologic Unit 07140101
 Drainage area: 697,000 square miles
 Datum of gage: 379.58 feet above NAVD88.

AVAILABLE DATA:

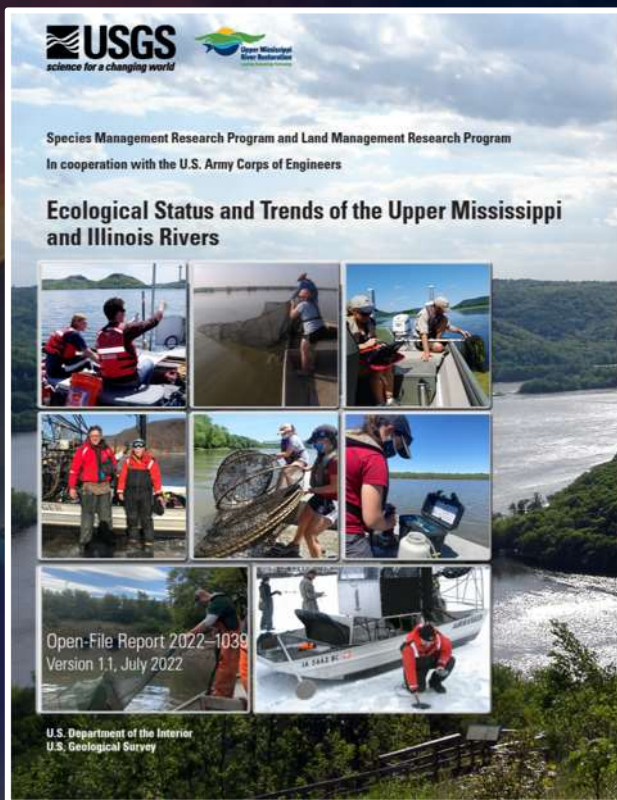
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Current / Historical Observations (availability statement)	1986
Daily Data	
Discharge, cubic feet per second	1862
Gage height, feet	1986
Suspended sediment concentration, milligrams per liter	1986
Suspended sediment discharge, short tons per day	1986
Daily Statistics	
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Monthly Statistics	
Discharge, cubic feet per second	1862



Ecosystem Diversity



Looking Forward: The Future of USGS Science and Partnerships on the Mississippi River

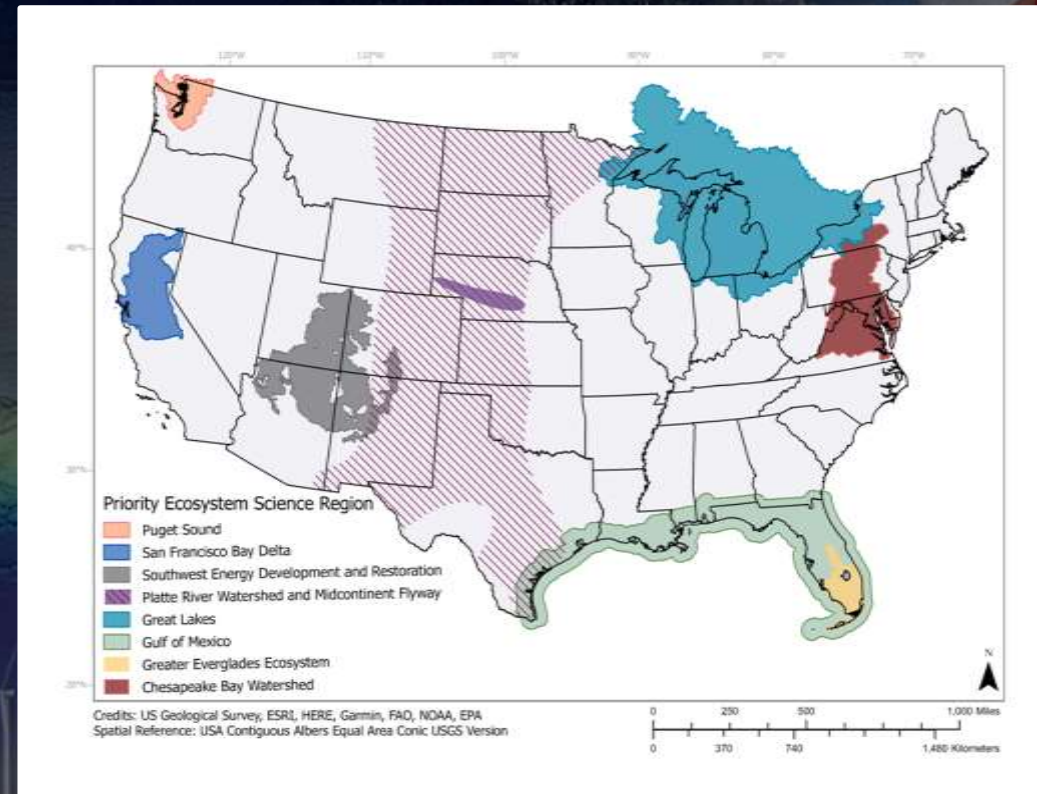


Important Questions We Must Address

What is the current state of the science?

What are the gaps?

What are priority next steps?



Integrated Water System Basin #3: A Study in Partnerships

- In 2020, we chose the Illinois River as the third Integrated Water Science (IWS) basin
- Over 100 partners
- Fill data gaps that State, local, and other federal partners identified



Closing Remarks

- Earth system challenges are far more complex and urgent
- Increased pressures on natural resources
- A broad but coherent view is required





Questions?