



CORN BELT PORTS ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT

SAVE THE DATES 5-7 NOVEMBER 2025

Who are Invited: The Corn Belt Ports are the nation's leaders in modern, sustainable, rural, regional, multi-modal, inland, partnership ports. These events are open to all interested regional and national parties, and we encourage your participation. You can attend one or all three of the events. We will send out additional information soon.

DAY 1 (November 5): Green Marine Highway Initiative. The purpose of the one-day event is to conduct collaboration to attract increased investment for our modern, rural, regional, multi-modal, inland ports, and support them in becoming economic development and decarbonization engines. The goal is to begin implementing a common, shared vision and regional strategy to reduce transportation costs and risks and deliver a cleaner, greener and more sustainable, resilient, and healthier ecosystem for the Illinois River (part of Marine Highway 55) and the Upper Mississippi River (Marine Highway 35). This effort to create port-aligned regional decarbonization engines supports the [Blue Sky Maritime Coalition's "Road Map to Net Zero Emissions."](#)

Location: Meeting and the Green Marine Highway Initiative and Illinois River Cities and Towns Initiative Joint Reception at the Gateway Building, 200 Northeast Water Street, Peoria, IL

DAY 2 (November 6): First Illinois River Cities and Towns Initiative (IRCTI) Annual Meeting. The IRCTI, inspired by the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative and the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative, unites over 15 Mayor led communities along the Illinois River. Our mission is to advocate for the region's economic, infrastructure, and environmental interests at both state and national levels, and get results. Be part of the conversation as mayors lead the way in riverfront development, resilience planning, sustainable growth, and economic revitalization. This conference is a unique opportunity to collaborate, share ideas, and shape solutions that result in action and delivery to improve Illinois Riverfront communities.

Location: Meeting at the Gateway Building, 200 Northeast Water Street, Peoria, IL and the Illinois River Cities and Towns Initiative and Illinois Waterway Ports Commission Joint Reception at the nearby Peoria Riverfront Museum, 222 SW Washington St., Peoria, IL.

DAY 3 (November 7): The Illinois Waterway (ILWW) Ports Commission Annual Meeting. The ILWW Port Commission applies its powers and authorities to support regional port operations and garner regional multi-modal transportation and other investment from a variety of sources (federal, state, nonprofit and industry) for improvement of public and private infrastructure, facilities and operations. The purpose of this event is to bring together regional stakeholders to deliver results.

Location: Peoria Riverfront Museum, 222 SW Washington St., Peoria, IL.

Sponsors: These events and our efforts are possible due to our sponsors. We will provide information soon on how to become a sponsor.