

Dear Mr. Lendermon:

Thank you for your presentation before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting held in Memphis, Tennessee, on March 5, 2002. During your statement you provided a status report of the improvements completed and planned along the Memphis city riverfront and asked the Commission to provide support wherever possible to this initiative in the future.

The Commission continues to be interested in riverfront improvements along the Mississippi River and in preserving our valuable resource. We understand that the Memphis District recently completed a Planning Assistance to States report on the options phase of your master plan and has received your request for assistance in protection of the cobblestone landing along the city's Confederate Park. Under the Section 14 Continuing Authorities Program or the mitigation portion of Section 106 authority, the Memphis District may be able to help stabilize the river edge of the cobblestone landing to help prevent further erosion. The Memphis District will continue to work with you to respond with its resources within Corps authority and funding as the Memphis riverfront is developed.

The Commission appreciates your comments and will be pleased to hear from you at our future public meetings.

Sincerely,

Edwin J. Arnold, Jr.  
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President, Mississippi River  
Commission