Cheap domestic energy sources and reliable commercial transportation systems will promote the return of manufacturing. Big River Steel that opened in northeast Arkansas this spring is an example of a river and a flood-control dependent manufacturer with great impact on the regional economy.

- $1.3 billion investment to produce flat-rolled steel.
- Created 450 direct jobs (10,000 applicants) with an average annual wage of $85,000.
- Indirect job creation with eight (8) companies announcing investments and more than 300 jobs created.
- Also made possible by effective flood control.