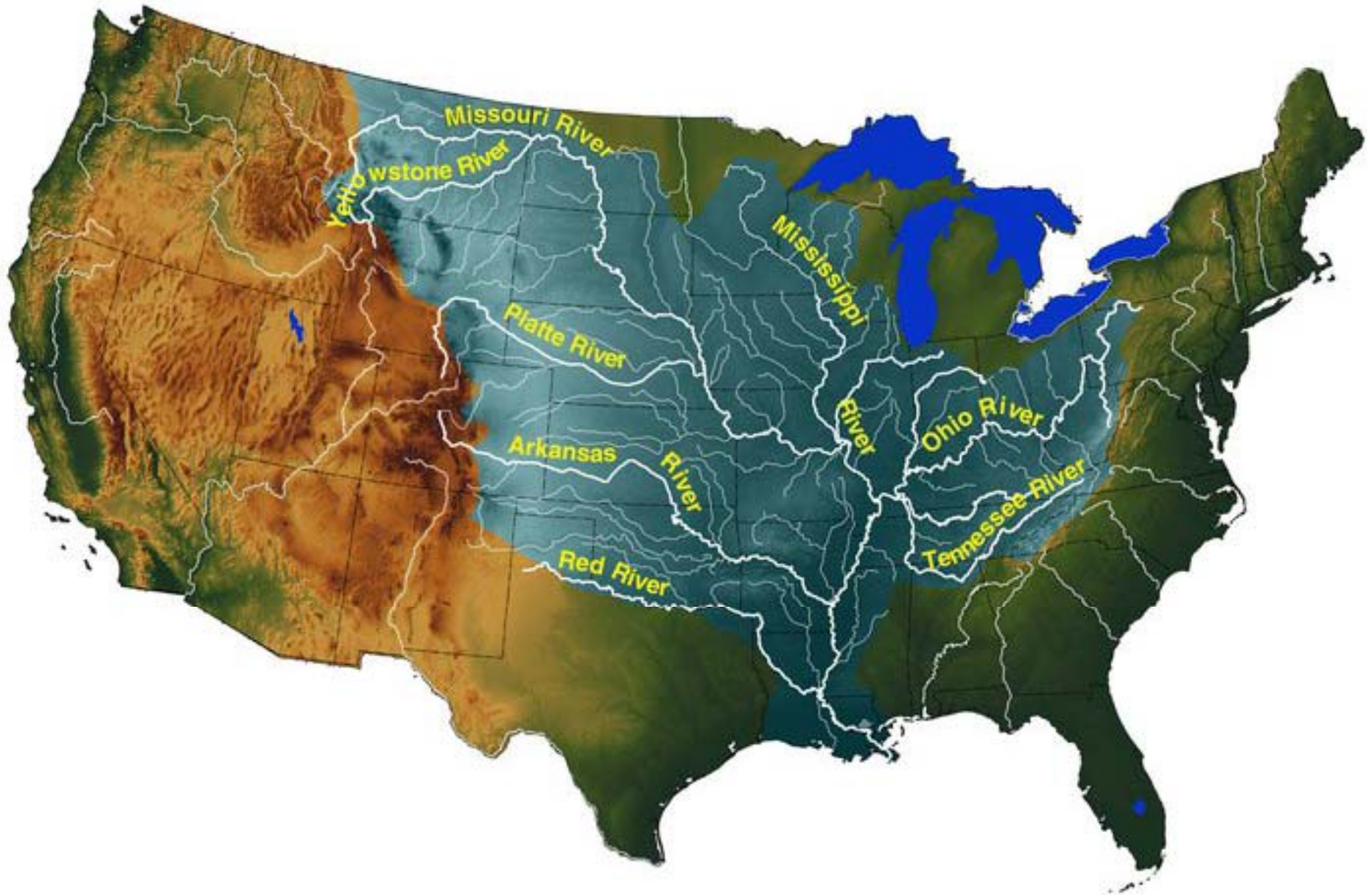


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# Historical Perspectives

1927



1973



2011



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# Preparation and Teamwork

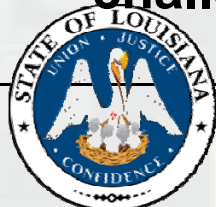
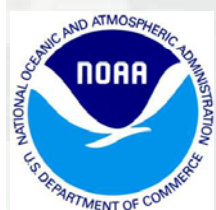


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# COMMON PURPOSE

- A multi-agency forum does not currently exist to solve the many regional issues and challenges that will be presented in the recovery from this historic flood event.
- Provide Safety and Security for Citizens Lives and Livelihoods
- Create strong regional effort to inspect, review, reset and restore our flood risk management system
- Pursue all potential funding methods from federal and state sources.
- Give consideration to traditional and non-traditional alternatives in repair and restoration.
- Implement a collaborative and communicative approach across regional and state boundaries to prioritize our efforts and resources during the challenging recovery process

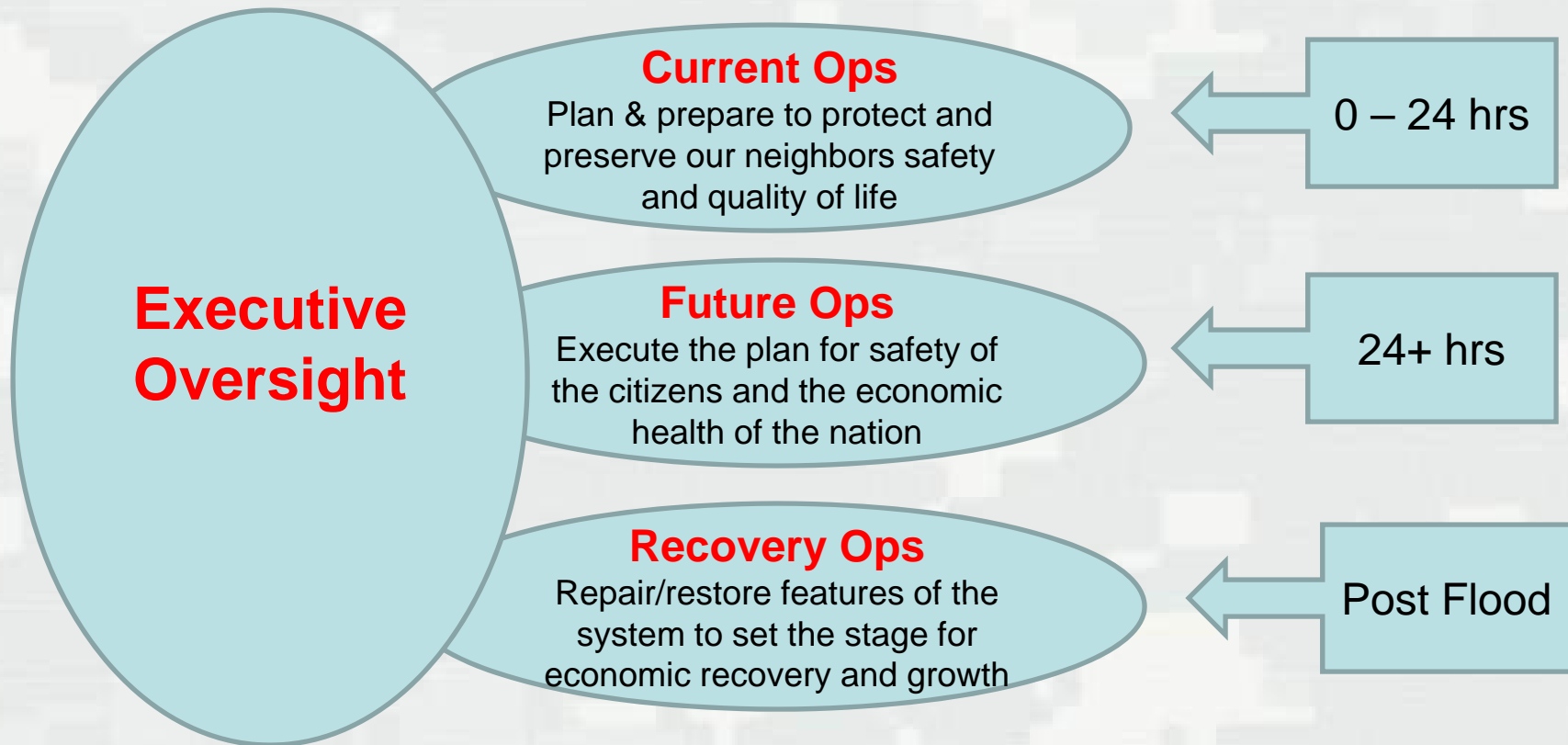


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## RESPONSE OVERVIEW



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# Overview of Historic Flood Event

*"The MR&T flood control system was designed to conform to the natural tendencies of the river, it is led not forced or driven."* 1927 Jadwin Plan

Birds Point - New Madrid



Morganza



Bonnet Carre



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# Consequences

In the past 80+ years we have invested \$13.6 billion in the MR&T system. Prior to 2011 it has prevented \$370 billion in damages. Over \$200 billion infrastructure is currently being protected. Current performance has prevented flooding of nearly 10 million acres and current estimate on damages avoided are at \$62 billion and climbing daily.



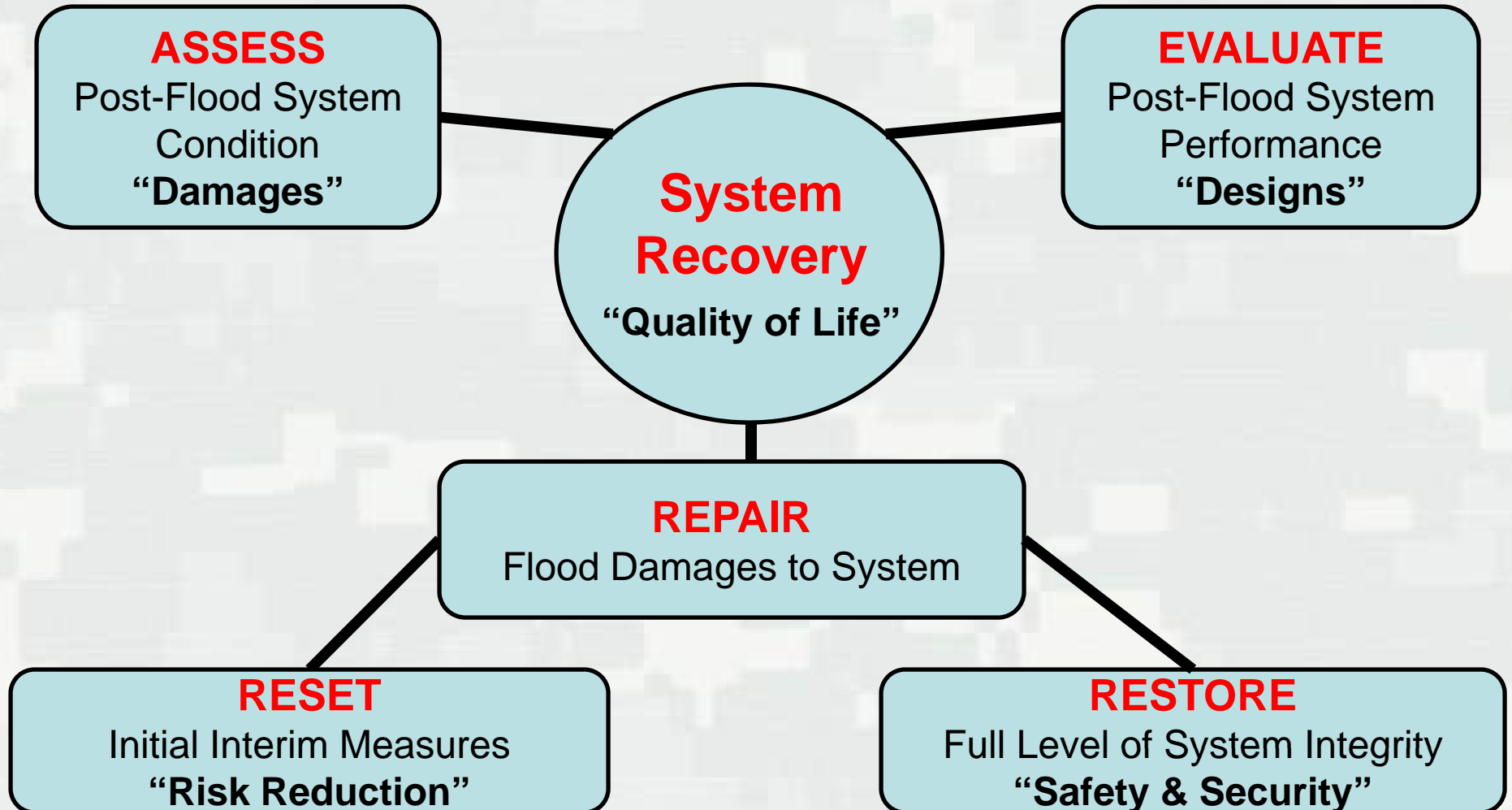
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- LEVEES - FLOODWALLS
- FLOODWAYS
- RESERVOIRS
- INFRASTRUCTURE
- COMMUNITIES
- AGRICULTURE
- INDUSTRY



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## RECOVERY OVERVIEW



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# COLLABORATIVE RECOVERY

- Organized and consistent govt. response
- Synchronization of efforts
- Transparent and Responsive
- Leveraging resources and expertise
- Ownership in process and results
- Regional awareness and informed decisions
- Open and Honest Communication
- Common Vision and Purpose



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participation!**

## **NEXT IRTF MEETING**

June 22, 2011

Tentative date for face-to -  
face meeting in Memphis, TN



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