“Our Ports Are an Essential Part of Our Economy.”
SEAL OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
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PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS

RESTORING AMERICA'S MARITIME DOMINANCE

Executive Orders | April 9, 2025

Sec. 11. Establish Maritime Prosperity Zones. Within 90 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall deliver a plan to the President through the APNSA for inclusion in the MAP that identifies opportunities to incentivize and facilitate domestic and allied investment in United States maritime industries and waterfront communities through establishment of maritime prosperity zones. The proposal shall: (a) model these maritime prosperity zones on the opportunity zones established pursuant to section 13823 of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (Public Law 115-97, 131 Stat. 2054), which I signed into law during my first Administration;

(b) include stipulations for appropriate regulatory relief in the establishment of such zones; and

(c) provide for zones that are outside of traditional coastal shipbuilding and ship repair centers and are geographically diverse, including river regions as well as the Great Lakes.

Inland Ports Black Hole

U.S. "Principal Ports"

You Can't Invest in a Port that Doesn't Exist

Ports = Investment

Black Hole Eliminated in 2020

Pre-2020 Map Used by Federal Agencies

Illinois Waterway Ports Commission

❑SB46 ILWW Port Commission (11 May)

Illinois General Assembly - Bill Status for SB0046 (ilga.gov)

➢Senate **57 Yea** 0 Nays

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➢House **113 Yea** 0 Nays

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Corn Belt Ports

Modern, Rural, Regional, Multi-Modal, Inland Ports

Ports Within the Lock & Dam System

Aligned with the Heart of the Corn Belt

Corn Belt PORTS

Formed 2020-2022

Bushels

- Not Estimated
- < 1,000,000
- 1,000,000 - 4,999,999
- 5,000,000 - 9,999,999
- 10,000,000 - 14,999,999
- 15,000,000 - 19,999,999
- 20,000,000 +

Locks & Dam 26 (Melvin Price)

Corn Belt Ports Region (A Top 50 US Port)

Coastal Port Access to Global Markets

Corn for Grain 2018 Production by County For Selected States

NESP Enabler

USDA Agriculture Counts

U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service

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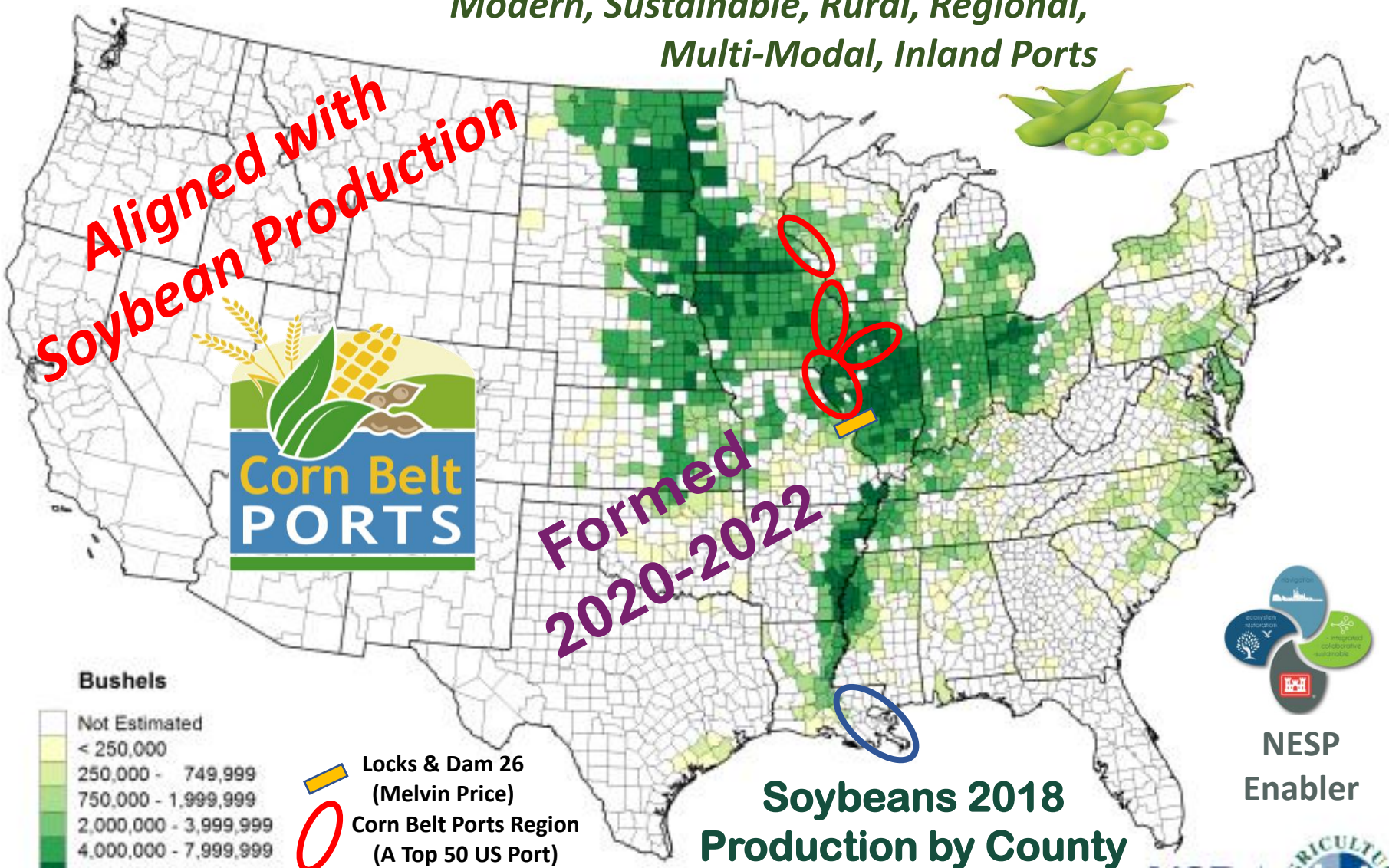

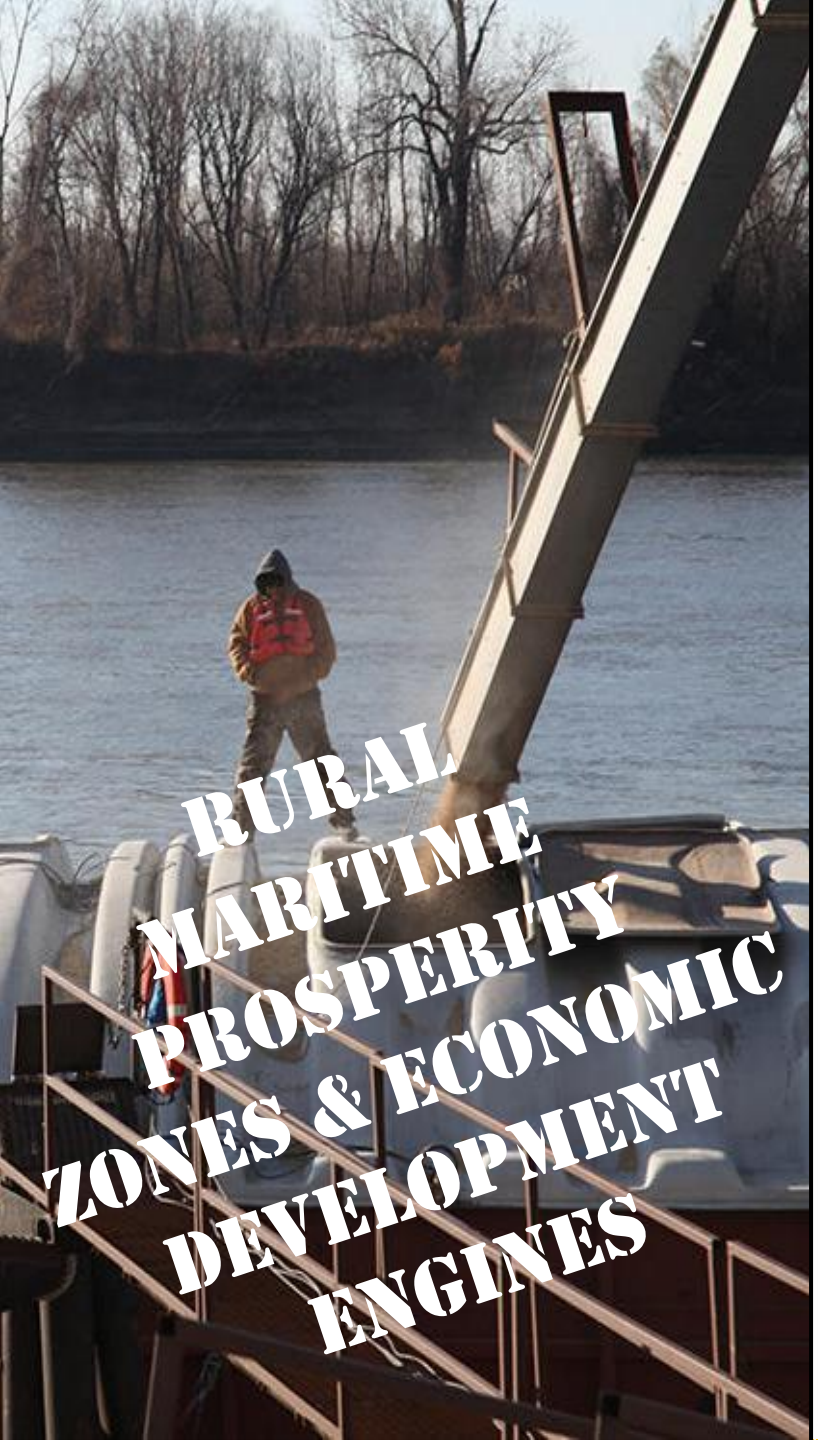

The County is the Building Block

Only Riverfront Counties Depicted

Special Partnership Area

Urban Port

Urban Port

Upper Mississippi River Ports (IL & IA)
15 Counties (10 in PSA)
221.5 Total River Miles
Planned Future Members
Includes: Upper Mississippi River International Port District & Southeast Iowa Regional Economic & Port Authority

Mid-America Port Commission
20 Riverfront Counties
328.8 Total River Miles
Planned Future Members
Includes: Lewis County Port Authority, Pike Lincoln County Port Authority Marion Ralls County Regional Port Authority, & Southeast Iowa Regional Economic & Port Authority

Illinois Waterway Ports
10 Counties
175.5 Total River Miles
Includes: Havana Regional Port, Heart of Illinois Regional Port, Illinois Valley Regional Port, Ottawa Port, Seneca Regional Port

Minneapolis
St. Paul
Red Wing
Wabasha
La Crosse
Prairie du Chien
Dubuque
Clinton
Muscatine
Quad Cities
Ottawa
Seneca
Joliet
Chicago
Madison
Des Moines
Burlington
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Peoria
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Springfield
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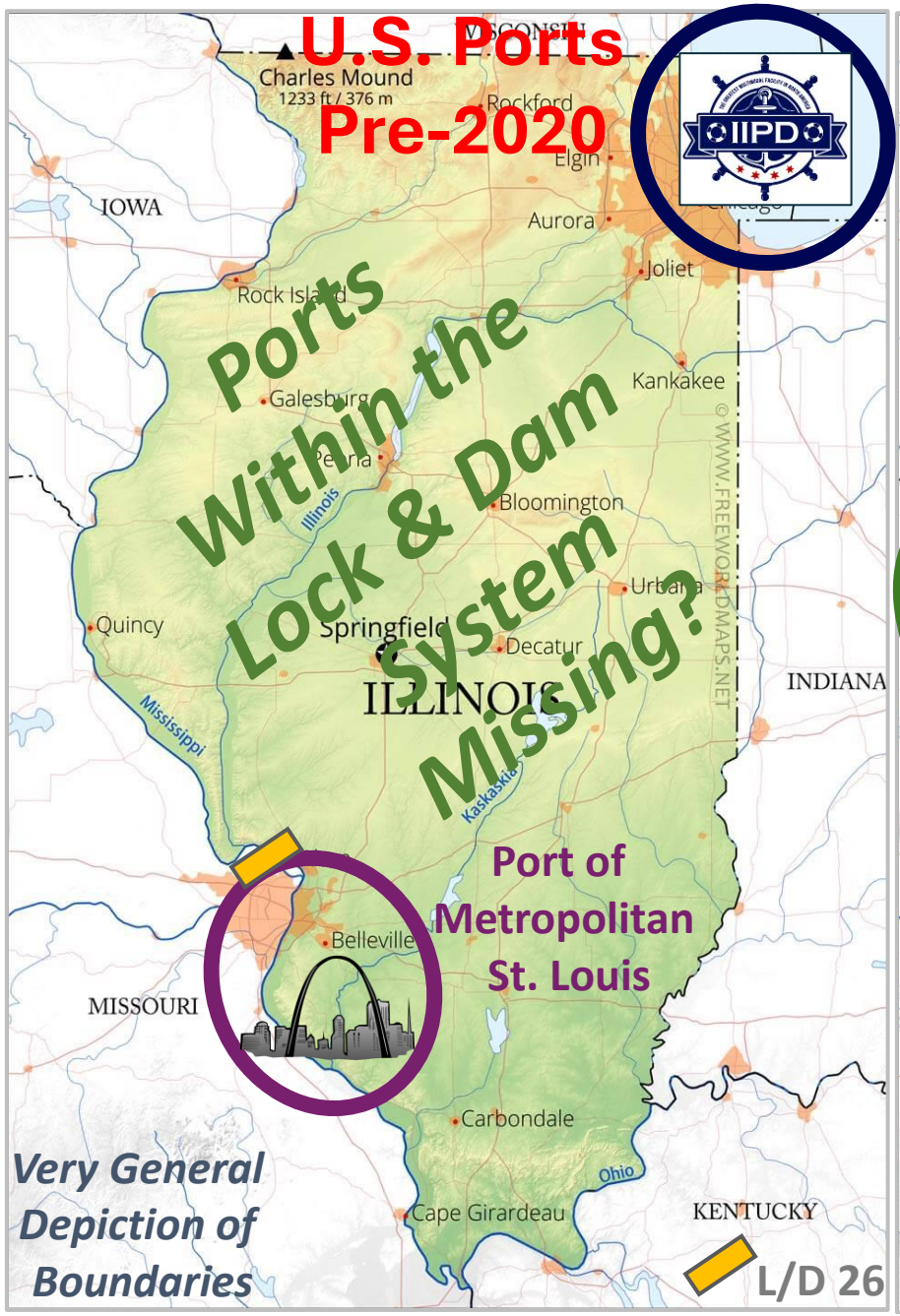
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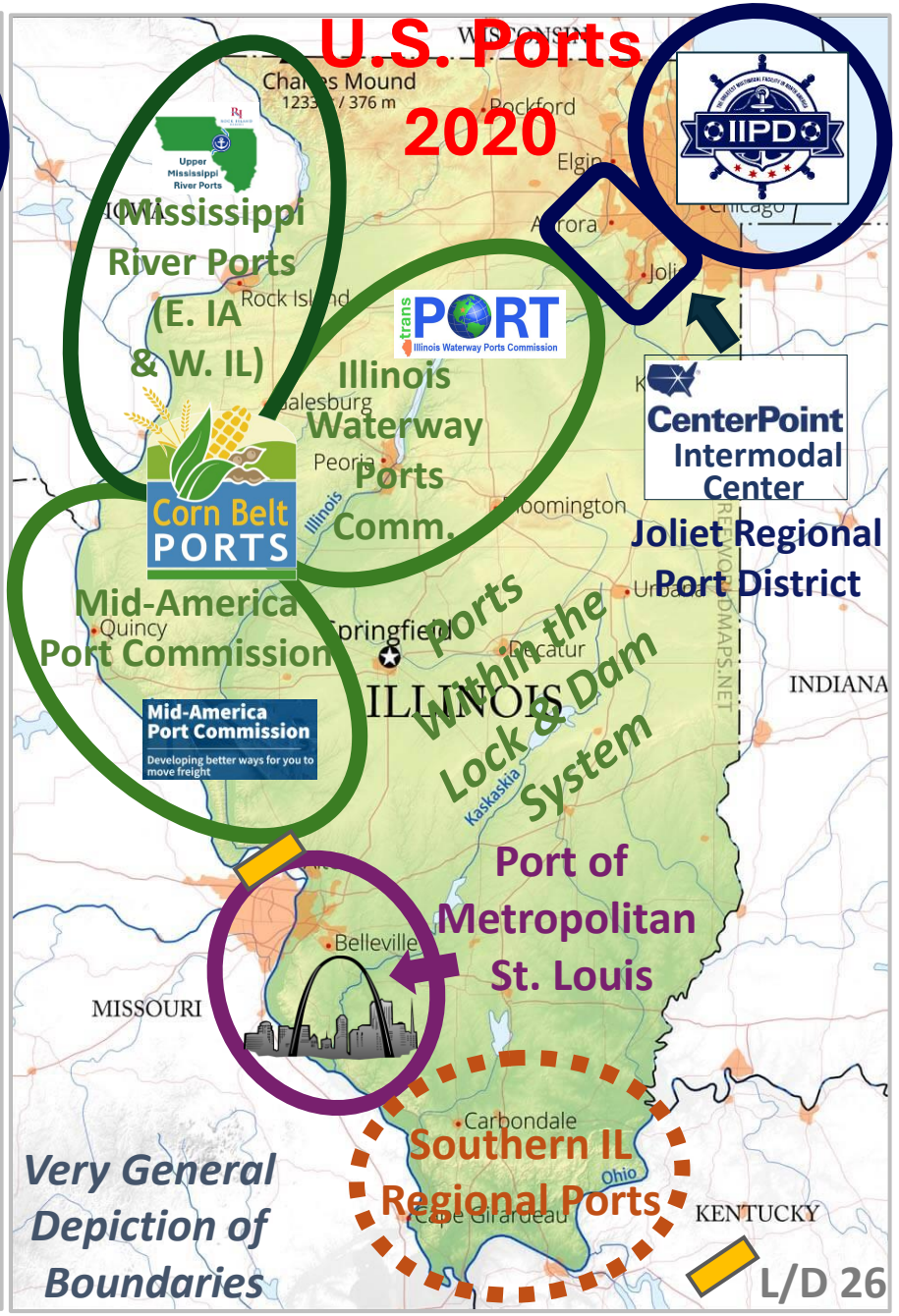
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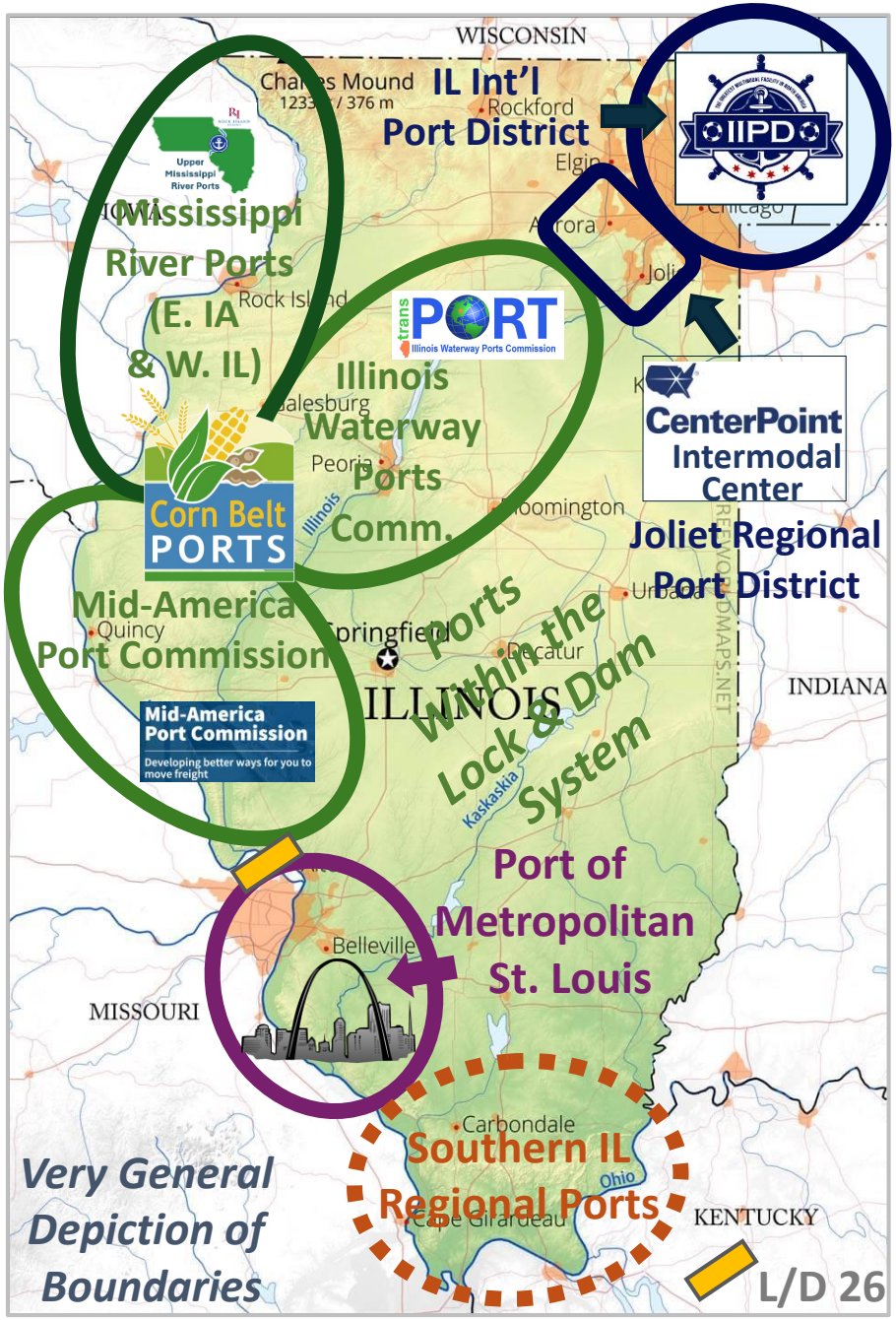
Illinois Regional Port System

ILLINOIS WORKING TOGETHER

A Regional Port System that Serves *ALL* of Illinois



Illinois Waterway Ports Commission (IWPC)

Major Cities
- Peoria Metropolitan Area
- Ottawa

Ports (State Recognized)
- Havana Regional Port (2311)
- Heart of Illinois Regional Port (2312)
- Illinois Valley Regional Port (2313)
- Ottawa City Port (7712)
- Seneca Regional Port (7710)
- IWPC Managed Port Area

Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Tri-County

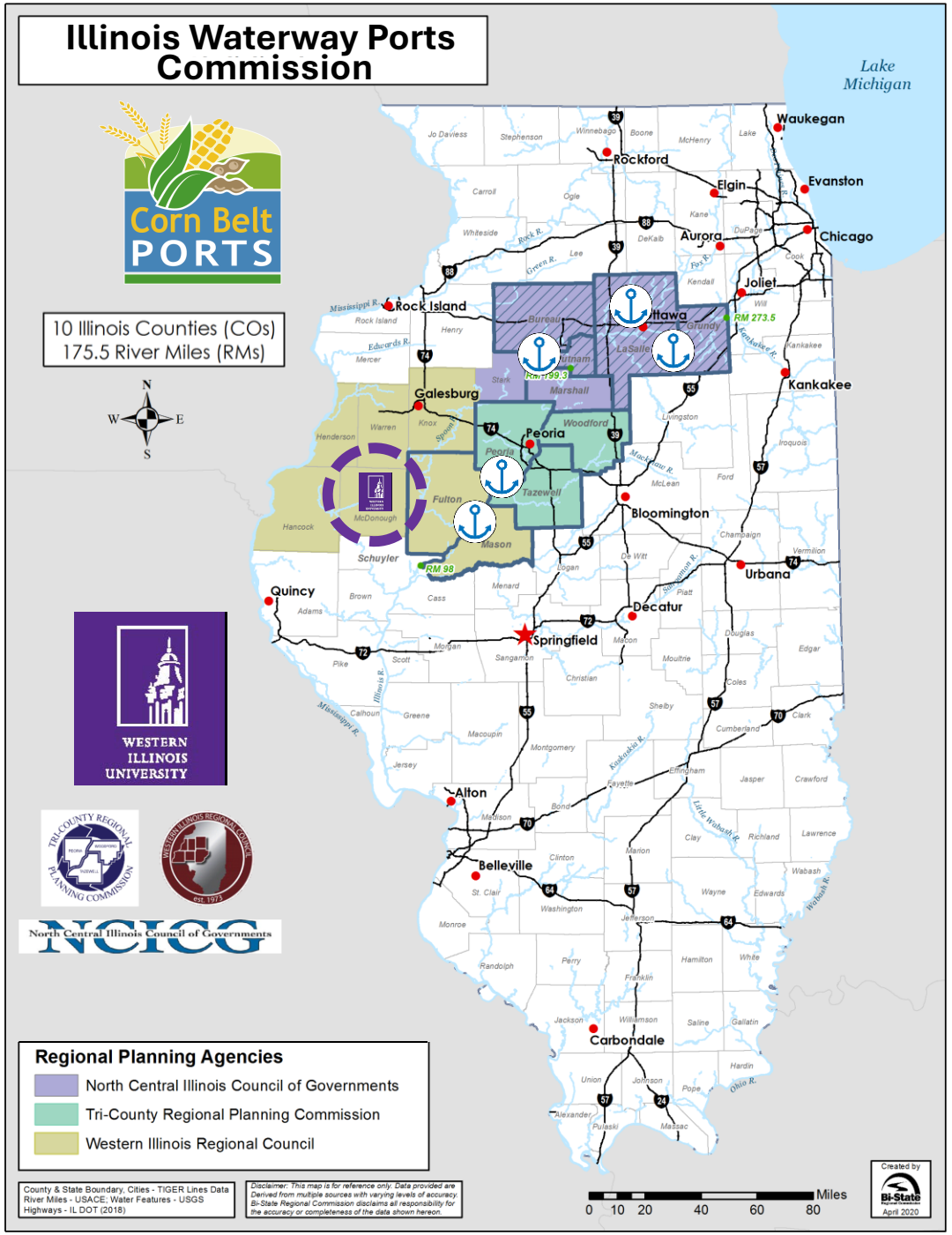
Regional Planning Agencies (See Map)
- North Central Illinois
- Tri-County
- Western Illinois

USACE (Corps) ILWW Project Office
- Peoria

Supporting USCG (Coast Guard) Office
- Peoria

Illinois Waterway Visitors Center
- Starved Rock Lock and Dam (Ottawa)

Lead Resource Supt Agency (Western IL Univ)
- Institute for Rural Affairs (Plus)



Illinois Waterway Ports Commission Ports

Bob Martin
Chair,
Havana Regional Port District

Dan Silverthorn
Chair,
***Heart of Illinois Regional Port District**

Dave Argubright
Chair,
Illinois Valley Regional Port District

Keith Conrad
Chair,
Ottawa City Port District

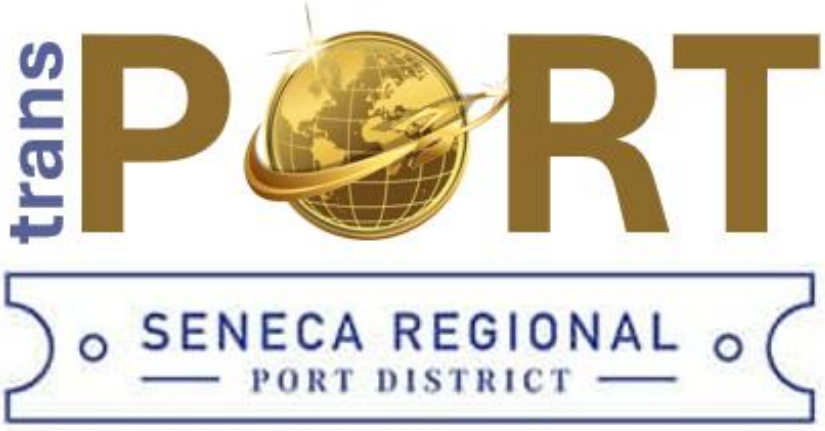
Stephen Spangler
Chair,
Seneca Regional Port District

5 Distinct Port Operating Organizations

Illinois Waterway Ports Commission

***Provides Administrative & Logistics Support**

Regional Port Branding on the Illinois Waterway



Illinois Waterway

Modern, Rural, Regional, Multi-Modal, Inland Port

A Regional Partnership Port

Multi-Modal Regional Port Commission

Lead Business/Industry Organization

Lead Economic Development Organization

Regional Planning Agencies

Sustainability & Environmental Working Group

Riverfront Cities and Towns Collaboration

Flood Infrastructure Working Group

Illinois River Working Group

TBD

Corn Belt PORTS

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2022 POWER 50 GLOBAL TRADE ELITE PORTS

USDA Downstream Grain Barge Volumes, Week Ending 08-09-25
Commodity: Corn
Lock/River Area: IL River

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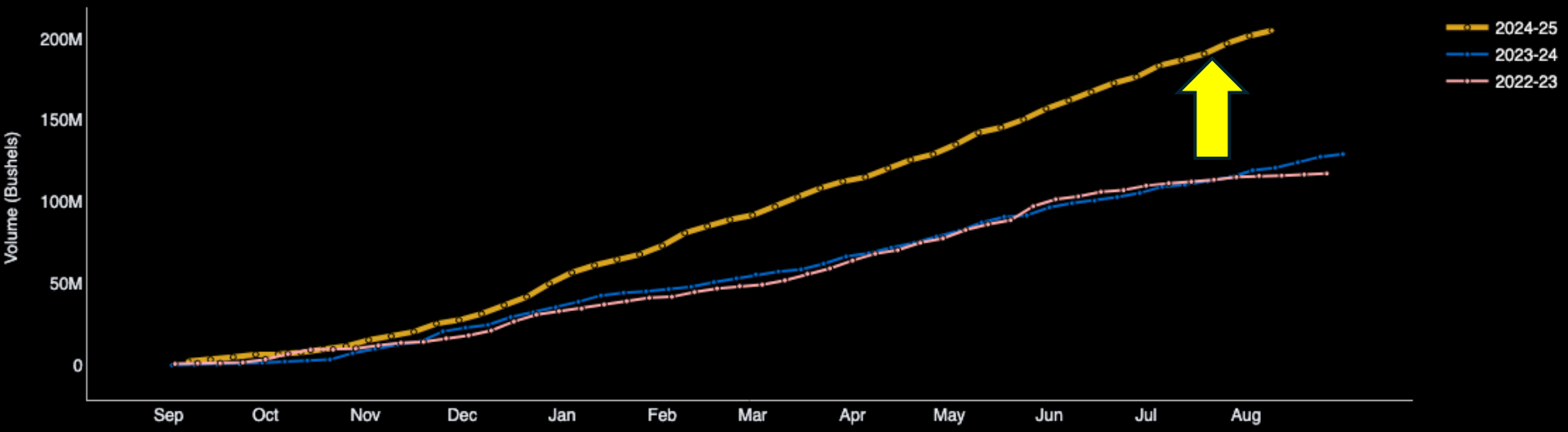

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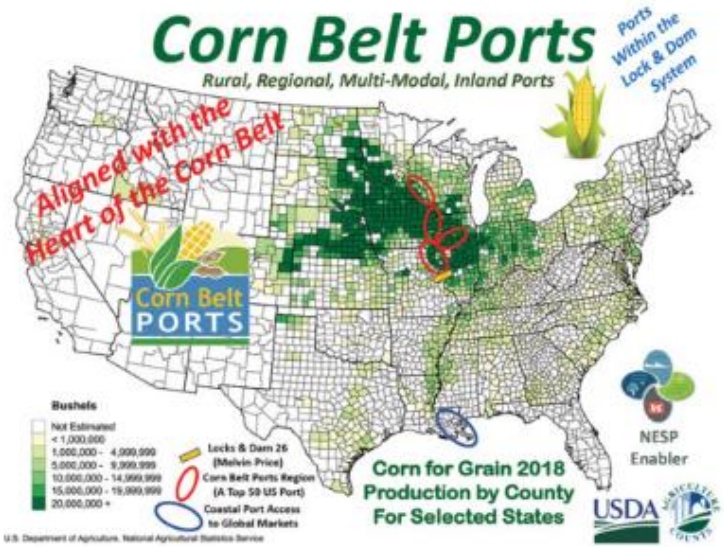

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Green Marine Highway Initiative M-35 & M-55 (ILWW)

VISION : The Corn Belt Ports provides regional, national, and global leadership in sustainability and resiliency through Green Marine Highway initiatives.

SUSTAINAIBILITY MISSION: Promote a low carbon, sustainable, resilient, multi-modal transportation and natural infrastructure supply chain system for the Corn Belt's riverfront counties that supports both people and nature.

A Rural, Regional Approach to Decarbonization

GOALS:

- Move more freight to waterways and lower carbon footprint transportation modes
- Reduce energy & transportation costs for riverfront communities and businesses
- Advance clean energy initiatives (Hydropower, Nuclear, Wind, Solar, and Hydrogen)
- Advance alternative lower carbon fuel production (including biofuels, and renewables)
- Electrify vehicles and industrial processes where feasible and suitable
- Develop and implement a regional multi-modal supply chain decarbonization plan
- Advance aquatic ecosystems, and carbon-storing wetlands
- Enhance flood risk management and resilience
- Support the Blue Sky Maritime Coalition's Road Map to Net Zero Emissions

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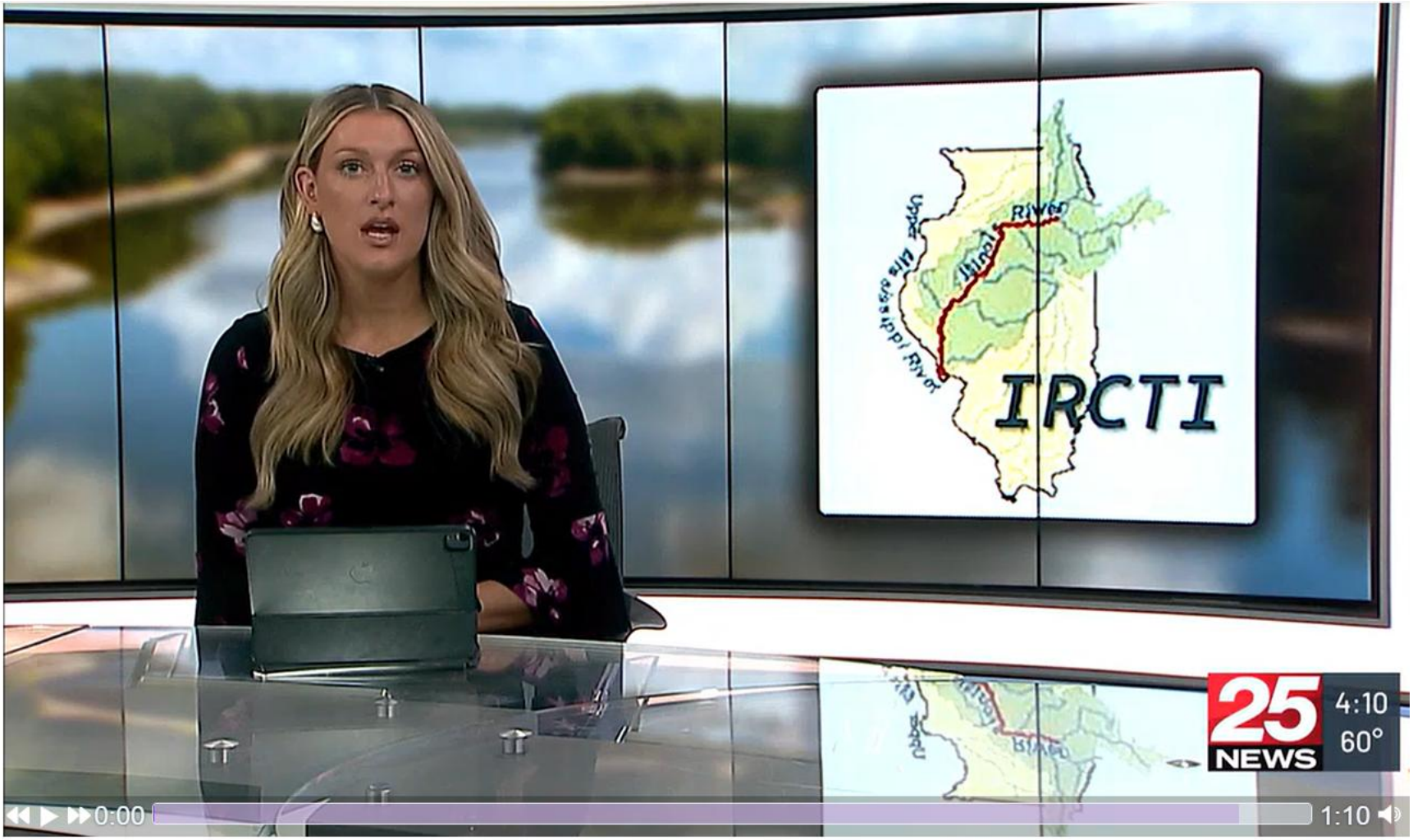
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