QUAD CITIES RIVERFRONT COUNCIL

Meeting Announcement and Agenda
Quad Cities Riverfront Council (QCRFC)

Tuesday, November 17, 2026 – 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Port Byron Village Hall
120 S Main St, Port Byron, IL

QCRFC Representatives
Mr. Greg Schaapveld, President (Scott County)
Mr. Greg Ludwig, Vice President (LeClaire)
Ms. Jenelle Wolber (REDEEM/East Moline)

Mayor James Boone (Cordova, IL)
Mayor Christopher Bornhoeft (Hampton, IL)
Mayor Barb Cray (Port Byron, IL)
Mr. Rob Danielson (LeClaire Chamber of Commerce)
Ms. Heather Bishop /LTC Matthew Fletcher (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)
Ms. Ann Geiger (National M.R.P.C.)
Mr. John Gripp (Rock Island, IL)
Mayor Anthony Heddlesten (Riverdale, IA)
Mr. Ralph H. Heninger (Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce – Iowa Rep) **
Ms. Shelly Hoffman (Andalusia, IL)
Ms. Missy Housenga (Rapids City, IL)
Mr. Tim Kammler (East Moline, IL)
Mayor Kevin Kernan/Mr. Roger Woomert (Princeton, IA)
Mr. Greg Ludwig (LeClaire, IA)
Mr. Chris Mathias (Moline, IL)*
Mr. Olin Meador (Buffalo, IA)
Mr. Jeff Reiter (Bettendorf, IA)*
Mr. Greg Schaapveld (Scott County, IA)*
Mr. Larry Burns/Dr. Rodney Simmer (Rock Island County, IL)
Ms. Brittany Wells (Visit Quad Cities)
Ms. Hanna Whitehurst (Davenport)
Ms. Kathy Wine (River Action, Inc.)
Ms. Jenelle Wolber (REDEEM/East Moline)
Mr. Donald Wrenn (Rock Island Arsenal)

* Current *QCRFC Officers*
*** QCRFC representative to BSRC*

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

2. **Approval of the Quad Cities Riverfront Council (QCRFC) September 22, 2026 Meeting Minutes** (A copy of the meeting minutes is included with the agenda packet.)

3. **Presentation**: Amy Creen, President of Port Byron TugFest

4. **Individual Riverfront Reports (Representatives/Alternates)**

- Andalusia
- Bettendorf
- Buffalo
- Cordova
- Davenport
- East Moline
- Hampton
- Interstate RC & D
- LeClaire
- LeClaire Chamber of Commerce
- Moline
- National Mississippi River
- New Boston
- Port Byron
- Princeton
- Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce – Illinois Rep.
- Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce – Iowa Rep.
- Rapids City
- River Action, Inc.
- Riverdale
- Rock Island
- Rock Island Arsenal
- Rock Island County
- Scott County
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Visit Quad Cities

5. **Next Meeting** Tuesday, January 26, 2027

Minutes of the
QUAD CITIES RIVERFRONT COUNCIL (QCRFC)

Tuesday, September 22, 2026 – 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Rock Island County Building
Bi-State Conference Room
1504 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL
Room 302

Council Members in Attendance

Mr. Larry Burns	Rock Island County
Ms. Heather Bishop	US Army Corps of Engineers
Mr. Ralph Heninger	Bi-State Regional Commission
Mr. Greg Ludwig *	City of LeClaire
Dr. Rod Simmer	Rock Island County
Ms. Brittany Wells	Visit Quad Cities
Mr. Don Wrenn	Rock Island Arsenal
Ms. Jenelle Wolber	REDEEM/East Moline

** Current QCRFC Officers*

Others in Attendance

Mr. Ricky Newcomb	Bi-State Regional Commission
Mr. Zach Sutton	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ludwig at 12:04 p.m.

2. **Approval of the July 28, 2026 QCRFC Meeting Minutes.** Mr. Heninger made a motion to approve the July 28, 2026 minutes as written. Dr. Simmer seconded, and the meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

3. **Presentation.** Mr. Newcomb gave a presentation on hazard mitigation planning and previewed the upcoming Rock Island County Hazard Mitigation Plan. A hazard mitigation plan allows communities to be eligible for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant programs and must be updated every 5 years. A Hazard Mitigation Plan helps jurisdictions to direct mitigation resources, prepare communities to adapt to changing conditions, and increase capacity to support faster disaster recovery. These plans detail various hazards that may be occur in the planning area (ex. flooding, tornado, or drought) and then details which hazards each community feels are the highest risk and the strategies of each community to mitigate these hazards. Mr. Newcomb highlighted some of the steps that will be taken as part of the Rock Island County Hazard Mitigation Plan, including organizing public input sessions and establishing an advisory committee. Work will begin on the plan later this fall.

4. **Individual Riverfront Reports.**

   - *Bi-State* – Applications for the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) and the Iowa Federal Recreation Trail program are due October 1. Awards for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) in the MPO will be

announced soon, while applications for STBG and TASA in Iowa Region 9 (Muscatine County and rural Scott County) will be due November 16. A brief discussion was had regarding the Centennial Bridge replacement and how it relates to hazard mitigation.

- *East Moline* – Construction on the downtown RAISE grant project continues, with the trail in front of the Rust belt hopefully finished by the end of the year. The last section of The Quarter is also expected by the end of the year. East Moline is also wrapping up the update of their comprehensive plan.
- *LeClaire* – Construction on Cody Road is now complete. Construction on Wisconsin Street from Cody Road to 8th Street is scheduled for completion by the end of the year. The new YMCA is expected to open in mid-November. The Mississippi River Trail extension project (Eagle Ridge Rd to May St) is expected to go out to bid in January.
- *Rock Island Arsenal* –The Arsenal is making preparations for the Quad Cities Marathon, which will be held on September 26. The next public event on the Arsenal following the Marathon will be the tree lighting on December 4.
- *Rock Island County* – The EV charging stations at Illiniwek Forest Preserve will be completed soon. Resurfacing on the Great River Trail from Cordova to the Rock Island County line will start next month Illiniwek will also be hosting a Halloween Bash on October 17.
- *U.S. Army Corps of Engineers* –The mooring cells at Lock and Dam 15 are nearing completion. Public access at the auxiliary locks at Lock and Dam 14 and Lock and Dam 15 is still significantly limited.
- *Visit Quad Cities* – The American Discovery Trail's America 250 relay will be arriving in the Quad Cities in early October. The annual Destination QC! event will be held on October 29.

5. **Next Meeting**. The members were reminded that the next meeting will be on the third Tuesday of November, November 17, 2026, to avoid conflict with Thanksgiving. Location is TBD.

6. **Other Business**. None

7. **Adjournment.** Mr. Burns moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Heninger seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

6. **Other Business**

7. **Adjournment**

Note: Members are encouraged to designate an alternate representative from their community or organization to attend in their absence.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Whether planning to attend or not,
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Zach Sutton
(309) 793-6300, Ext. 1127
or
E-mail: zsutton@bistateonline.org

No later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, November 13, 2026
If you will or will not be attending the meeting.
Your box lunch order choice (**$10**)

2027 MEETING SCHEDULE

4th Tuesday – every other month

January 26
March 23
May 25
July 27
September 28
November 16*

**On 3rd Tuesday due to Thanksgiving*