

Federal Support through Program Authorization for American Heritage Rivers

The American Heritage River Alliance has advocated for full program authorization and on behalf of the fourteen rivers. The (AHRA) who have for a decade worked to reinvigorate our waterfront communities through creative approaches to local/federal partnerships is requesting program authorization. The Initiative stands by (Executive Order 13061) and the rivers have worked closely together, shared skills and abilities, and leveraged millions of dollars for local communities while lessening the burden on our federal government.

- On the Hudson River - AHR led the effort to connect Hudson River Communities to link the river, local history with expanded tourism
- On the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland AHR led the development of CLEERTEC - Cuyahoga Lake Erie Environmental Restoration Technology Enterprise Center - which is leading the development of innovative Green Bulkhead prototypes
- On the lower Mississippi AHR is working on innovative approaches for redefining the future of New Orleans with emerging green and energy technologies
- On the Hanalei River - AHR linked unique scientific research to develop new approaches for targeting and reducing contaminants and to preserve the River's cultural heritage

As the new Congress seeks to respond to the needs of America, we believe that the Federal Government can rely on and benefit from our model. AHRA projects represent the collective heart of America and the intended target of President Obama's stimulus package. We can provide a single vehicle for delivering a significant part of the stimulus package to local communities through our well-established national network. Working together with the federal government, on behalf of our river partners, we can leverage our unique capabilities in order to generate further benefits by providing the alliance network to distribute place-based projects that will stimulate our economy. America's Great Outdoors Initiative and America's Blue Waters Initiative are two places that AHR can provide opportunities to coordinate projects.

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