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This is a joint U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – American Land Conservancy Announcement

Corps of Engineers – American Land Conservancy Sign Pact

M/V Mississippi at Cairo, Ill. – The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and American Land Conservancy (ALC) will sign a memorandum of understanding, Monday, August 22. The signing will take place aboard the Corps of Engineers Motor Vessel (M/V) Mississippi at Cairo, Ill.

The agreement will further formalize an ongoing partnership between the two organizations, which have joined on several projects to safeguard and enhance the region's natural, ecological, historical, recreational and scenic heritage.

ALC President Harriet Burgess and ALC Vice President Jennifer Frazier will sign for the Conservancy. Brig. Gen. Robert Crear, senior Corps official in the Mississippi River Valley and Commander of the Mississippi Valley Division, will sign for the Region, representing all six of the Districts under his command.

The St. Louis District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers took the lead in arranging this agreement on behalf of the Mississippi River Valley Division. District Commander Col. Lewis F. Setliff will be in attendance and said, "This event marks another milestone in relations between our two organizations. This is a partnership we look forward to continuing and strengthening."

The American Land Conservancy is a private, non-profit nationwide organization that works to preserve and protect the Nation's natural resources. The organization uses a number of real estate techniques such as land acquisition, establishing conservation easements and acquiring water rights, grazing leases or other land interests. Since 1990, the ALC has preserved more than 220,000 acres of critical land assets from Maine to Alaska. Notable successes have included land along California's Central Coast, the Sierra Nevada Rangelands, the Lake Tahoe Basin, Klamath River Basin as well as on the Middle Mississippi River in Illinois and Missouri.

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Note To Editors: The signing will take place aboard M/V Mississippi at 8:15 a.m., immediately before opening of the public session before the Mississippi River Commission. For further information about covering this event, please contact the St. Louis District Public Affairs office at 314-331-8068.