

# **UK** UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY Kentucky Water Resources Research Institute

## **Who We Are**

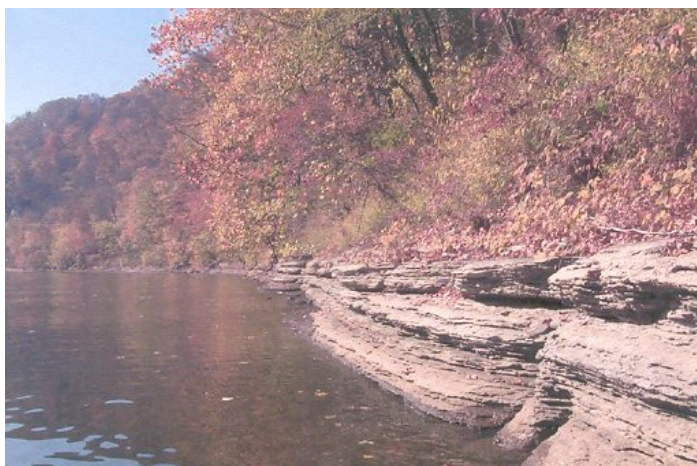
Established by Congress in 1964 as one of the nation's 54 water institutes hosted by land-grant universities, the Kentucky Water Resources Research Institute (KWRRRI) is located on the campus of the University of Kentucky and serves all colleges and universities in the Commonwealth.

## **What We Do**

The mission of the KWRRRI includes encouraging water resources and associated environmental research; assisting academic units in the conduct of undergraduate and graduate training related to water; and stimulating information transfer to foster a better understanding of water issues.

## **Who We Serve**

KWRRRI serves public and private organizations, political leaders and policy makers, state and local agencies, educational institutions, and individual members of the general public interested in water.



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**Research** - KWRRRI supports research by administering the Water Resources Research Act, Section 104b. This USGS program funds water related research efforts that can be conducted at any of Kentucky's universities, enabling investigators to pursue focused projects addressing state water concerns. Funding is generally used as seed money to support preliminary research that may lead to a more extensive research proposal for submission to a private or public funding agency. Investigators supporting student research efforts related to water are specifically targeted through this program. KWRRRI also manages a variety of research and technical support projects funded through state, federal, and private contracts.

**Education** - Support for research assistants (undergraduate and graduate) is included in projects funded by the 104b program. In addition, KWRRRI administers a scholarship program for the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection to assist them in recruiting outstanding upper-level undergraduate and graduate students in critical environmental discipline areas. KWRRRI also helped establish the Graduate Certificate in Environmental Systems at the University of Kentucky. Participants investigate solutions for complex environmental problems through interdisciplinary interaction.

**Information Transfer** - An annual water resources symposium is hosted by KWRRRI to encourage sharing of information related to research, management, and educational efforts going on in the Commonwealth. KWRRRI also co-sponsors other meetings and seminars, publishes a newsletter describing institute activities, and maintains a Web site to provide easy access to publications and other information.

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