



The Mississippi Water Resources Research Institute provides a statewide center of expertise in water and associated land-use and serves as a repository of knowledge for use in education, research, planning, and community service.

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The Mississippi Water Resources Research Institute was established in 1964 as one of 54 institutes forming a network of research efforts to solve water problems in the state, region, and nation. Shortly thereafter, the Mississippi Legislature formally designated the Mississippi Water Resources Research Institute as a state research institute. The goal of the Institute is to serve both public and private interests in the conservation, development, and use of water resources. This goal is accomplished through training opportunities for skilled professionals; planning assistance to regulatory bodies at the local, state, regional and federal levels; and assistance to state agencies in the development and maintenance of a state water management plan. The Water Resources Research Institute communicates research findings to potential users and facilitates and stimulates planning and management that:

- deals with water policy issues,
- supports state water agencies' missions with research on problems encountered and expected, and
- provides water planning and management organizations with tools to increase efficiency and effectiveness of water planning and management.

Examples of WRRRI's major water projects are:

- Statewide competitive annual grants programs.
- Mississippi Water Resources Annual Conference.
- Management of the Southeastern Regional Small Public Water Systems Technical Assistance Center (SE-TAC)
- Cooperative Regional Water Development
  - ✓ Management efforts such as the Upper Pearl River Watershed Advisory Group,
  - ✓ Smart growth and low-impact development
  - ✓ impoundment planning in Smith and Choctaw counties, and
  - ✓ participation in other water-related research support
- Training programs to help water management districts utilize spatial technologies in day-to-day operations.

