

Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority



The Purchase Area's Connection to the World

Shallow –Draft barge Market

Current Commodities next 5 – 10 years

Aggregates – Sand, Rocks, Livlite , Concrete

Forest products – Logs, Lumber, Wood Chips

Agricultural products – Corn, Soy Beans, Grain, Fertilizers, Wood products

Energy products – Fuels, oils, additives, petroleum coke

Chemicals and Resins -

Natural Rubber – Palletized and Metal Bins

Metals - Aluminum and Steel – Rebar, Coils, Sheets, Billets, T-bars, Ingots, Bulk.

Opportunities Missing – Containerized Cargo movement and automobiles!

Shallow –Draft barge Market Biggest Winners and Losers

Winners

United States - Increased Merchant Marine opportunities

Local Government - Increased Tax Base

Inland Rivers Economic Development Agencies – Manufacturing and Distribution Opportunities

*Public Benefit – Increased Job opportunities
Reduced Highway damage
Safer Highways
Environment*

Shipper - Lower Cost

Truck Drivers - Improved quality from last-mile deliveries

River Industry - Increased opportunities

Losers N/A

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What could change the Outlook

Positively

Increased awareness for government funding opportunities created for modernizing the Inland port and terminal system. This awareness will improve the environment, traffic safety, and assist inland waterway communities to enjoy the economic growth caused from increasing global trade.

Negatively

Lack of modernized facilities will diminish the Inland port and terminal system's ability to compete with other modes.