

Lock and Dam No. 8 is located at Genoa, Wis., 16 miles south of La Crosse, and serves as a step in the Upper Mississippi Wis., River water stairway.



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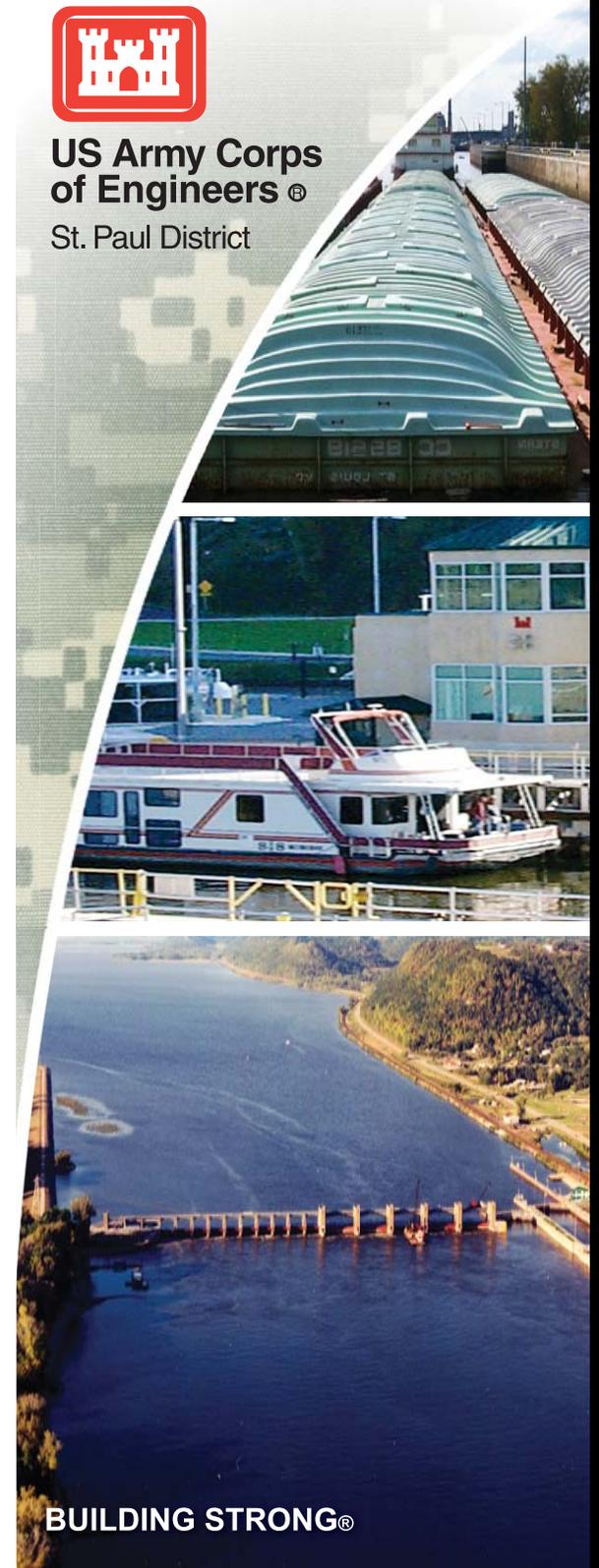
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Navigation

Numerous types of vessels use the lock during the navigation season, which extends from mid-March to mid-December. The lock provides a vertical lift of 11 feet for boats ranging from canoes to large tow boats with barges. The Upper Mississippi River serves as a main artery for midwest grain bound for both domestic and international markets. More than 16 million tons of cargo pass through the lock each year. The major commodities are farm products, chemicals and other bulk commodities. Also, more than 9,000 recreational craft use the lock annually.

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Lock and Dam No. 8 is located in a bluff-lined valley on the Upper Mississippi River near Genoa, Wis. The project includes a lock, a dam with moveable gates, 3 miles of dike and two overflow spillways. The Corps of Engineers originally completed the facility in April 1937 as part of the Upper Mississippi River 9-foot channel project. After more than 50 years of service, the Corps undertook a major maintenance program, which was completed in 2002, to replace much of the operating equipment and to construct a new control building, to serve navigation customers well into the future.

Balancing Interests

In addition to commercial navigation, the Upper Mississippi River is a valuable environmental resource and provides many recreational opportunities. Today, the Corps is actively working with other agencies to protect and enhance Mississippi River resources for generations to come. The Corps invites visitors to enjoy viewing lock operations from the observation deck.

