

MVN-Tulane Conference
Comments for Col. Peter Rowan
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SLIDE		TEXT
<p>1. Corps, Tulane and Park Service logos Bullet: Partnerships</p>		<p>Welcome. Joint partnering between Corps, Tulane and Nat'l Park Service – a model for future direction. A partnership that's developed and matured over the past six years.</p> <p>Thanks to Milton Rider (in audience), HQ Interagency & International Services Division. Milton made the initial contact with the National Park Service and provided a lot of guidance and financial support to make this symposium work.</p>
<p>2. Ranger Bullet: Environmental education</p>		<p>The Corps is becoming more involved in interpreting the region and country's natural and cultural resources through museums and interpretive centers.</p> <p>Corps rangers and staff at reservoirs and Corps projects manage different environmental interpretive programs.</p> <p>Steve Austin from HQ will go into this in more detail.</p>
<p>Background graphic Bullet: List of projects</p>		<p>Working with local communities along the Mississippi River and its tributaries, we're working on master plans to include interpretation and opportunities for economic development.</p> <p>* President Bush Executive Order "Preserve America," a continuation of President Clinton's "American Heritage Rivers" initiative – promote economic development through local partnerships in our communities.</p>
<p>Drawings of conceptual development for Donaldsonville, LA</p>		<p>We're helping communities manage their natural and cultural resources to identify opportunities for promoting cultural and environmental awareness. These are conceptual alternatives for riverfront development in Donaldsonville, LA.</p>

Baton Rouge Riverfront, completed in 1994		<p>We have so much information to share. Give back to the citizens. With more knowledge, we're all more inclined to improve the community, region and nation's quality of life. Eg., bringing people back to the riverfront via pedestrian walkways, benches, lighting, steps, bike paths Promoting preservation through heritage tourism.</p>
French Quarter		<p>Within the next two days, speakers will present a variety of interpretive topics. The Corps is very enthusiastic about this year's program and we hope you enjoy the conference. We look forward to interpretive partnerships that may result from the conference.</p>