The purpose of Mississippi National River and Recreation Area is to protect, promote, preserve, enhance, and enjoy the nation’s significant resources and values of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area through federal, state, and local comprehensive planning, management, and coordination.

**Fundamental Resources and Values**

**Interpretive Themes**

Interpretive themes are often described as the key stories or concepts that visitors should understand after visiting a park—they define the most important ideas or concepts for park staff to develop opportunities for interpretation and to relate to all of the park significances and fundamental resources.

**Economic Resources**

Economic resources supported by the Mississippi River and recreation area to provide nesting, resting, and feeding habitat.

**The Mississippi's Economic Value**

The Mississippi’s economic value is broad, and its influence extends far beyond the area it drains. This economic value includes the river and its resources.

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**Interpretive Themes**

*Interpretive Themes* is one of the Mississippi's best-known stories. It is the story of how the river has shaped the nation, its economy, and its culture over the past 12,000 years. These themes are designed to provide visitors with a deeper understanding of the river's significance to the nation's economy.

**Recreation and Scenery**

Recreation and scenery is one of the Mississippi's most important stories. It is the story of how the river has shaped the nation, its economy, and its culture over the past 12,000 years. These themes are designed to provide visitors with a deeper understanding of the river's significance to the nation's economy.