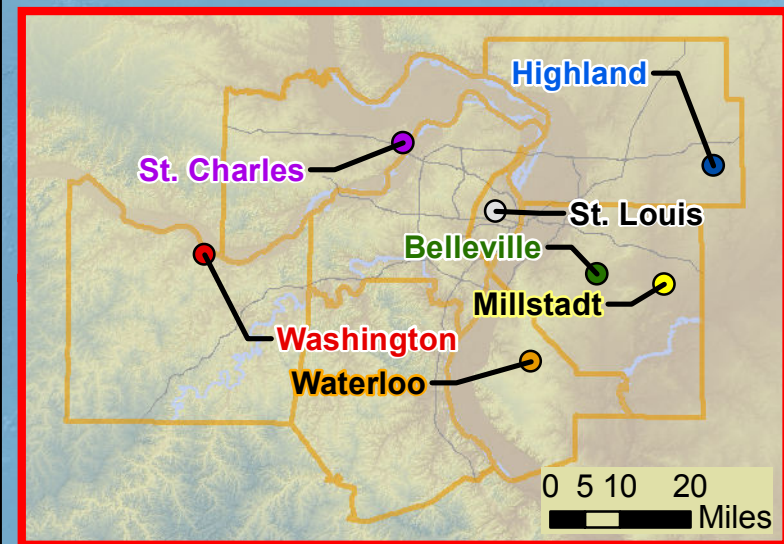


Sister Cities Programs



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Sister Cities	St. Louis/St. Louis County
Belleville	Bologna, Italy
	Bogor, Indonesia
Highland	Brcka, Bosnia-Herzegovina
	Donegal County, Ireland
	Galway, Ireland
	Georgetown, Guyana
Millstadt	Lyon, France
	Nanjing, China
St. Charles	St. Louis, Senegal
	Samara, Russia
Washington	Stuttgart, Germany
	Suwa, Japan
Waterloo	Szczecin, Poland
	San Luis Potosi, Mexico
	Wuhan, China

Sister Cities is a city-to-city network inspired by President Dwight D. Eisenhower's suggestion in 1956 that citizen diplomacy might reduce the chance of future world conflict. Today, more than 900 U.S. cities are paired with 1,300 cities in 92 different countries. Benefits of participation include:

- * International business contacts
- * Increased awareness of other cultures
- * Opportunities to become host families for visitors and students from abroad
- * Volunteer and community service
- * Fostering of mutually beneficial relations in economic development, education, art, culture, medicine, and sports
- * Showcase St. Louis as an international city

Source: <http://www.worldtradecenter-stl.com/sisterCities/indexSC.asp>