



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers**  
St. Louis District

Flood Control Act of 1936; Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-202)

# Information Paper

## East St. Louis, IL

### Construction (FRM)

**Location:** The East St. Louis levee system is located in St. Clair and Madison Counties, IL, along the left descending bank of the Mississippi River between river miles 175 and 195 above the Ohio River.

**Description:** The levee system was designed to withstand a flood at 54 feet on the St. Louis gage; approximately a 0.2 percent chance of exceedance (500-year event) and provides flood protection to approximately 250,000 residents and over \$4.5 billion in economic value. The East St. Louis, Illinois, deficiency correction project will correct underseepage and through-seepage and consists of 305 new relief wells, grouting 312 wood stave relief wells, ditching and pipe collector systems, a seepage pump station, a lift station, a variable frequency drive, seepage berms, cutoff walls, riverside clay blanket, and environmental and archeological mitigation work.

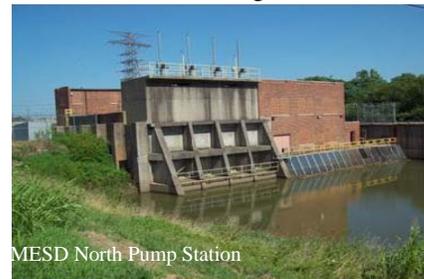
**Status:** Levee system will have a significant risk of failure during high water events unless underseepage design deficiency and through-seepage corrections are made. The system currently does not provide the authorized level of protection, which is equivalent to 54' on the St. Louis Mississippi River gauge (approximately a 500-year event) due to aged infrastructure and uncontrolled underseepage. Rehabilitation of aged infrastructure is complete. Design deficiency corrections are underway to address uncontrolled underseepage. The sponsor, Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District Council (FPD), is performing work to improve the levee to 1.0 percent chance of exceedance to attain 100-year level of protection and maintain FEMA accreditation. Incorporation of new project information will result in a change to the total project costs for design deficiency corrections. Re-analysis and updated costs are scheduled for completion in September 2017. The FPD continues to request that the Corps mandate the use of Project Labor Agreements (PLA) for construction contracts in the geographic area. The Army and the Corps delivered as promised on an alternate acquisition strategy to address the PLA issue; however, the outcome did not meet FPD expectations. The FPD has indicated their desire to provide cost share funds as Work in Kind (WIK) credit and has developed a plan for designing and constructing portions of the authorized project. The FPD initiated WIK activities in 2016. Development of an Integral Determination Report (IDR) and an amendment to the PPA will be required to afford the FPD WIK credit. The PPA amendment requires an

accurate cost estimate and ASA(CW) approval to provide the opportunity for WIK credit by the FPD. Until the PPA amendment is executed, the FPD must provide cash to meet their cost share requirement. The FPD has agreed to provide cash cost share funds to support the project capability.

**Importance:** The East St. Louis levee has high probability of failure during significant flood events due to inadequate underseepage and through-seepage controls. Serious underseepage problems were observed during the 1993 flood. Approximately 250,000 residents and \$4.8 billion in economic value are protected by the levee.

**Risk:** Without the deficiency correction project, the levee is in danger of failing due to underseepage or through-seepage problems during a flood.

**Consequence:** A levee failure would have catastrophic life, economic, and environmental consequences including damages to commercial/heavy industrial development, environmental and agricultural losses, spread of hazardous and toxic wastes, and significant loss of life.



MESD North Pump Station

**Activities for FY 17:** Carryover funds are being used to complete re-analysis and update project costs, complete design and Plans & Specifications of 53 relief wells, perform collaborative design activities in support of FPD WIK credit and prepare the PPA WIK amendment.

**Acquisition Strategy:** No contract award is scheduled for FY17.

**Activities after FY17:**

Award a construction contract, continue design of authorized project, prepare PPA WIK amendment, and collaboration with FPD on WIK credit activities.

**Project Sponsor/Customer:** Metro East Sanitary District and Southwestern Illinois FPD

**Congressional Interest:** Senate: Durbin (IL) and Duckworth (IL) House: Bost (IL-12), Shimkus (IL-15) and Davis (IL-13).

Phase	FY 17 Allocation	FY 18 Budget
Construction	\$0	\$0