Location: The project is located in Ste. Genevieve County, Missouri, adjacent to the west bank of the Mississippi River between miles 121 and 125 above the confluence of the Ohio River.

Description: The project consists of a 3.5 mile long levee that provides Urban Design Flood protection from Mississippi River flooding; a gravity drain pump station facility with a 575 cubic feet per second capacity and three electric-powered pumps; a 505-acre ponding area; interior drainage ditching and grading; two closure structures; road, railroad, and utility relocations; 24 relief wells; tree screens; an environmental mitigation area; and other features. The authorized project includes channel widening and one small levee along North and South Gabouri Creeks and recreation facilities such as picnic areas and trails on flood control lands along the tributary improvements and the levee.

Issues: N/A

Importance: The project protects the city of Ste. Genevieve and its nationally-recognized historic resource from Mississippi River flooding, and to reduce flash flood damages along North and South Gabouri Creeks

Risk: Loss of historical structures. The “poteaux-en-terre” structures, with their wood and earth foundations, are particularly susceptible.

Consequence: Ste Genevieve contains three of the five known remaining “poteaux-en-terre” structures in North America. Continued flooding will result in the loss of three-fifths of the nations’ inventory.

Activities for FY 15: Carryover funds from FY14 will be used to complete preparation of the General Reevaluation Report (GRR).

Acquisition Strategy: Not applicable

Amount That Could Be Used in FY 16: Carryover funds from FY15 will be used to submit the GRR for approval. An amount of $100,000 could be used to initiate design and plans and specifications based on recommended plan from the GRR.

Project Sponsor/Customer: The Urban Design Levee sponsor is the Ste. Genevieve Joint Levee Commission, which is composed of the city of Ste Genevieve and Ste. Genevieve County Levee Districts 2 and 3. The sponsor for the tributary and recreation facilities is expected to be the city of Ste. Genevieve.

Congressional Interest: Senate: Blunt (MO) House: Jason Smith (MO-8).