

Nutwood Drainage and Levee District, IL

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AUTHORIZATION:

Section 203 of Flood Control Act of 23 October 1962 (Public Law (PL) 87-874)

Location and Description:

The Nutwood Drainage and Levee District (D&LD) protects 10,360 acres of primarily agricultural land located in Greene and Jersey Counties, Illinois, on the left bank of the Illinois River between river miles 15.2 and 23.7 above the mouth of the Illinois River. This Federally constructed levee provides protection for a 4 percent chance of exceedance (25-year event). The levee was overtopped and breached completely during the flood of 1993, inundating the area and causing a disruption of traffic on Illinois Routes 100 and 16 for over three months. The recommended plan of improvement for this project includes a levee raise of 11.4 miles of existing levees, improved pumping capabilities, and construction of seepage control measures.

