



# Degognia / Fountain Bluff and Grand Tower Drainage and Levee Districts, Jackson County, IL

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## **AUTHORIZATION:**

Flood Control Act of 1936  
and 1938 (existing projects);  
House Committee Resolution  
adopted May 15, 2008



## **Location and Description:**

The Degognia and Fountain Bluff Levee and Drainage District and the Grand Tower Drainage and Levee District comprise a single closed levee system protecting the Mississippi River floodplain of Jackson County, Illinois, approximately 70 miles south of St. Louis, Missouri. This levee system, which is part of the Alton to Gale levee system, is 36.6 miles in length and protects approximately 51,000 acres, the majority of which is agricultural or U.S. Forest Service lands. The protected area also includes residences, small businesses, farm buildings, the Cora coal transfer facility, two state highways and the towns of Grand Tower, Gorham, and Jacob. The study will address problems associated with these two existing projects which relate to deterioration of flood control features as a result of their advanced age associated with underseepage measures.