



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

# Information Paper

## Ste. Genevieve MO

Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-662)

### Construction (FRM)

**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 Mississippi River Levee and associated features were completed in 1999. Because of changed site conditions, the remaining features have been reevaluated in a General Reevaluation Report (GRR). The GRR is scheduled to be approved in FY 2019 and recommends non-structural floodproofing solutions to protect historic structures along North and South Gabouri Creeks as well as a recreation trail on top of the Mississippi River Levee.

**Status:** The levee protection system successfully withstood the Spring 2017 flood event.

**Importance:** The project protects the city of Ste. Genevieve and its nationally-recognized historic resource from Mississippi River flooding and the remaining features recommended in the GRR will 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.



*Flooding in the City of Ste. Genevieve, vicinity of the Third Street Bridge, North Gabouri (Existing Conditions), May 2009.*

**Activities for FY 20:** Carryover funds from FY15 are being used to complete the General Reevaluation Report (GRR).

**Acquisition Strategy:** Not applicable

**Activities after FY 20:** Initiate PPA and development of up to five Non-standard estate real estate floodproofing agreements.

**Project Partner:** 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).

Phase	FY 20 Allocation
Construction	\$0