



Illinois Valley Flood Resiliency Alliance

Senator Sue Rezin, 38th Senatorial District

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APRIL 21, 2013

Governor Quinn

Mayor Eschbach

Rep. Frank Mautino



Welcome Community Leaders from the 38th District



First Organizational Meeting—February 12, 2014

MARSEILLES





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**Morris Hospital
Forced Evacuation
2.5 Million in damage**

**AuxSable Aqueduct
Failure caused hospital to flood**



Dear Mayor:

As you well know, your community has recently been affected by flood related damages. The flooding this past spring was disastrous for many communities in the Illinois River watershed, including many in my District. Since that Federal Disaster of April 2013, I have worked with my constituents to identify the challenges that face our flood prone communities. While many of your flood community issues may be complex and seem difficult to resolve, there are technical resources and programs available to help successfully solve and mitigate flood related problems. I have found that the Federal Government, FEMA, Homeland Security, the Insurance Service Office, Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Illinois Department of Natural Resources each have resources to help us deal with the post flood challenges at hand, and to help us prevent flood damages in the future.

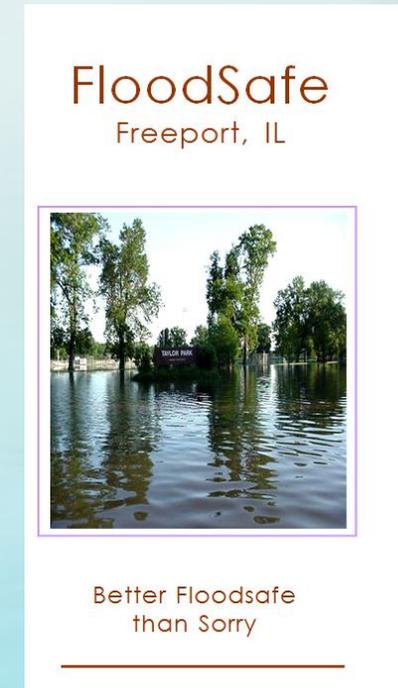
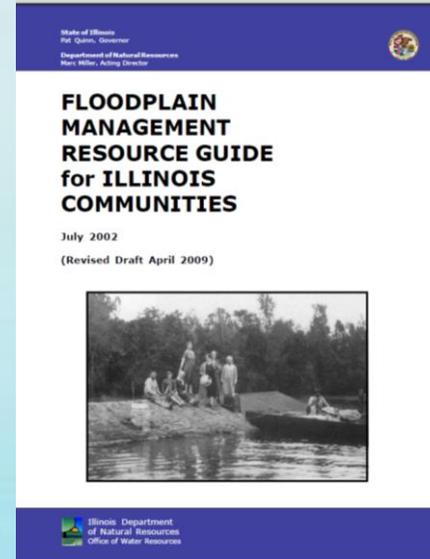
In an effort to share information, promote sound floodplain management practices, and save the taxpayer dollars I would like to form a coalition of Illinois River watershed communities. We can learn from one another. Joining together with other communities in similar situations has a synergistic benefit. Some communities in Illinois have had tremendous success in mitigating flood losses and we can collectively learn from their experiences. Ottawa, Illinois, in the late 1990's was one of the worst repetitive loss communities in the State. Today that community has eliminated much of their flood risk and is ranked at the top of the Community Rating System which allows their citizens the benefit of a 25% discount on flood insurance premiums.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources, The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Illinois Association of Floodplain and Stormwater Managers and the City of Ottawa have all agreed to assist my office in the formation of a coalition of flood prone communities in my district. To that end I am asking your participation in this endeavor. I am proposing that we have an initial formational meeting on February 12, 2014. The City of Ottawa has offered the use of their Council Chambers.



2. Education and Outreach

- Seek state programs & staff
- Solicit private sector investment
- Find not-for-profits
- Package programs – leverage power!
- Encourage local ownership
- New technologies
- Think outside the box









The Community Rating System (CRS)

- Basics
- Creditable Activities
 - How To Join
- Local Participation



IAFSM

*Illinois Association for
Floodplain and Stormwater Management*



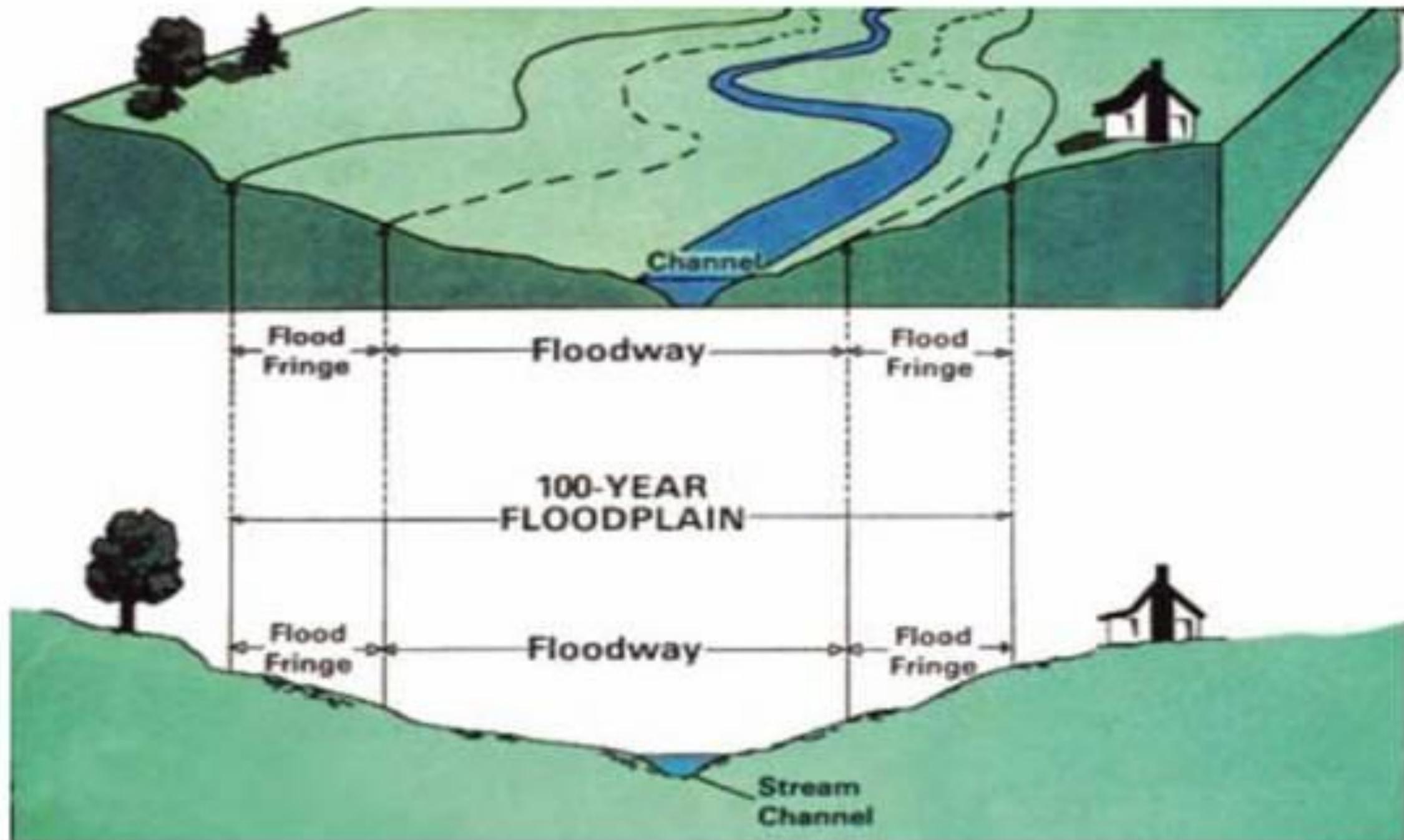
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You Live Behind a Levee How Safe are You From Floods?

Levees are built to reduce flood risk, but...

- What does it mean to live behind a levee?
- How much protection does a levee provide?
- What should you know to remain as safe as possible



Mitigation Hit List

- Marseilles Waste Water Treatment Plant
- Peru Waste Water Treatment Plant
- Ottawa Waste Water Treatment Plant
- LaSalle (City) Waste Water Treatment Plant
Water Treatment Plant
- Tonica Waste Water Treatment Plant
- DuPue Waste Water Treatment Plant
- Utica Waste Water Treatment Plant,
Village Hall, Public Works
- LaSalle County Nursing Home





Waste Water Treatment



School



Police Station/Village Hall



Hospital



Township High School



County Nursing Home







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QUESTIONS?



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Rezin's Report

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