

#StopTheLevee

What is the New Madrid Levee Project?

The New Madrid Levee Project is a proposal by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to build a new 60 foot high, quarter mile long levee and two huge pumping plants along the Mississippi River in southeast Missouri.

This blocks off a critical opening in the existing levee that allows the river to support wetlands and habitat in the Floodway.



The Floodway is an area specially designated to receive flood waters during extreme floods. Water is diverted there to prevent catastrophic damage upstream in Illinois, Missouri & Kentucky. Closing the opening in the Floodway puts these upstream communities at risk.



The opening in the Floodway is also critically important to the Mississippi River ecosystem, because the river water that flows through it creates vital fish & wildlife habitat. Closing the gap would destroy more than 50,000 acres of wetlands and endanger hundreds of wild species, leaving many with nowhere else to go.



The U.S. Army Corps proposal comes at a massive cost: over \$165 million taxpayer dollars

TAKE ACTION - Encourage Community Leaders and Legislators to Oppose the Project

The Environmental Protection Agency has the authority — and the responsibility — to stop the New Madrid Levee Project with a Clean Water Act veto.

Engage with your local leaders and representatives, they can request EPA make the common-sense decision to Stop the Levee

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