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Evansville Acquisition Village Implements Mitigation Measures

Evansville, IL - The village is a small community in southwestern Illinois along the Kaskaskia River, about 10 miles from its confluence with the Mississippi River. In the Great Flood of 1993, the village experienced record flooding as the Mississippi River floodwaters backed up the Kaskaskia River. Homes and businesses were inundated with more than ten feet of water, causing severe damage to over 20 structures.

The Village of Evansville utilized the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) to acquire the substantially damaged structures. Funds from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs and U.S. Economic Development Administration were used to relocate the Water Treatment Plant away from the threat of flooding. The village acquired 12 properties, including residences and businesses. The properties are now all dedicated to open space and are planned to be used for recreation purposes to promote tourism in the village.

The village also developed a Hazard Mitigation Plan to address all hazards within the village, including earthquake since the village is within the New Madrid seismic zone. An ordinance implementing BOCA building codes was adopted to encourage earthquake-resistant construction.

The village has successfully removed many of its residences away from the threat of flooding. Evansville has received recognition across the Nation for its successful implementation of mitigation measures in a small community.



**Randolph County,
Illinois**



Quick Facts

Sector:

Public

Cost:

\$296,000.00 (Actual)

Primary Activity/Project:

Acquisition/Buyouts

Primary Funding:

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)