



This fact sheet provides information regarding repairs to flood-damaged levee systems/flood risk management projects within the 139,000 square-mile jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District.

Repairs

The federal government policy regarding repairs to levee systems and flood risk management projects damaged by flooding is as follows:

Federally constructed or enhanced/locally maintained systems (in PL 84-99 program):

- Will be repaired by the federal government at 100 percent federal cost, pending a letter of request by the maintaining authority and funding by Congress.
- Damages must exceed \$15,000 to be eligible.

Non-federally constructed/locally maintained systems (in PL 84-99 program):

- Will be repaired by the federal government at 80 percent federal/20 percent local cost share, pending a letter of request by the maintaining authority and funding by Congress.
- Damages must exceed \$15,000 to be eligible.

Private and/or corporate-owned levee systems (NOT in PL 84-99 program):

- Will NOT be repaired by the federal government.

NOTE: Repairs can only be made to pre-event conditions. No improvements or enhancements with federal funding are authorized. Repairs of previously identified project deficiencies or damages that were caused as a result of the deficiencies are also not eligible for repair.

Public Law 84-99 Program (Flood and Coastal Storm Emergencies)

Repair Authorization

Levee systems and/or flood risk management projects are authorized for repairs if damaged by a flood event or other natural disaster when the levee system is within the Corps' PL 84-99 program. To be included in the PL 84-99 program, a levee system or flood risk management project must be routinely inspected by the Corps of Engineers. The levee must also meet the Corps' construction standards and be maintained in a manner that does not deter from its structural integrity.

Structural Integrity

The following conditions will lessen the integrity of a levee system and/or flood risk management project and may result in a Corps of Engineers determination that a levee system/flood risk management project does not meet the Corps' standards:

- Burrow holes (mammal or man-made)
- Tree growth (roots degrade structure/tree weight causes undue stress)
- Erosion
- Encroachments
- Any other condition determined to be a detriment to the structure

The maintaining authority will be notified of a failure to meet the Corps' standards and will be provided up to two years to correct any deficiencies. If the deficiencies are not corrected, the levee system/flood risk management project will be made inactive within the PL 84-99 program and become ineligible for federally assisted repairs if damage occurs as a result of a flood event or any other natural disaster.