

# KANSAS CITYS, MISSOURI AND KANSAS FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT

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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- USACE Civil Works Mission
- Kansas City Levee Project History and Study
- USACE Levee Safety Program



# Civil Works - Value to the Nation



## Primary Civil Works Missions and Year Authorized

- Navigation (1824)
- Flood Risk Management (1936)
- Watershed Planning (1986)
- Ecosystem Restoration (1996)



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# USACE DIVISION AND DISTRICT MAP



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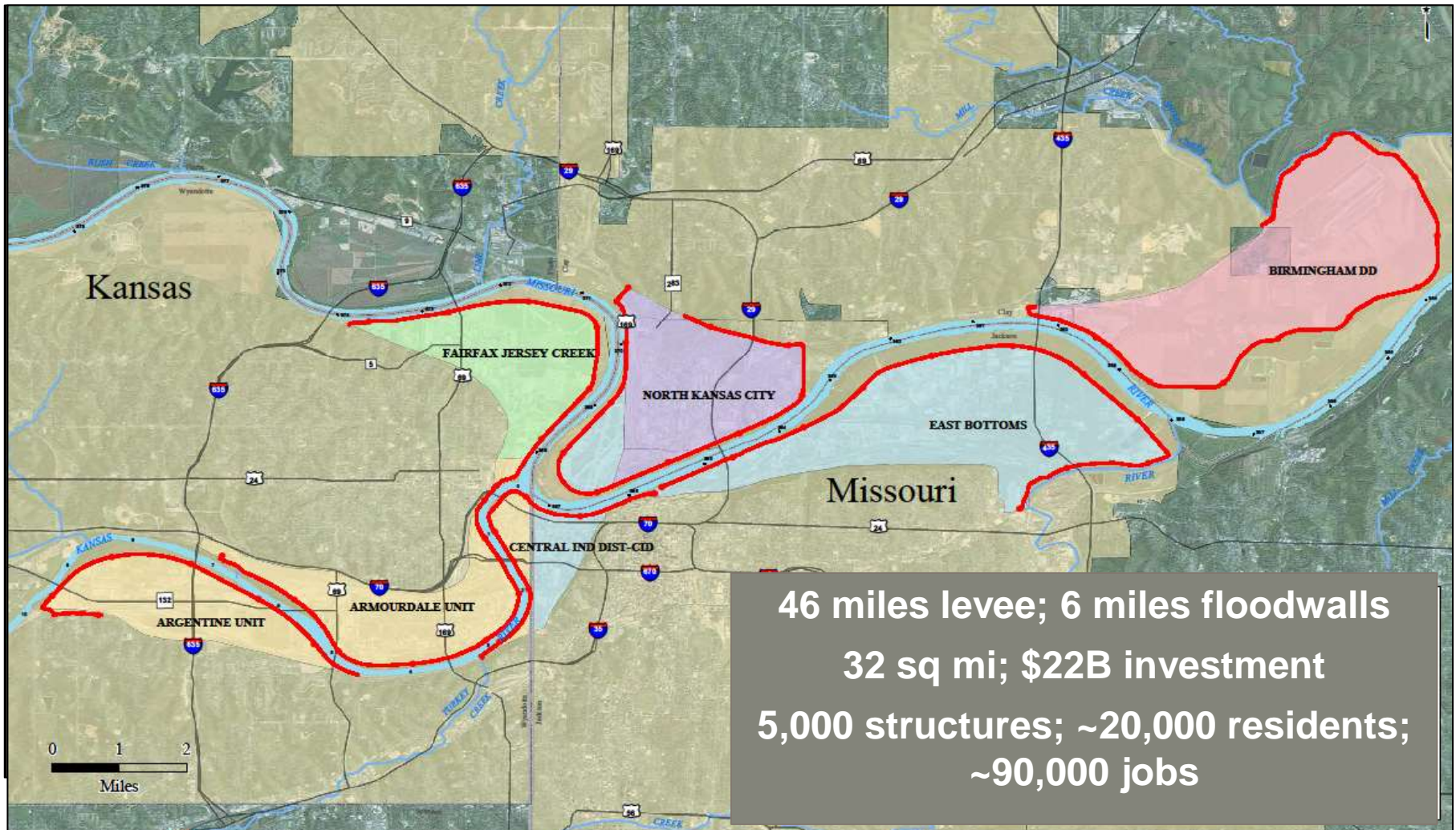
# Kansas City District – Civil Works



- 18 Multipurpose Lakes
  - 9 – Kansas
  - 7 – Missouri
  - 1 – Iowa
  - 1 – Nebraska
- ~1,000 miles of levees
- Kansas River Basin
- ~498 Miles of Missouri River
- Other tributaries



# KANSAS CITY LEVEE SYSTEM



**46 miles levee; 6 miles floodwalls**  
**32 sq mi; \$22B investment**  
**5,000 structures; ~20,000 residents;**  
**~90,000 jobs**



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# KANSAS CITY LEVEE SYSTEM FEATURES



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# PROJECT HISTORY



- Kansas City floods in 1903 and 1908
- Early Local Flood Efforts
- Flood Control Act of 1936
- Flood Control Act of 1944



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# PROJECT HISTORY

## Flood of 1951

- Kansas River Flood of Record
- Peak Flow ~510,000 cfs
- Multiple levee failures
- \$462M damages (FY14: \$8.23B)



# PROJECT HISTORY

## Flood of 1993

- Missouri River Event
- Passed Peak Flow ~543,000 cfs
- ~\$4.5B damages prevented (FY14: \$8.4B)
- 1993 performance concerns prompted Feasibility Study



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# USACE FEASIBILITY STUDY

**PURPOSE:** Examine existing system performance and evaluate alternatives to identify and recommend a feasible plan to reduce flood risks while contributing to National Economic Development consistent with protecting the environment.



## Study Process

- Identify problems and opportunities
- Inventory and forecast conditions
- Formulate, Evaluate, and Compare alternative plans
- Select a plan for recommendation

## Plan Selection Criteria

Completeness, Effectiveness, Efficiency, Acceptability.

# Problem Identification

## Authorized system discharge (1962):

Kansas River	390,000 cfs	0.1%	(1/1000)
Missouri River (u/s)	220,000 cfs	5.0%	(1/20)
Missouri River (d/s)	610,000 cfs	0.08%	(1/1250)

## Existing Condition Expected Performance:

Armourdale	3.69%	(1/27)
Argentine	1.34%	(1/75)
CID	0.47%	(1/213)
Fairfax-Jersey Creek	0.71%	(1/141)
North Kansas City	0.54%	(1/185)
East Bottoms	0.19%	(1/526)
Birmingham	0.13%	(1/769)



Opportunity: Identify modifications to establish a consistent level of performance across the system.



# RECOMMENDED PLAN BENEFITS AND PERFORMANCE

## Economic Analysis

w/o Annual Damages	\$124,296
Annual Benefits	\$ 98,141
Annual Costs	\$ 21,766
Benefit/Cost	4.5
Net Benefits	\$ 76,375
Residual Damages	\$ 26,155

*Oct 2013 prices; 3.5% interest rate; 50 year period of analysis; \$1000s*

## Annual Exceedance Probabilities

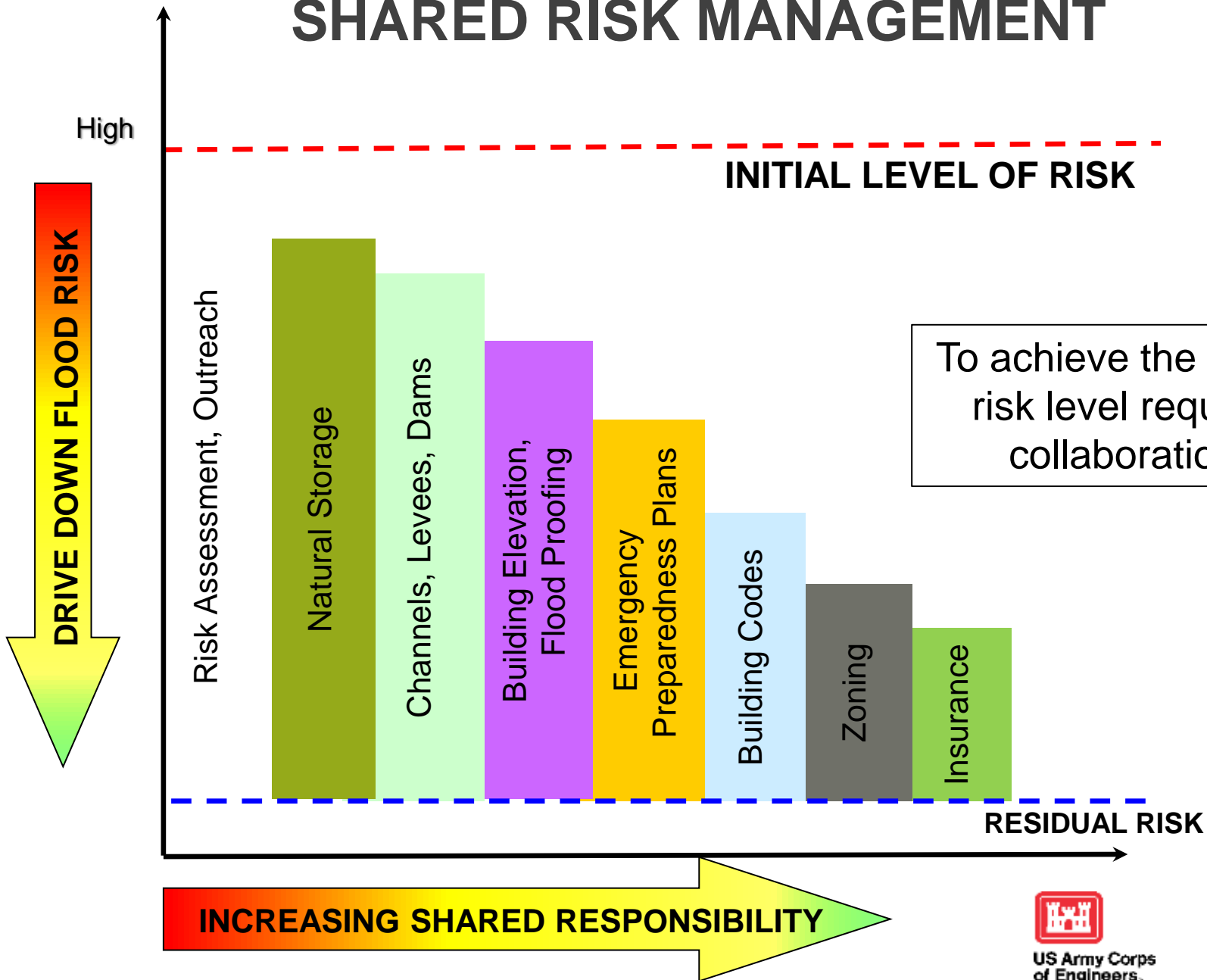
Unit	Existing	Future
Armourdale	3.69	0.14
CID	0.47	0.19
Argentine	1.34	0.17
East Bottoms	0.19	0.10
North Kansas City	0.54	0.19
Fairfax-Jersey Creek	0.71	0.12
Birmingham	0.13	NA



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# SHARED RISK MANAGEMENT



# USACE Levee Safety Program Mission and Objectives



Topeka, Kansas 1993

**Assess** the integrity and viability of levees and **recommend actions** to assure that levee systems do not present unacceptable risks to the public, property, and the environment.

- Hold Public Safety Paramount
  - Reduce Economic Impacts
  - Maximize Cost Effectiveness
- Develop Reliable and Accurate Information
  - Build Public Trust and Acceptance



Osawatomie, Kansas – July 2007



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# USACE LEVEE SAFETY PROGRAM

## DEFINITION OF RISK

$$\text{Risk} = f(\text{Hazard}, \text{Performance}, \text{Consequences})$$

What are the hazards and how likely are they to occur?

How will the infrastructure perform in the face of these hazards?

Who and what are in harms way?  
How susceptible to harm are they? How much harm is caused?



# CONSEQUENCE RISK MANAGEMENT



- Continued diligent maintenance according to current standards
- Transparent risk communication to floodplain users
- Emergency planning and preparedness
- Floodplain management planning
- Non-structural flood risk mitigation



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# Questions?

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