

FLOODING

Flooding in the Oxbow comes from two primary sources:

The Great Miami River (GMR) combined with the drainage of the Whitewater River (WWR) which joins the GMR about 5 miles upstream from the Oxbow, and the Ohio River. The GMR drains about 10% of the state of Ohio and the WWR drains about 4% of the state of Indiana.

The Ohio River, above the Oxbow, drains large portions of the states of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky and about another 50% of the State of Ohio.

All in all, there is a lot of water that comes together in the Oxbow. A conservative estimate of the capacity of the flood plain to hold water during a moderate flood (52 feet, Cincinnati) is 2 billion gallons. The measurement of flood water levels takes place at Miamitown, Ohio and at Cincinnati, Ohio. Both locations are several miles upriver from the Oxbow. Neither location can account for any contribution to Oxbow flood water levels contributed by the WWR.

For more information, visit www.oxbowinc.org or call 812-290-2941.

For assistance in the event of an emergency, please call 911 (make sure you advise you are in Indiana) or the Dearborn County Sheriff's Dispatch at (812) 537-3431.