

THE LEVEE

The Levee you see, built along the eastern edge of US Hwy 50, was initiated by the city of Greendale in 1997. They purchased a 45-acre farm to enhance a raised railroad bed into a proper levee to protect the plans for a business park on the west side of highway 50.

Completed in 2000, Oxbow, Inc. bought the land from Greendale and Osprey Lake was born. The levee holds back the flood waters of the Ohio and Great Miami Rivers so that residents may safely conduct business in the business park, safely attend church or events at the County Fair Grounds, and safely travel in or out of Lawrenceburg along US Hwy 50. The land across on the other side of the levee would still be as easily flooded as the land you are standing on were it not for the presence of the new levee.

An Ohio River level of 52 feet, measured in Cincinnati, is the declared flood stage for the city of Cincinnati and tops the Serpentine Wall on Cincinnati's riverfront. At 52 feet Cincinnati the water level reaches the base of the levee, and you would be standing in about a foot of water at this location. In 1997 the flood water level rose to 64.5 feet so imaging another 12.5 feet of water. Do not ever attempt to walk the trail while it is underwater. You can get a nice view of a flood by walking the bike/hike trail on the top of the levee.

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.