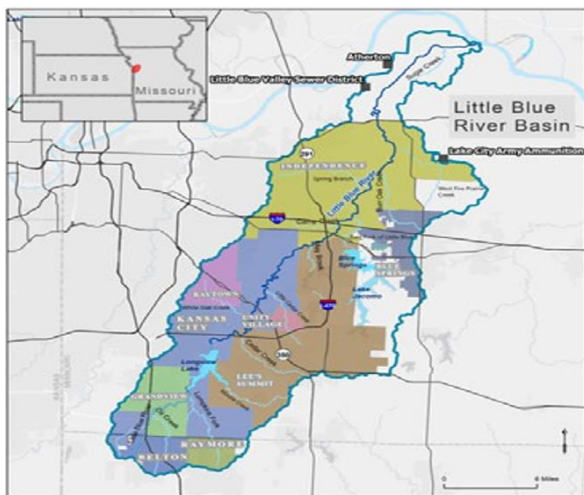


Little Blue River General Investigation Study

Authority: Resolution of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works for the Little Blue River Basin, Missouri, 108th Congress, 2nd Session, June 23, 2004.



Study Description:

Congress has authorized USACE NWK to conduct the Little Blue River Watershed General Investigation Study to analyze whether changing conditions within the basin are increasing flood risk. It has also authorized an analysis of where environmental restoration is desired and could be implemented. NWK-USACE will lead the participating communities in identifying challenges but also looking for opportunities to apply best management practices that will lower flood risk, restore ecosystem services, and promote sustainable development and other beneficial uses into the future. The result will be a recommended plan that will lead to Congressional authorization for construction under the Corps of Engineers General Investigations Program.

Problem & Need: Dramatic changes in basin conditions related to urbanization and other factors are causing increased frequency of flooding and rapid erosion that threatens the large federal investment and other significant public infrastructure, as well as the protected communities and installations. The flood of record was a ten-inch rainfall on August 12-13, 1982, which caused four fatalities and over \$30 million in damages. There have been four flood events in the last 24 years that have exceeded the 2 percent Annual Exceedance Probability (50-year) flood. If continued unchecked, the adverse effects of the transforming watershed will cause significant deterioration to the federal flood-protection projects, increasing damage to critical infrastructure, wildlife habitat, and public recreation investment. A comprehensive watershed study is required to unite the communities and agencies in the leveraging of resources for the protection of federal investments, infrastructure, habitat conservation, and storm water management allowing for increased economic benefits to the area.

Study Partners: Mid-America Regional Council, Jackson County, the City of Blue Springs, the City of Grandview, the City of Independence, the City of Kansas City, Missouri, the City of Lee's Summit, and the City of Raytown.

For More Information: Please visit the study's website at: <https://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Civil-Works-Programs-And-Projects/Little-Blue-River-Watershed-Study/>

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Study Schedule

Feasibility Cost Share Agreement	Sep. 2021
Kickoff Meeting	Oct. 2021
Planning Charrette	Jan. 2022
Interagency Meeting	May 2023
Alternatives Milestone Meeting	Jun. 2023
Tentatively Selected Plan	May 2025
Draft Report & Public Review	Sep. 2025
Agency Decision Milestone	Jul. 2026
Final Report to HQUSACE	Mar. 2027
Chief's Report	Sep. 2027