



AGENDA

Work Session
February 5, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
225 E Eads Pkwy

FEMA Lawrenceburg – Greendale Levee Update

Recap of 1/29/26 Meeting with FEMA

Andrew Birmingham and
John Mundell

Lawrenceburg Levee System Plan Moving Forward

Plans for certification moving forward

John Mundell and
Luke Johnstone

Greendale Levee Subdistrict Plan Moving Forward

Discussion of options moving forward

Andrew Birmingham

Communication to Stakeholders

1/29/2026 minutes approved by LCD, JMT, Mundell & FEMA

LAMP Report

Greendale, Lawrenceburg, Dearborn County and Freeholders

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Date: January 29, 2026

Time: 3:00 p.m. CST

Location: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Lawrenceburg-Greendale Levee Update Meeting

1. **Introductions/Attendance**
2. **Previous Meetings**
3. **FEMA LAMP Report Results**
4. **FEMA Next Steps**
5. **Current Work and Independent Actions by Lawrenceburg Levee Sponsor – Lawrenceburg Conservancy District/Mundell**
6. **Current Work and Independent Actions by Greendale Levee Sponsor – Lawrenceburg Conservancy District/JMT**

FEMA Region 5 Levee Activities and National Levee Mapping Direction

1. Overview

FEMA Region 5, which includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin, is undergoing a coordinated levee-related initiative. This effort reflects FEMA's broader national shift toward updating flood maps, resolving long-term PAL (Provisionally Accredited Levee) status, and applying modern levee analysis procedures.

2. Region 5 Levee Work

FEMA has completed a **Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA)** for levee flood-mitigation projects across all six states in Region 5. The PEA covers:

- Levee repairs and structural improvements
- Floodwalls and flood control structures
- Pump stations and interior drainage systems
- Floodplain modifications and mitigation measures

Completion of the PEA allows FEMA to approve levee-related projects more efficiently by removing the need for individual environmental reviews for each project. This indicates FEMA anticipates **numerous levee actions** across the region.

3. Purpose of FEMA's Current Push

FEMA's accelerated levee activity is driven by several national factors:

3.1 Long-Term PAL Status

Many levee systems remained in PAL for a decade or longer, despite PAL being intended as a temporary (24-month) designation. **Federal audits criticized FEMA for allowing outdated maps to remain in place.**

- During LMAP review
- During the Preliminary Map appeal period
- After effective maps through a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR)

4.5 Streamlined Project Approvals

The Region 5 PEA enables FEMA to approve levee improvements more quickly, supporting communities that are actively working toward accreditation.

5. Implications for Levee Sponsors

Levee systems that have been in PAL for extended periods are now being moved forward regardless of whether full 65.10 documentation is complete. Sponsors should expect:

- Continued mapping progress
- Limited or no extensions of PAL status
- Multiple opportunities to submit additional data
- Faster approval of levee improvement projects
- Increased emphasis on realistic flood risk representation

6. Summary

FEMA Region 5's levee initiative reflects a national shift toward modernized levee analysis, updated flood mapping, and resolution of long-standing PAL designations. FEMA is moving levee systems forward through LMAP, streamlined environmental approvals, and accelerated mapping timelines. Levee sponsors retain opportunities to provide documentation but should anticipate continued progress toward new FIRMs.