

## **HISTORIC FLOOD EVENTS**

Tri-County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

**Historic Flood Events  
1933 – 1944**

Date(s)	Start Time	Body of Water	Location(s) Impacted	Magnitude			Injuries	Fatalities	Property Damages	Description	
				Flood Crest Illinois River Peoria <sup>1</sup>	Impacted						
					Homes	Business					Infra-structure
4/1/1933 thru 4/6/1933	n/a	Kickapoo Creek	Peoria	n/a	20 See Event Description	n/a	See Event Description	n/a	n/a	n/a	- many flooded basements - 12 bridges & 600 yards of gravel washed away
5/18/1933	n/a	Illinois River	Peoria Tazewell & Woodford counties	25.3 feet 5/18/1933	n/a	CILCO basement flooded but still provided power (Peoria)	See Event Description	n/a	n/a	n/a	<u>Peoria</u> - 2 manholes blew open - IL Rte. 29 closed - Rock Island railroad tracks were under water
5/3/1935	n/a	Kickapoo Creek	Peoria	n/a	6	n/a	See Event Description	n/a	n/a	n/a	- IL Rte. 29 closed - 500 feet of Rock Island railroad tracks were under water
1/24/1938	n/a	Illinois River	Peoria	n/a	6	n/a	Trains	n/a	n/a	n/a	
6/25/1938	n/a	n/a	Peoria	n/a	n/a	many stores flooded	streets closed; 4 railways shut down	n/a	n/a	\$250,000	- flash flooding caused serious damage in the City - >1,000 homes lost power
5/23/1943	n/a	Illinois River	Peoria Tazewell & Woodford counties	28.8 feet 5/23/1943 2 <sup>nd</sup> highest crest on record	several	See Event Description	street cars; IL Rte 29 & 24; train depot; P&PU railroad	n/a	n/a	n/a	- National Guard called to help; major damage sustained, especially in East Peoria <u>Peoria</u> - closed Century Distilling, RG LeTourneau, Keystone, Bemis Bag & Caterpillar
4/27/1944	n/a	Illinois River	Peoria Tazewell & Woodford counties	23.8 feet	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
<b>Subtotal:</b>								<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	

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<sup>1</sup> Flood stage at the Peoria gauge location is 18.0 feet, moderate flood stage is 22.0 feet and major flood stage is 28.0 feet. At 18.0 feet flooding of unprotected bottomlands not protected by levees occurs; at 22.7 feet flooding begins to low lying areas in Peoria Heights & Peoria’s Riverfront Park; at 24.0 feet water begins covering streets in East Peoria; at 25.0 feet damage begins at Pekin sewage treatment plant and minor property damage occurs in Peoria by the River; at 28.0 feet water entire length of Lake Street in Spring Bay is inundated; and at 30.6 feet water overtops the levee at the Peoria Sanitary District Levee.