During a flood

Listen to your local emergency alerting systems for information and instructions. Do not disturb Utility crews that are floodfighting.

Evacuate if instructed.

Questions to ask yourself:

What is the elevation of my home relative to the potential flooding from a levee or floodwall failure?

How much time do I need if I needed to evacuate?

Am I ready to evacuate in a timely and safe manner?

What evacuation route will I take?

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Living Around a Floodwall & Levee System

Info about Huntington's Floodwall and Levee System

WHAT IS A LEVEE?

A levee is a man-made structure, usually an earthen embankment, designed to keep river water from flooding protected property.

WHAT IS A FLOODWALL?

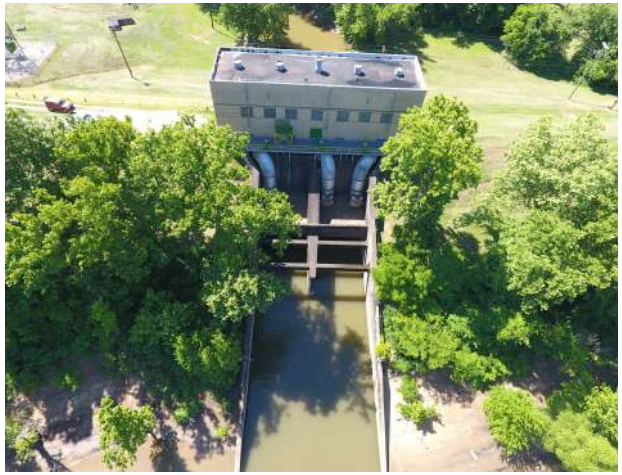
A floodwall is a vertical concrete wall designed to keep river water from flooding protected properties.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Huntington is protected by 7 miles of concrete monoliths, 4.5 miles of earthen levee, 17 pump stations, and 45 gate openings. The floodwall was designed with 1930's technology and built in the early 1940's.

Maintenance and repairs to this 1940s infrastructure is expensive and complex. Many parts have to be fabricated to fit these old features.

There weren't many safety codes in the 1940's and much of our electrical equipment is unsafe by today's standards.



WHAT IS A PUMP STATION?

A pump station is a building within the floodwall system that contains equipment for pumping water out of the city into the river.

BE PREPARED

There is always risk when you live behind a floodwall & levee system. Man-made structures are not fail proof!

Be aware of the risks. During flooding events on the Ohio River listen to a reliable source of information and possible evacuation orders.

Be prepared for possible evacuation in any flooding scenario. Prepare an emergency evacuation kit and have a plan for your family and pets.

Go to www.floodsmart.gov for more information.

Huntington Stormwater Utility begins activating pumping stations when the Ohio River level reaches 34.5 feet.