

Dear

*We are asking for your support.*

*We the people affected by this Blanchard River Watershed Proposal want this plan currently set by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District withdrawn as it is impractical as there is no guarantee that it will accomplish the goals set forth in preventing flooding to the City of Findlay, Ohio.*

*The City of Findlay must stop building in flood plain areas and must dredge or remove buildup of sediment and any barriers constricting the free flowing of the river. Don't blame agricultural for the City of Findlay's flooding problems, while the city continues laying asphalt, concrete and major shopping malls and stores on river bottom areas. Hancock County rural residents should not shoulder the cost, lose their farm land and accept the burden of this enormous mistake made by the City of Findlay*

*Instead of diverting the river and destroying the entire countryside of Hancock County with this massive "failure" project, build a levee with high walls along the banks of the river through the City of Findlay. Example: The Great Miami River in the City of Piqua, Ohio.*

### *Why is this important?*

- *Obliteration of century old family farms, homes, businesses, churches, cemeteries, historical landmarks.*
- *Complete elimination of many livelihoods for the current generation and all future generations.*
- *The proposed purchase price of highly productive farm land is less than ¼ of the current market value. Land purchased would be permanently out of production and would no longer pay property taxes in Hancock County.*
- *Landlocked areas surrounding the proposed diversion channels will be created.*
- *Induced flooding to areas that have not normally flooded.*

- *Destruction of the natural habitat in the surrounding areas including numerous American Bald Eagles nests.*

*Why should you support this?*

*The US Army Corp of Engineers proposed flooding plan will cost millions of federal tax payer's dollars to construct with no provisions for the maintenance, the damage to infrastructure (roads, etc.), and loss of income to Hancock County, and has absolutely NO guarantee it will work or be effective during a flood.*

*The proposed flood plan is nonrealistic as the computer model used to create the proposal demonstrating an even two inches rainfall over the entire surrounding area. In reality this never occurs.*

*Place the blame where the blame belongs. Lack of foresight in allowing urban development in flood prone areas has taken away the capacity of the ground to absorb water.*

*City of Findlay's urban development has contributed to their own flooding problems by adding fill-in dirt in natural flood plain areas.*

*Millions of federal dollars will be sought to fund this project. Do you want to use spend your hard earned tax dollars for more federal waste?*

*Thanks for your support and time and we appreciate spreading the word to support our rural community in Hancock County, Ohio.*

*Sincerely,*