

RECOMMENDATION 4-2020

To: Kankakee River Basin and Yellow River Basin Development Commission
From: Technical Advisory Committee
Subject: Berm Adjacent to Deardorff Property at River's Edge Farm
Date: December 17, 2020

DESCRIPTION: Jim Deardorff has requested additional repair to the berm that separates the River's Edge Farm from his property. During the 2018 flood, significant amounts of crop residue entered his property, and as a neighbor, he requested improvements to the berm height.

Porter County Surveyor Kevin Breitzke completed analysis and drawings of the berm, and found that a 2' increase would be necessary to bring the berm to uniform height, but that a 1' increase of the lowest section would require significantly less material and would provide some additional protection.

The Commission's legal predecessor, the Kankakee River Basin Commission, accepted some responsibility for the berm through its actions to improve it in the past.

LOCATION: Porter County, Indiana

ISSUE: The Committee took testimony for Mr. Deardorff and reviewed photographs of his dilemma. The Committee weighed potential costs against marginal increase in flood protection value.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee recommended that the lowest section of the berm be raised to 658', or 1' foot higher than the current lowest point.

ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE 12/17/2020.