

# ATALE OF TWO GRAFIONS

Grafton, New South Wales, Australia









#### Our Hero



The Duke of Grafton

#### History Grafton, NSW

- Escaped convict, Richard Craig, 'discovered' the district in 1831.
- 'red gold' cedar just waiting for exploitation.
- given a pardon and one hundred pounds to bring a party of cedar-getters.
- Proclaimed a City in 1885
- Called "City of Trees" (what's left of them!)
- Not very smart when it comes to picking a town location.





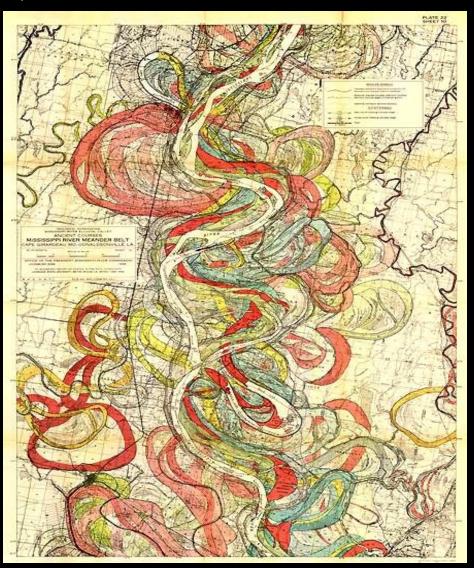


The clocktower indicates the depth of water in the Grafton central business district in 1950. Under the old scale, for the record, the height was five feet three inches. The river rose to 23 feet seven inches.



#### History Grafton, Illinois

- 1817 purchase from the Kickapoo Indians.
- Settled by five army soldiers in 1832.
- Limestone quarry and commercial fishing.
- Not very smart when it comes to picking a town location.



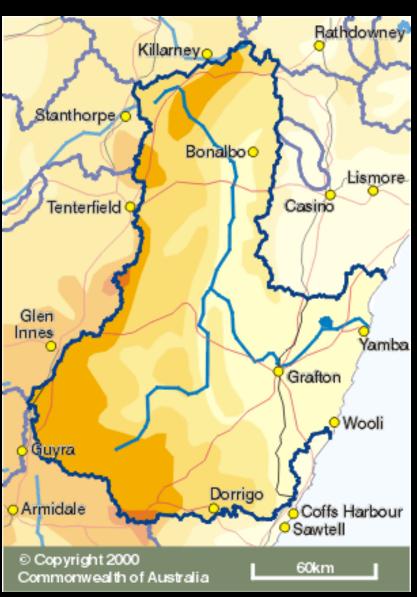
## Geography & Catchment Grafton, NSW



Largest coastal catchment in NSW = 22,700km2

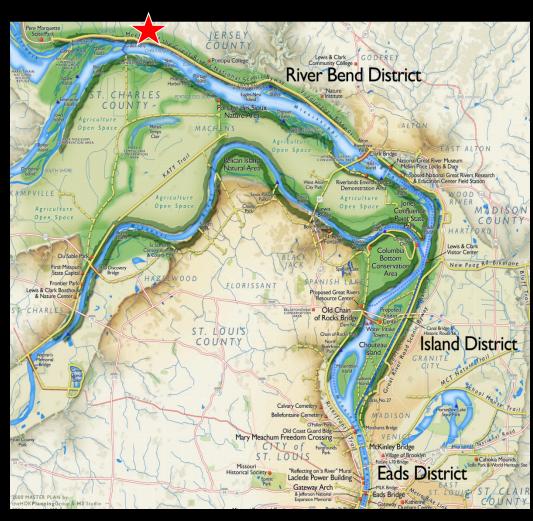
OR 9,000 square miles

Average Rainfall = 1500mm or 60in yearly



#### Geography & Watershed Grafton, IL





## Significant Floods Grafton NSW



#### GRAFTON ROWING CLUB



Great rowing weather!



		Grafton, IL GRF12
NA FIRATIVE		HISTORICAL
		** 38.01 3/1/1993
Nutwood leves overlopped @ 33.5 ** Grafton: E side condox have water @ (bundation **	-36	** 33.20 4/28/1973
Water treatment plant inundated ⊕ 33.0° =	-33	" 30.8 6/29/2008 " 30.90 5/20/1995
Rho 100 between Gration and Alton Inudated @ 29' **	30	29.27 10/9/1986 29.37 4/19/1979 MAJOR FLOOD STAGE 29.07 (NWS) 28.2 4/29/1993; 28.1 5/19/2002
Chautaqua damaged, 1 ft.on Rte 100 N of Gration "		= 27.7 12/8/1982 = 27.55 5/5/1985
Residential flooding in Gratton @25.4 ** Gration: Loading Dock Marina Impacted @ 25.1 ** Water distribution by stem begins inundation, ** emergency measures begin @ 26.0* City of Gratton closes Rie 100 @ 24.7* **	27	" 26.7 6/2/1996 " 25.8 4/18/1998 " 25.19 5/19/2001
Grafion: 1 house water on foundation. " Marina low entrance impacted ⊕ 24.1  Rte. 100 inundated at Chautaque & Brah ⊕ 24.0" " Main Str.(Ris. 100) - inundated ⊕ 23.6" "  Brussel Ferry closes - roadway inundated ⊕ 23.6" "  Grafion: Claussens Bait Shop & 1 house have water on " foundation, Water St inundated ⊕ 23.1	_24	" MODERATE FLOOD STAGE 24.0' (NWS)
	21	** 21.41 6/06/2004
Damage begins in Gration "	18	" FLOOD STAGE 18.0"  ELEVATION ZERO: 403.70  MGVD 1020

#### Significant Floods Grafton, IL



#### Main Street Grafton, IL



#### Floodplain Management Strategies Grafton, NSW



Strategy No1= LEVEES

McDonalds "Before & After"



## Floodplain Management Strategies Grafton, NSW

#### OTHER STRATEGIES

- Floodgates and Drains
- Voluntary house raising
- Better land use planning (FDM Process)
- Public Awareness
- Evacuation Plans





#### **EVACUATION PLANS?**

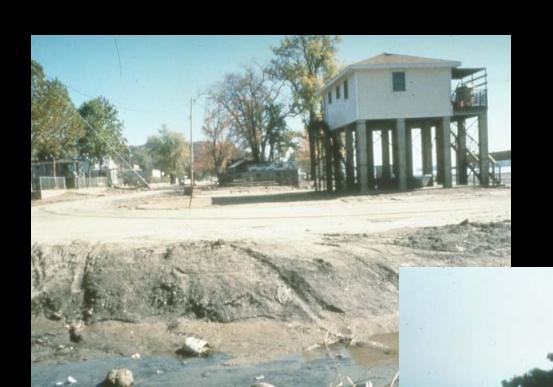


Our <u>husbands</u> tell us when it's time to evacuate!!

#### THE HUSBANDS



WHAT Evacuation Plan????



Floodplain Management Strategies Grafton, IL

Strategy #1 = No Levees

The Crows Next Refere

The Crows Nest – Before and After





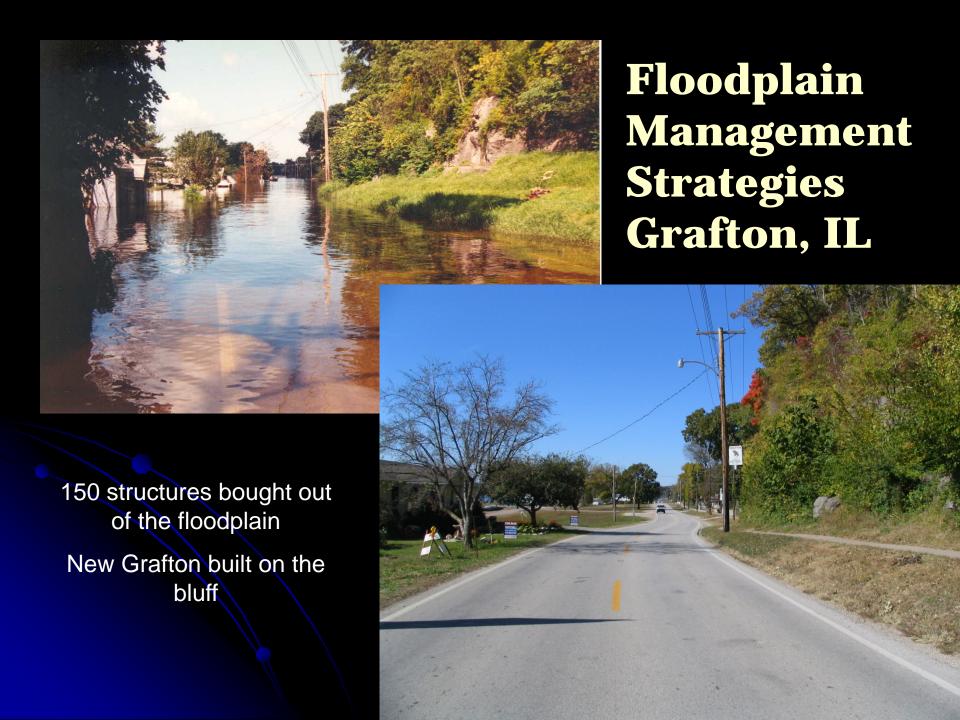




#### Floodplain Management Strategies Grafton, IL

After a hard fight...

Made use of Federal and State Mitigation funding





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Strong regulations prevent new floodplain development

#### Grafton, Illinois

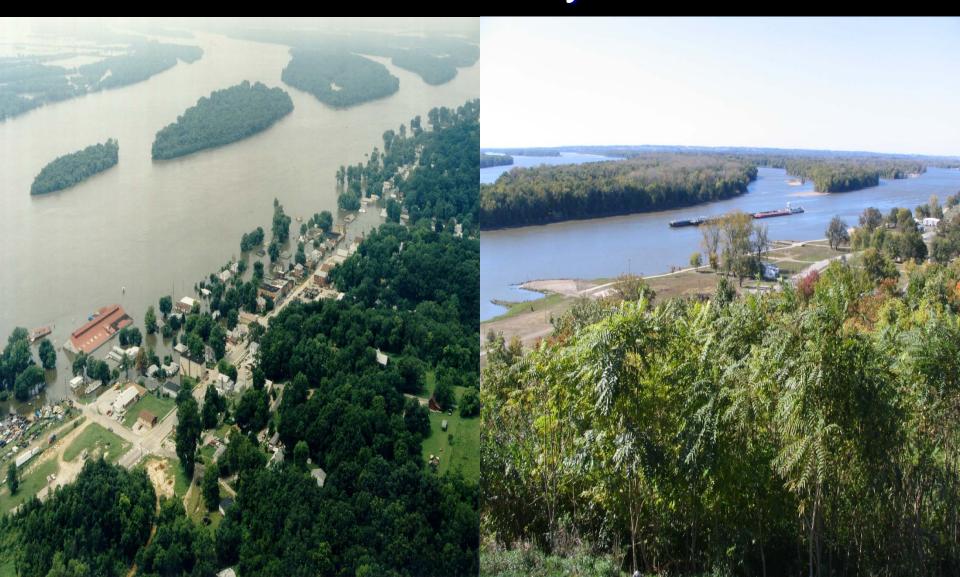








## Grafton Before and After Buyout Photos



## Crowds panic as floodwaters rise in Grafton, NSW





The Flag of Grafton, NSW



The most common flag in Grafton, IL

## The Future Grafton, NSW

- Levee failure....!!??
- Structural improvements to levees
- Voluntary house raising
- Better land use planning
- Community awareness/education
- FRM Plan



### PUBLIC EDUCATION



 Community awareness is ongoing <u>NOT</u> "one-off"





#### The Future Grafton, IL

New marina

Popular riverside bike trail

New visitors centre

New commercial developments

New school, waterplant, sewers, etc..





### A great View! Look at all that GREEN in Grafton!





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