



When Every River Turned Against Us: Lessons from the Great 1913 Flood
**WFYI Public Television Documentary Tells the Forgotten Story of
One of the Nation's Worst Natural Disasters**

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The Great Flood of 1913 was one of the most widespread disasters in American history. And yet, unlike such catastrophic events as the Chicago Fire of 1871, the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and such modern day calamities as Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy — the flood of 1913 remains largely forgotten in time. That is, until now.

When Every River Turned Against Us: Lessons from the Great 1913 Flood will premiere on Thursday, November 21 at 7:30 pm on WFYI 1 Public Television. Produced by Gary Harrison, an Emmy award-winning WFYI Public Television producer, the 30-minute documentary chronicles the events surrounding the historic flood, examines its consequences and offers lessons for today.

What began as a torrential, unrelenting downpour on Easter Sunday, March 23, 1913, and persisted for days across the nation's midsection — ended in a natural disaster of such magnitude and ferocity that even today, more than one hundred years later, its devastation has no equal. The Great 1913 Flood was responsible for nearly a thousand deaths; caused more than \$100 billion in damage in 15 states; and brought America's Crossroads to a virtual standstill. It washed out bridges, roads and railroads, and sent many rivers, including Indiana's White River, over their banks. And no other state was hit harder than Indiana.

When Every River Turned Against Us: Lessons from the Great 1913 Flood, was produced in partnership with the Indiana Silver Jackets emergency readiness coalition and the Polis Center at IUPUI, with assistance from FEMA, Indiana Homeland Security, Indiana Historical Society, U.S. Geological Survey, NOAA, National Weather Service and the Indiana Department of Resources.

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