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In East St. Louis, Illinois, there are continuously amounts of floodings. It is so common that East St. Louis have these floodings because of the lack of government work and community assistance and many more factors of this problem. It can be difficult to uncover the problem because there are so many factors at play.

Growing up in East St. Louis and experiencing the floods that occurred really affected my community, my family and myself. Depending on how heavy the rainfall is it could have overwhelmed East St. Louis's drainage system due to many different things. As I mentioned, these flooding could occur because of the lack of government work and community assistance. The main stakeholders to this problem are the government, residents, and agencies. If the government is not funding the city the right way or ensuring the services need then there would be outcomes of massive floodings that happens in this city.

Floodings can affect people that are caught in floodwater, causing them to drown. It also can affect people who may be displaced from their homes or even causing them to not be able to leave their home or workplace. Floods not only affect people, but they also affect animals by drowning them just as humans, habitat destruction, diseases, and overall displacement of wildlife.



In this picture it shows a flooding that happened in East St. Louis on June 21, 2024. This comes after a 2022 storm that damaged the structures in this area and caused poor drainage during subsequent heavy rainfalls. According to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, they announced that \$2.6 million in aid is on the way to East St. Louis to help buy 39 homes that have experienced repeated flooding and flood damage. The funds from the Illinois DNR's Flood Hazard Mitigation Program will be used to reimburse the city for land it acquired.