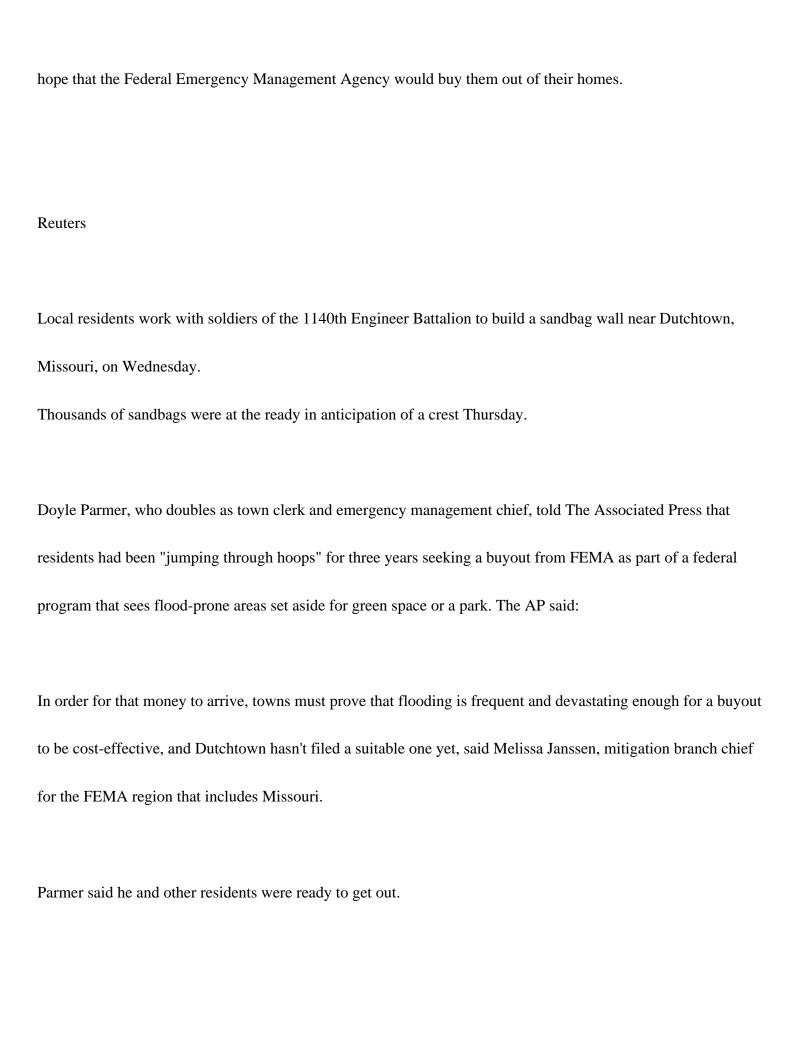
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1.	Verb - Past Participle
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Flood-weary residents in parts of the Midwest were still trying to stem the tide of murky river water Thursday, as
late snow-melt combined with days of spring rain sent rivers toward high-water records.
had begun an inch-by-inch in inundated Peoria, Ill., after the Illinois
River crested Tuesday at 29.35 feet, eclipsing a 70-year record. In central Indiana, more heavy rain through
Wednesday morning prompted a request for voluntary evacuation along the Tippecanoe River near Lafayette.
The Grand River at Grand Rapids, Mich., reached reached levels, was expected to
fall below flood stage Thursday and some of the hundreds of people evacuated were starting to return home.
Advertise AdChoicesAlong the Mississippi, the biggest concern was that the flood is expected to linger into May
, potentially straining longstanding earthen levees and hastily-built sandbag walls. No towns were in imminent
danger.
Rain-soaked Chicago had its wettest April on record, the National Weather Service said, according to
NBCChicago.com.
In tiny Dutchtown, Missouri, flooding from the Mississippi has become such a fact of life that residents
expressed



"Sell the house,	cut the	grass an	d get the	hell out	of Dodge,"	he said.

For 40 years, Shirley Moss has lived in the same home in the town, but as the sandbags piled up yet again, she didn't hesitate when asked if she would take a government buyout.

"In a New York minute," Moss said from her double-wide mobile home. "I'm 75 years old -- I can't fight this."

Meanwhile, in North Dakota residents got their first touch of good news on Wednesday when officials said the swollen Red River would crest at lower than anticipated levels next week, the AP reported.

Residents in Fargo and neighboring Moorhead, Minnesota, have been filling sandbags ahead of the expected fourth major Red River flood in the past five years after unseasonably cold weather delayed the annual thaw.

But the river was still expected to peak at possibly its second-highest level on record, and flood preparations in the north-central United States follow major flooding on rivers in Illinois, Missouri, Indiana and Michigan caused by heavy rain, the AP said.