

Flow Diversion—Pikeville Cut-Through

The Pikeville Cut-Through, which began in 1973, was a 14-year engineering achievement second only to the Panama Canal. The channel is 1,300 feet wide, 3,700 feet long, and 523 feet deep. It reroutes the flow of the Levisa Fork away from the oxbow that encircles Pikeville and controls flooding. The 390 acres of flat land that were created have seen extensive development. 2004 photo shows the completed cutoff. Photo from U.S. Department of Agriculture.

