Guide to Flood Stages in Pittsburgh

16 feet  Normal Pool (703’ from 1885 to 1922 with the Davis lock and dam, 710’ above sea level since 1938 with the construction of the Emsworth Dam, stages used current pool elevation).

17 feet  Stage at which Pittsburgh goes ‘out of pool’

18.5 feet  Parking is affected on the City wharf along the Monongahela River

20.8 feet  Sewers begin backing up in Pittsburgh

21 feet  Wharf parking area floods

22.5 feet  10th Street Bypass floods

22.7 feet  Water reaches top of railroad rails on North Side

23 feet  Clemente Park and Point Park fountain flood

25 feet  Pittsburgh flood stage. Lower North Side business establishments flooded

          Parkway closes at underpass

26 feet  Robinson Twp. Is affected by some flooding

28 feet  Pumping operations required for Neville Island area on Ohio River; Sharpsburg, Etna, Millvale, Blawnox, Verona are affected with some flooding in residential areas.

32 feet  McKees Rocks affected, Neville Island flooded

34.6 feet  1996, flooded Point State Park, parking lots and lower levels of Three Rivers Stadium

35 feet  Critical stage for Heinz Field

35.8 feet  June 1972 (Agnes) flood height

36 feet  Serious damage from flooding to business establishments on North Side and downtown Pittsburgh

36.6 feet  1907 flood, 3-4 feet of water at Fifth and Liberty Avenues. Steam distribution lines in jeopardy

38.3 feet  Water on floor of Brunot’s Island power station

40 feet  Duquesne Light facilities affected

46 feet  March 1936 flood height. Severe damage with 15 feet of water on Golden Triangle streets.