



The Custer County Miles City (CCMC) Flood Protection project is a cooperative effort between the City of Miles City and surrounding Custer County to reduce flood risk and the burden of ever increasing flood insurance costs with the completion of a new levee structure.



## CURRENT CONDITION:

- Almost 80% of residences and businesses in Miles City are located within the natural floodplain or floodway at the confluence of the Yellowstone and Tongue Rivers.
- In addition to the obvious flood risk and the potential for large scale property and critical infrastructure damage, citizens of Miles City pay substantial flood insurance premiums, representing approximately 23 percent of ALL flood insurance policies in Montana, a total of \$536,094 annually (2020). It is anticipated this amount will only increase moving forward if mitigation of the flood risk is not addressed.
- Miles City is the business, educational, and medical hub of eastern Montana. A flood event in Miles City would be catastrophic not just to the town, but to the entire region.

## ACTIONS TAKEN OR ONGOING:

- USACE resumed work on the Section 205 in the summer of 2020. Preliminary alignment of the levy and related cost estimates are complete. USACE met with the City, County and other key stakeholders earlier this month to discuss initial findings and to get direction as to how to move forward with preliminary findings, including additional cost estimates and finalizing a proposed alignment. It is anticipated the Section 205 could wrap-up as early as mid-2021, providing the City/County with information as to how to move forward with possible construction.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Due to ongoing concerns with public gatherings and air travel as a result of Covid, there will be no "in-person" public meeting with USACE to discuss the project with interested citizens as has usually be done in October of each year. The CCMC Steering Committee is currently discussing the possibility of a virtual open house with USACE and will notify stakeholder agencies and the public well in advance if/when this can be arranged. In the meantime, project information will continue to be accessible at the project website, [www.ccmcfloodprotection.com](http://www.ccmcfloodprotection.com) or by contacting Samantha Malenovsky, Miles City Floodplain Administrator at 406-234-3493. We look forward to gathering again in 2021.