



The Custer County Miles City (CCMC) Flood Protection project is a cooperative effort between the town 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:

- 75% of residences and businesses in Miles City are located within the natural floodplain or floodway at the confluence of the Yellowstone and Tongue Rivers.
- There have been 19 recorded flood events since 1882, with eight being major floods resulting in documented property and infrastructure damage.
- Miles City currently stands as the largest flood insurance policy holder in Montana. The community represents approximately 23% of ALL flood insurance policies in the state.

ACTIONS TAKEN OR ONGOING:

- In February, 2015, Miles City City Council voted to move forward with construction of a levee structure to protect the community from the 500-year flood and reduce the number of residents and business owners required to pay costly flood insurance premiums.
- In April 2015, Miles City City Council and the Custer County Commissioners entered into a formal joint resolution affirming the City Council's original vote to construct the levee, organizing a joint project steering committee and declaring the Custer County Miles City (CCMC) Flood Protection project the regional priority infrastructure project.
- In December, 2015, the CCMC Flood Protection Steering Committee and various community stakeholder and consultants met with the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) to discuss participation in the USACE Section 205 Program which would provide technical assistance, labor and funding to aid in planning and construction of a portion of the proposed levee project.

WHAT'S NEXT?

- The CCMC Flood Protection Steering Committee is meeting with bond counsel in January to discuss various avenues to garner the local/regional financial contributions needed to match federal or state financial contributions being sought.
- The CCMC Flood Protection PR & Government Coordination subcommittee is kicking off a quarterly update available to anyone interested in getting regular project updates. Please contact us if you have someone you'd like to make sure we include in the recipient list.
- We will begin hosting public town hall meetings in April 2016 as a means of continuing engagement with Miles City/Custer County residents and stakeholders. The first town hall meeting will be in conjunction with Flood Awareness Day in Miles City.
- We will be continuing to coordinate efforts with the USACE to begin formal planning and preliminary engineering work beginning in Spring, 2016.