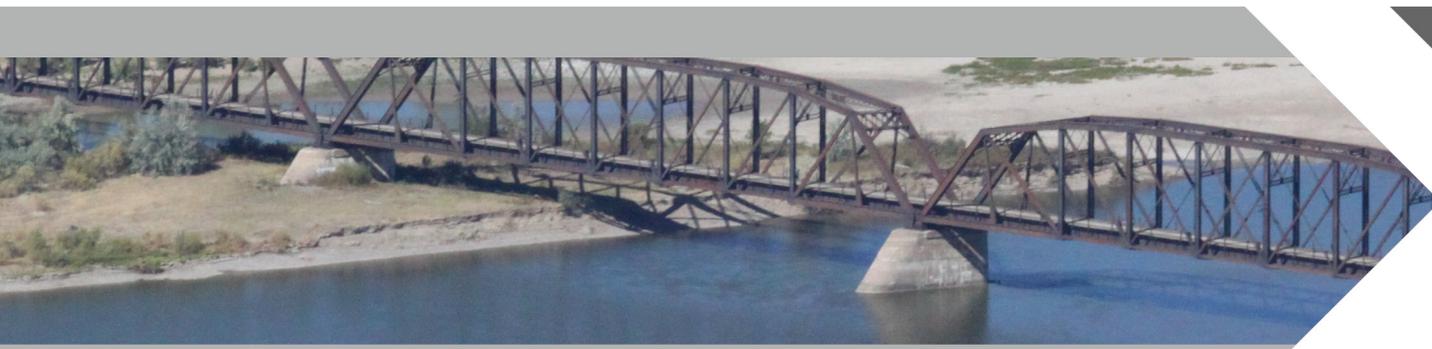




The Custer County Miles City (CCMC) Flood Protection project is a cooperative effort between the City of Miles City and surrounding Custer County to reduce flood risk and the burden of ever increasing flood insurance costs with the completion of a new levee structure.



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% of ALL flood insurance policies in Montana, a total of just over \$625,000 annually (2015). It is anticipated that by the year 2020, the total amount leaving Miles City annually in flood insurance premiums will exceed 1.2 million dollars.
- 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:

- The CCMC Funding subcommittee has been hard at work researching various grants and additional means to assist the community in planning for and eventually constructing a structure to help protect against the 500-year flood. Most recently the group has begun early planning for the formation of a special improvement district and applying for a grant to assist with rehabilitation of the Miles City slough (to assist with internal drainage needs).



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- The USACE has continued their work on the Section 205 Study through the winter months. Hydrology, structure inventory, and Hazardous or Toxic Radioactive Waste (HTRW) assessments have all been completed. Hydraulic modeling and internal drainage assessments are anticipated to be completed in the next two to three months.

WHAT'S NEXT?

- **SAVE THE DATE:** Flood Awareness Day has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 10th. This is a great opportunity to get all the safety tips you need in the event of a flood and to get the latest information on the Section 205 Study. Look for a full agenda in the next month. We hope you will join us!
- Don't forget to stay connected with the project and all the USACE Section 205 activities at the project website, www.ccmcfloodprotection.com or on our Facebook page @ Custer County Miles City Regional Flood Protection.