



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. An initial economic analysis has been done on the subsegments within each reach of the proposed levee system along the Tongue River. Estimated costs based on conceptual design for each alternative within the levee segments are being reviewed and determined. The footprint of the levee, floodwalls, sheet piling, and property acquisition are all currently being reviewed as part of estimated cost. An initial benefit and cost summary with project alternatives has also been drafted. USACE anticipates they will have finalized a tentatively selected plan for steering committee and stakeholder review in July of 2021.

Miles City Flood Awareness Day is going virtual! Virtual presentations will take place in the evening Monday, May 24th through Thursday, May 26th. For a full agenda and to receive a Zoom link for presentations, please contact Samantha Malenovsky at 406-234-3493 or smalenovsky@miles-city-mt.org. You can also get information at www.miles-city-mt.org.

WHAT'S NEXT?

With COVID restrictions lifting across the country, it is anticipated that the USACE will be meeting in person with the steering committee and high level stakeholders in July of 2021 to review the tentatively selected plan and get input prior to moving forward with finalized drafting of a community plan. It is anticipated a public meeting to discuss the draft levee plan will be held in late October or early November of 2021. Following that meeting, USACE will move forward with finalization of the Section 205 recommendations and preliminary construction plan, which should be completed in the summer of 2022. Project information will continue to be accessible at the project website, www.ccmcfloodprotection.com or by contacting Samantha Malenovsky, Miles City Floodplain Administrator at 406-234-3493. We look forward to gathering again later this year.