



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:

- Southeastern Montana Development Corporation, KLJ, and the City of Miles City are currently working on submission of a grant to FEMA to create a formal planning document related to the Miles City Slough. Although independent of the Section 205 Study, the planning process can be utilized in the future to address internal drainage and related stormwater issues as they relate to flood risk in the community. If successful, the grant will provide up to \$75,000 toward planning efforts.



## US Army Corps of Engineers

- On October 17, 2017, the CCMC Steering Committee, in partnership with US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE), hosted both an agency coordination and a public meeting. USACE presented information about the status of the ongoing Section 205 Study and Bob Murdo with Jackson, Murdo & Grant presented information about the possibility of formation of a special district to aid in community financial support for future project construction as well as operation and maintenance. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend. Your time and interest are appreciated.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

- Since the Section 205 began in the spring, the USACE and KLJ have already completed the hydrologic and existing levee analysis, and land use, environmental resource, and cultural resource analysis. Next steps include finalizing evaluation of existing flood risk conditions, and formulation of action plans that incorporate economic benefits and environmental impacts to the community.
- The CCMC Steering Committee is currently planning the next public meeting in April, 2018 as part of Flood Awareness Day. An update on the Section 205 and an update on financial resources being considered will be provided again at that time.