



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 December 2015, the CCMC Steering Committee formally welcomed Rachel Sloan to the project steering committee membership. Rachel is a member of the Miles City City Council and will be representing that governing body on the project.
- In March 2016, members of the CCMC Steering Committee provided a project update at the Association of Montana Floodplain Managers' conference at Fairmont Hot Springs, continuing efforts to be transparent in providing up to date information to the public and to other interested parties as the project progresses.
- Also in March 2016, the CCMC Steering Committee received the signed Miles City Section 205 Flood Risk Management Study Federal Interest Determination Approval, formalizing the intent of USACE to proceed with the Section 205 Study and paving the way to move forward with determining study scope and schedule for completion.

WHAT'S NEXT?

- The CCMC Steering Committee and various other project partners will be providing updates regarding the flood protection project as well as updates regarding flood insurance and flood preparedness at Miles City Flood Awareness Day, April 27th. Everyone is welcome!
- The CCMC Funding Subcommittee, in partnership with the Southeastern Montana Development Corporation, has enlisted the aid of bond council in determining the best means to garner local/regional financial contributions needed for success of the Section 205 Study and future construction costs.
- Coordination of efforts with the USACE are ongoing with a contract formalizing scope and fee for the Section 205 Study ready for City/County review and approval in the fall of 2016.