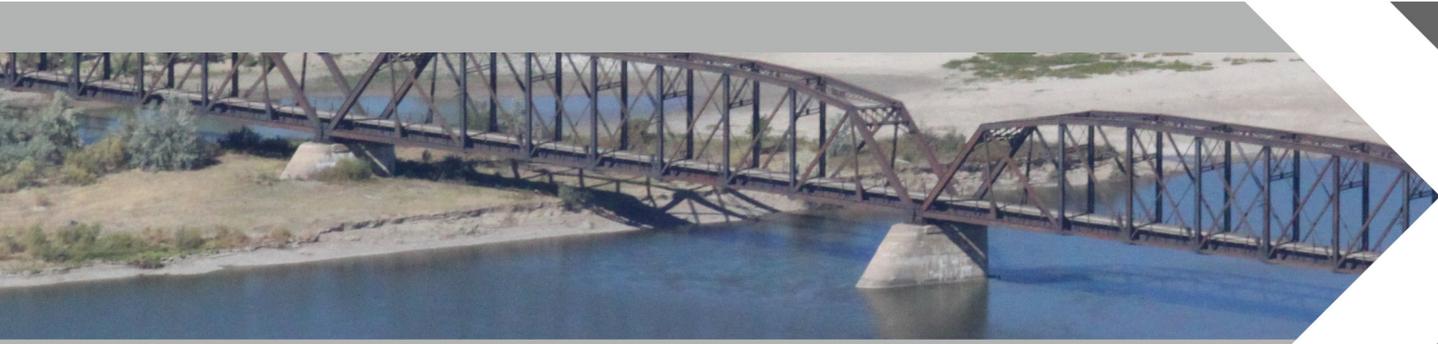




The Custer County Miles City (CCMC) Flood Protection project is a cooperative effort between the town of Miles City and surrounding Custer County to reduce flood risk and the burden of ever increasing flood insurance costs with the completion of a new levee structure.



## 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, the City of Miles City and Custer County signed a joint resolution reaffirming the City's February decision and entering into a formal partnership, making the CCMC Flood Protection Project the priority project for the community.
- In June 2016, USACE conducted their first team site-visit. USACE representatives spent all day in Miles City visiting with CCMC Steering Committee members and consultants and touring the current levee structure.
- In July 2016, the CCMC Steering Committee was honored to host Congressman Ryan Zinke for a meeting to discuss the current levee situation, the USACE partnership and ways in which the legislature might support flood protection efforts in Miles City and throughout Montana.



## WHAT'S NEXT?

- Coordination of efforts with the USACE is ongoing. It is anticipated that a formal cost share agreement and contract for services will be presented to the CCMC Steering committee for review and recommendation in September 2016 and that the Section 205 Study will begin in October 2016.
- The CCMC PR/Marketing Subcommittee is currently working with USACE to organize and schedule the next public meeting to discuss project progress and garner public input. This meeting is anticipated to take place in October, 2016.

