



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:

- Late in May, the CCMC Steering Committee was thrilled to host the USACE team for the official kick-off of the much anticipated Section 205 Study. USACE, in conjunction with City/County staff and engineers from KLJ will be working for the next 2-3 years to finalize this study and present the most cost effective approach to reducing the significant flood risk in the community.



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- Also in May, the CCMC Steering Committee formally engaged Mr. Bob Murdo of Jackson, Murdo and Grant. Mr. Murdo will be aiding the City and County in forming a special improvement district to assist in securing the substantial local match required to move forward with construction following Section 205 Study completion. Welcome to the CCMC team Mr. Murdo!



WHAT'S NEXT?

- In the first year of the Section 205 Study (2017-2018), the City, County, USACE and KLJ will be completing an updated floodplain map, land use data collection, economic modeling for estimating damages, environmental analysis for existing/future without project conditions, a cultural resources assessment and hazardous, toxic, and radioactive waste assessments. It is anticipated this portion of the Study work will be completed in April of 2018.
- The CCMC Steering Committee is currently planning the next public meeting for October, 2017 at which time USACE will give an update on work to date and anticipated work in 2018. There will also be an update on financial resources being considered.