



**Legislature approves \$193 million for flood protection projects within Minot**

The City of Minot’s flood protection efforts received a significant funding boost, as the North Dakota Legislature gave approval to legislation providing \$193 million for flood control projects within the city.



“It’s incredible to have this funding secured,” said City of Minot City Manager Tom Barry. “With this bill, the future of flood control in Minot is significantly more clear.”

House Bill 1020 provides the City with a measure of clarity, as construction on the initial three phases of the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project is expected to begin this fall. The \$193 million will fund the state’s portion of the first four phases of Minot’s flood protection plan through 2025 and the tieback levees needed. The estimated total cost for the initial four phases is \$324.8 million; the City of Minot’s share is an estimated \$131.8 million. The first four phases, along with the tieback levees, would protect approximately 60 percent of at-risk properties which will be in the new Federal Emergency Management Agency flood plain when the Flood Insurance Rate Maps become active in the city.

“Thanks to our state and city leaders, Minot is well on its way to being a more resilient community. These first four phases will help alleviate a lot of stress and burden from so many of our citizens. There isn’t a price tag you can really put on that sense of security,” said Barry.

For the latest information on flood protection projects in the Souris River Basin, go to [www.mouseriverplan.com](http://www.mouseriverplan.com).

**Hospital/Medical Complex in Minot proceeding on schedule**

Trinity Health continues to move forward with plans to build a new hospital and medical campus in southwest Minot. Yates-Northwest Contracting, a joint venture, has been selected to manage the project’s next step, evaluating and refining materials and cost estimates to bring



them in line with the project's targeted budget.

Trinity Health Facilities Vice President, Dave Kohlman, says Yates is one of the top construction providers in the nation and has already communicated with architects and planners to present construction estimates that will be used to engage the construction team.

"It's been a smooth transition," Kohlman says. "The design of the hospital and medical office building continues to be refined to accommodate the services that will be housed on the campus within the project's scope. We anticipate more tweaks as we adapt to changes in the costs of labor and materials, and find ways to improve the flow of patients and care throughout the system."

Trinity Health President and CEO, John M. Kutch, said the goal is to ensure future generations have convenient access to the highest quality of care close to home. "The excitement for this project continues to grow within our organization and throughout our entire service area, as we all recognize its significance for our patients, families, employees and communities," he said.

Plans call for a \$275 million facility with a construction site covering 76 acres and featuring ample parking for patients, visitors and staff. The project is expected to be completed in early 2020.

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### **Minot leading the way among NDR funding recipients**

The City of Minot has quickly become a leader among the entities that received funding in 2016 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) National Disaster Resilience (NDR) Competition. As one of 13 locations nationwide to receive funding from HUD in January 2016, Minot was allocated \$74.3 million to use toward several key aspects of creating a more resilient city.



Minot officials and community leaders continued their work after the funding was announced, and the city is making substantial progress toward accomplishing the goals outlined in its application and presentation to HUD.

"It's a testament to the visionary work done by the previous city manager, Lee Staab, and others like Donna Bye, Cindy Hemphill and our consulting partner firm, CDM Smith, who all helped take this concept to the public and then created a winning application," said Chris Owen, Federal Compliance Officer for the City of Minot. "That drive, that passion, has translated into where we are today."

Minot is, by far, the smallest of the 13 recipients, with New York City, New Orleans and Springfield, Mass., the other cities to receive funding. The remaining recipients include one county and eight states. But Minot's size hasn't been a hindrance in accomplishing the city's goals.

The city has navigated the NDR process more efficiently than any other recipient. Minot became the first to have its grant agreement executed when Mayor Chuck Barney signed the agreement in the third quarter of 2016, and Minot was the first to have its action plan approved in November 2016. In

addition, Minot was ahead of all other recipients in collecting its first funds from the NDR grant on Jan. 15, 2017. Minot provided its initial quarterly report to HUD on Jan. 30, 2017, becoming the first location to complete that task.

**Development leaders attending the 2017 WBPC**

The Minot Area Development Corporation (MADC) is attending the 25th Annual [Williston Basin Petroleum Conference](#) in Regina, Saskatchewan this week. With innovative advancements, modern technologies, and increased efficiencies, MADC looks forward to a strong turnout for the conference. MADC invited [SkySkopes](#) to join them at their booth this year, which provides a great opportunity for SkySkopes to connect with potential clients and will allow MADC to promote the newly launched [MAGIC Sky Initiative](#).



**Minot residents earn an added discount on federal flood insurance**

Residents in the City of Minot are now eligible for an additional five percent discount on federal insurance premiums thanks to recent efforts by the City of Minot and Ward County. This additional five percent discount brings the total savings to ten percent thanks to the FEMA Community Rating System which rewards communities that work toward mitigating risk and communication to the public. The latest decrease was effective May 1. To learn more [click here](#).



**Project CLEAN in Minot this weekend**

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Project CLEAN Committee (Community Leaders Enhancing Area Neighborhoods) is once again holding its annual Citywide Clean up the weekend of May 5 & 6. The group is concentrating on city entrances so visitors won't be greeted with trash. Project CLEAN is asking businesses and neighborhoods to clean up around their buildings and areas. Businesses are also encouraged to send their employees to help. To participate simply stop by the Chamber and look at our designated areas to sign up your team and pick up trash bags. For more details contact Carla Dolan at 701-852-6000.



**Save the date for MADC's annual meeting**

Mark your calendars, as MADC's annual meeting is next month. The Minot community is welcome to attend this luncheon on

June 8 at the Grand Hotel in Minot. The luncheon will feature a speaker from the Governor's Office who will share insights on the Main Street Initiative and North Dakota's economic development. MADC's Annual Meeting also welcomes the 2017 Chairperson and highlights key 2016 accomplishments. Please RSVP for this event to Jaime Hauge at [jhaug@minotusa.com](mailto:jhaug@minotusa.com) or 701-852-1075.



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