

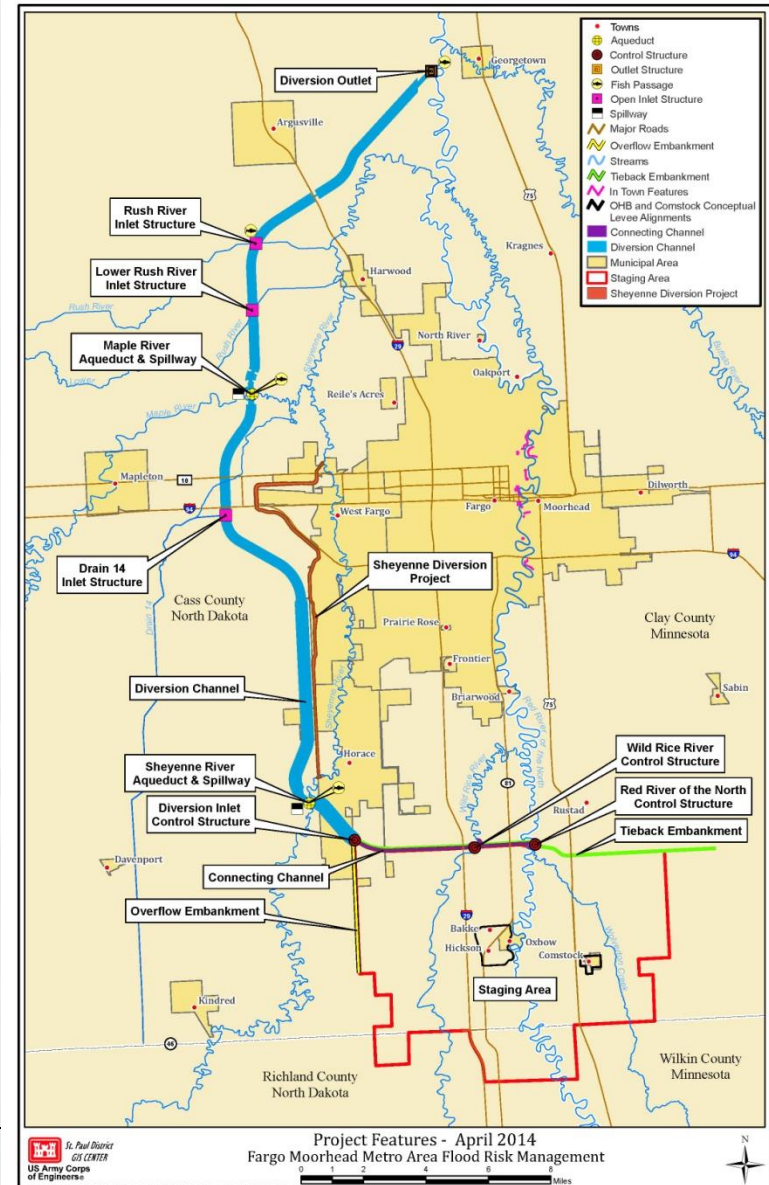
# ***Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Flood Risk Management Project***

*Flood Diversion Board of Authority meeting  
August 13, 2015*



# Corps Monthly Update

- Work continues on the operation plan and adaptive management plan for the project
- Assisting with In-Town Levee design and support of construction



# Corps Monthly Update

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- In Town Levees
  - ▶ Continue to review designs and support construction to assure features can be incorporated into the FMM Project
- MN DNR EIS
  - ▶ Continue review/coordination of draft documents
  - ▶ Draft EIS currently scheduled for completion on 31 August. Publish for public review on 31 August or 14 September (subject to change)

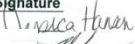


















# Cemetery Mitigation Plan

- Received comments and signed petition from Cemetery POC's representing 5 sites
- Diversion Authority to form subcommittee after MN EIS is completed
- Comments will be addressed as part of the subcommittee's activities

**Upstream Cemeteries**

We the undersigned, support the protection of cemeteries from intentional flooding a result of the FM Diversion Project. The cemeteries are sacred grounds where our family members, loved ones, and our Veterans lay at rest. It is our moral and ethical responsibility to honor and care for the grounds where our ancestors have been laid to rest since the 1870's. It is incomprehensible that Cemetery Mitigation Plan published by the Corps of Engineers finds it acceptable to flood our cemeteries.

Name	Address	Signature
Jessica Hanson	3009 Dakota Park Cir-Larson	
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		

July 11, 2015

Mr. Jon Sobiech  
PD-Environmental Planning  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-St. Paul District  
180 Fifth Street East, Suite 700  
St. Paul, MN 55101-1678


Dear Mr. Sobiech:

I have reviewed the Cemetery Mitigation Plans for Clara and Comstock cemeteries. The reports are very detailed and seem accurate. Thank you to the individuals who worked on the plans, as they were professional and honored our heritage.

After much consideration, I have come to the conclusion that NO proposed outcome is justifiable or acceptable for these sacred grounds. Fifty years of poor planning decisions by Fargo leaders have created this problem. The current diversion project proposal allows Fargo to continue to make 50 more years of poor decisions (i.e. to continue developing and building in a natural flood plain). Poor decisions on Fargo's part have created a crisis for us. The Corps has offered appalling mitigation options that would degrade our cemeteries. These iniquitous options are disrespectful, not only, to those who have been laid to rest in our cemeteries, but to the living, in and around our community, and, also, to others who travel great distances, who visit these grave sites to pay their respects.

I have received dozens of comments in response to the mitigation, none being positive. A letter from Mrs. Shelley Lewis (attached) reflects most of the comments that were submitted.

I believe the Corps and the Diversion Authority never once regarded our sacred grounds as having any value and that they always planned on flooding the cemeteries. The proposed desecration of Clara Cemetery and Comstock Cemetery is deplorable and contemptible, and by no means, do I approve of the Cemetery Mitigation Plans (June 2015).

Regards,  
  
Mark T. Anderson  
4495 160th Avenue South  
Moorhead, MN 56560  
Comstock Cemetery  
Clara Cemetery

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# USACE Chief of Engineers Visit

- Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick plans to visit the F-M area on Sept. 2
- USACE Commanding General and Chief of Engineers
- Senior military officer overseeing most of the Nation's civil works infrastructure and military construction
- Purpose is to discuss the diversion project with stakeholders
- Arrangements being made



# Project Path Forward

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- Continue to support MN EIS process
- Continue to conduct surveys in ND (cultural, HTRW, borings, land surveys)
- Continue to develop and review design products
- Continue refining the project to reduce impacts
- Continue to advance Alternative Financing/Split Delivery Plan



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# Next

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- Technical



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