



# Council Bluffs Levee Program

Reducing flood risk in Council Bluffs for 70 years

The Council Bluffs Levee System follows the Missouri River as well as Indian, Mosquito, and Pony Creeks.

- Approximately 60% of the city and more than 35,000 residents reside behind the levee system, which is over 28 miles long.
- The city is responsible for operating and maintaining the levee system.
- The city has been and continues to improve the levee to meet increased federal standards.



Levees decrease the frequency of flooding on neighboring properties.

Left photo: Typical levee section. Right photo: Levee holding back 2019 flood water.

The levee system significantly reduces flood risk, but it cannot eliminate flood risk.

- The city's long-term levee plan identifies maintenance and improvement projects to ensure the levee system continues to perform as designed.
- Property owners and tenants in the leveed area are eligible for a substantial discount on flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) because the Council Bluffs Levee System is accredited.
- Be prepared...Flooding can happen at any time, but flood risk increases March through October.

## DID YOU KNOW ?

Standard homeowners and renters insurance typically does not cover flood damages.

Find additional information and more resources about preparing for a flood at <http://cblevees.com>

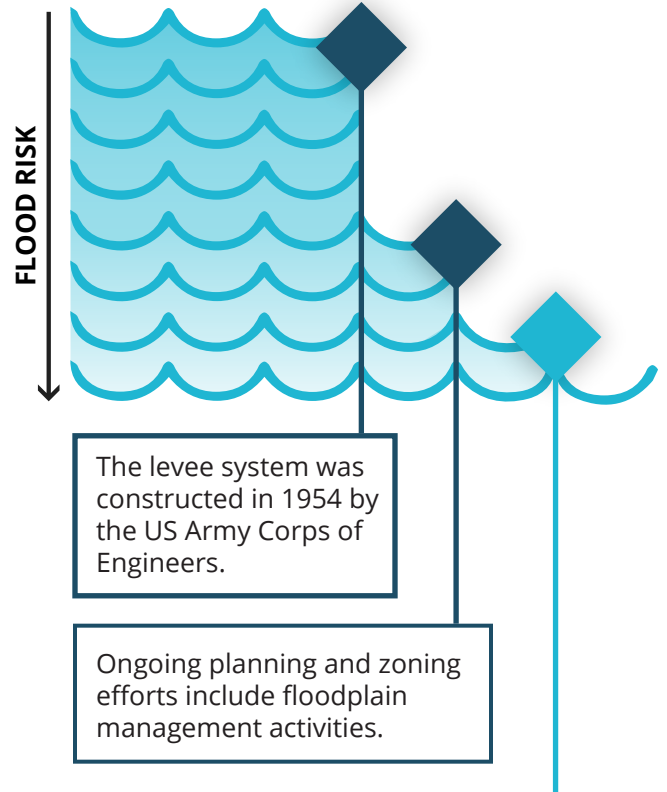
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## REDUCING FLOOD RISK



The levee system was constructed in 1954 by the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Ongoing planning and zoning efforts include floodplain management activities.

### YOU play an important role in managing the remaining flood risk.



#### Know Your Risk

Use the National Levee Database and FEMA's Map Service Center to determine your flood risk.



#### Consider Buying Flood Insurance

Buying flood insurance helps ensure that your home and belongings are insured in case of damages from flooding.



#### Create an Emergency Preparedness Kit

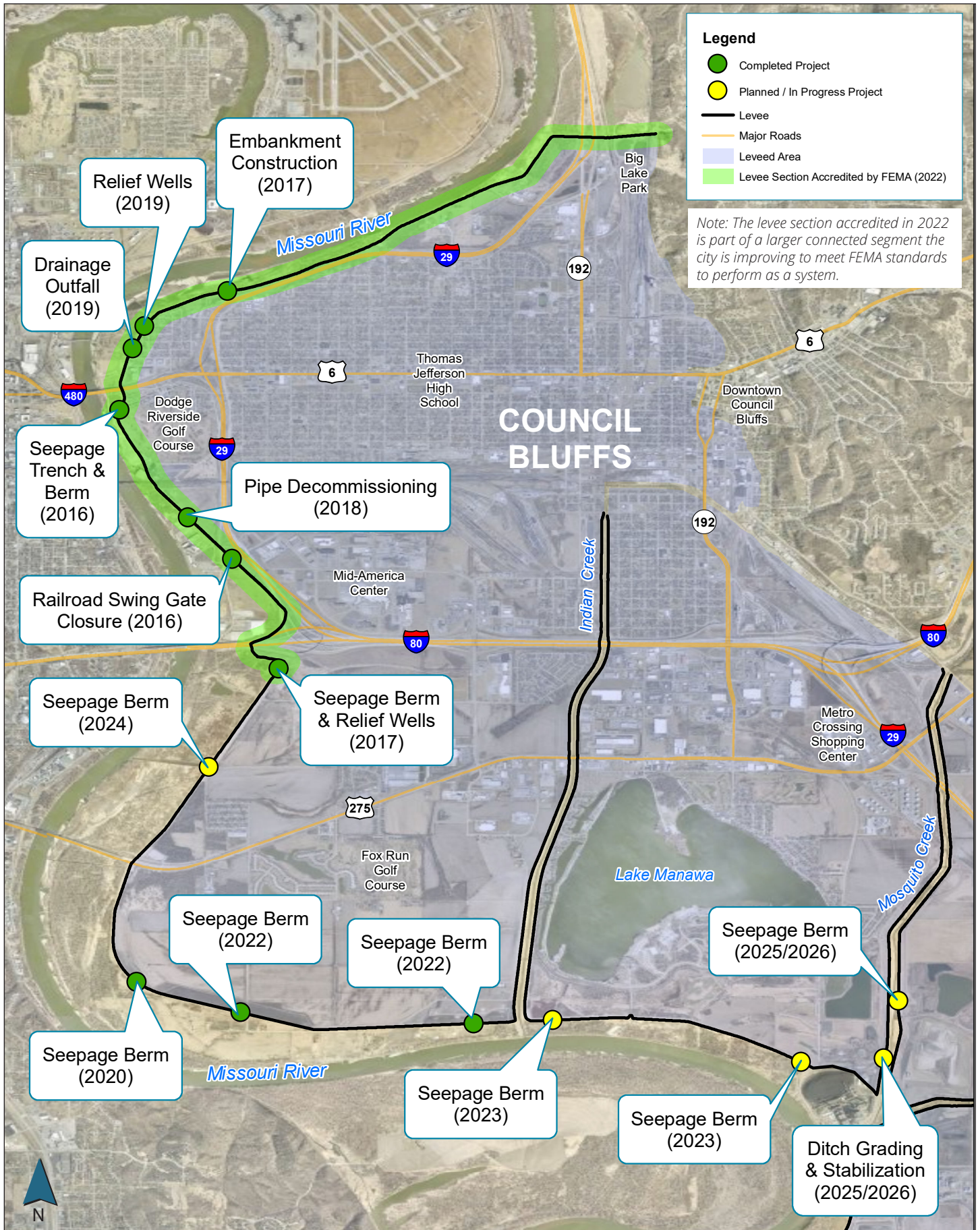
Create an emergency preparedness kit for you and your family for when severe weather and flooding occur.



#### Make a Flood Emergency Plan

Take time to make a flood emergency plan to keep you and your family safe.

The **Council Bluffs Levee Program** includes a number of improvement projects. Recently completed and ongoing projects are highlighted on this map.



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