

# Past, future of flood control being studied

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A meeting at the Prestonsburg Municipal Building on Tuesday between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from the Huntington, W.Va., district and the Prestonsburg Fire Department centered on possible ways to ensure the reduction of flood damage in the area.

Tammy L. Riffle, who is manager of the project for the Corps, headed the discussion.

Riffle explained the different alternatives that could be implemented in order to reduce the possibility of flood damage. Riffle went on to discuss the importance of gathering information on the flood that devastated the area in 1977.

"If anyone has any information on the flood of 1977, such as high-water marks or photographs, that is the information that we need," Riffle said.

The project will center on all areas that were flooded in

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Prestonsburg city and fire department officials discussed alternatives for improving flood control in the city with representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during a meeting Tuesday.

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April 1977. Riffle also stressed the importance of the community in helping the program be successful. The Prestonsburg Fire Department will hand out flyers to residents of the area explaining the program and the information that is needed for the study.

"The more people are aware of this program, the easier it will be," Riffle said.

The Corps of Engineers has completed projects like this one recently in Pike County. They have also recently completed a study for the city of Martin. The program is now in the study phase for Prestonsburg.

"Right now we are in the information-gathering phase" Riffle said.

Possible alternatives for the project include levees, flood

walls, or moving or raising homes.

"We don't come and say you have to move your home or anything like that. It's voluntary," Riffle explained. She also went on to explain that a floodwall would be a possibility, but isn't definite.

Joe Trimboli, who is the planning technician for the Corps project, wanted to make sure that residents of the area understand that nothing is definite at the moment.

"Right now, it's just a study," he explained.

Riffle admitted that she is "very excited about the project" and invited any questions or concerns to be directed to her toll-free number at (866) 401-3980, or through e-mail at tammy.l.riffle@lrh01.usace.army.mil.

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