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## **Corps of Engineers slated to start work on flood-prone areas in Wisconsin**

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, is working with the Wisconsin Emergency Management, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and county officials to collect information on flood-prone properties located in Columbia County.

Corps survey teams will visit flood-prone properties this spring in Columbia County. The surveyed areas include locations along the Wisconsin River in Portage, Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin towns of Caledonia, Dekorra and Lewiston.

The survey team will gather all necessary data from the road right-of-ways. They will not enter any property or structures. The team will collect information including structure locations, elevations, building use and types to evaluate the effectiveness of potential future flood risk reduction efforts.

The Corps will share that information with local officials and use it as a planning tool for making risk-informed decisions about floods.

“We can’t control floods, but we can manage risk,” said Terry Zien, Corps floodplain manager. “Our goal, everyday is to reduce risk to life and property.”

The nearly 650 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, employees working at more than 40 sites in five upper-Midwest states serve the American public in the areas of environmental enhancement, navigation, flood damage reduction, water and wetlands regulation, recreation sites and disaster response. Through the Corps’ Fiscal Year 2014 \$100 million budget, nearly 1,600 non-Corps jobs were added to the regional economy as well as \$155 million to the national economy. For more information, see [www.mvp.usace.army.mil](http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil).

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