

# How the \$75 Million Diversion Settlement is Helping to Build Houses in Wahpeton Breckenridge

“Wahpeton The massive diversion project that will protect Fargo-Moorhead from severe floods is helping to build houses in a roundabout way in towns around Wahpeton and Breckenridge. The Metro Flood Diversion Authority agreed last fall to pay a \$75 million settlement with Richland County in North Dakota and neighboring Wilkin County in Minnesota to end all legal and administrative challenges,” reports Patrick Springer in Grand Forks Herald.

“The two counties both of which will sustain impacts and are located upstream from a dam that will be built on the Red River have selected housing as their top priority for the settlement money. So far, \$12 million of the settlement has been dedicated, including Richland County’s \$8 million share and \$4 million for Wilkin County. Both counties are combating a housing shortage and have identified home building as an effective way to stem their population.”

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