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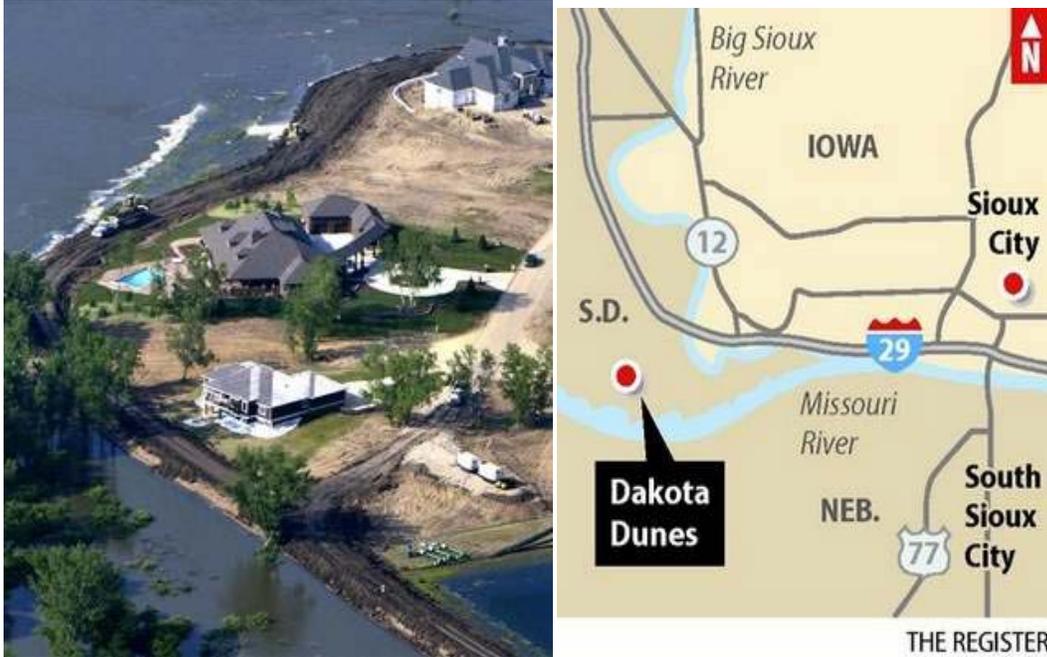
Letter: Don't build in a flood plain.

August 8, 2011

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The Argus Leader does the public a great service by reviewing the thousands of emails exchanged with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers which "illustrates the political considerations that underlie the corps' decision-making in the midst of one of the worst flood seasons in the river's history" (Argus Leader, July 31).

The merits of the corps' action and inaction will be further debated as the great mop-up begins. But the Army Corps of Engineers cannot be blamed for the misguided real estate developments on historic flood lands along the Missouri River basin. Those who built their exclusive planned communities on the banks of the Mighty Mo and the Big Sioux rivers failed to heed the biblical architectural injunction: "But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash" (Matthew 7:26-27 NIV). The lands on the edge of the river are called dunes for a reason, and Matthew's Master called it correctly 2000 years ago.



Dakota Dunes, South Dakota
An Exclusive Planned Community on banks of Big Mo
Surrounded by Levee - June, 2011

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5:32 AM on August 8, 2011- Amen! Now watch them cry if the Government doesn't buy them out!

7:03 AM on August 8, 2011 - There is a reason why it took until the 1980's for housing to start to spring up on the Dakota Dunes. The author of this LTE hits a home run with this letter. The federal government should send a copy of the scripture to those who file for assistance whose property is on a flood plain. Oh, that is right, I forgot, even though we are "one nation under God," we have to take God out of government. Separation of church and state, you know.

7:26 AM on August 8, 2011 - Why does everything have to be about the bible?

You don't need scripture to tell you it's not a very good idea to build next to a body of water. I would just assume it's common sense. Right idea, dumb letter.

7:45 AM on August 8, 2011 - This is a good LTE. Jesus' parables have spiritual value as well as practical applications.