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## **Cedar Rapids Wants to Take These Homes - Before the Floods Do.**

**The Iowa city says it must seize the land of some 20 homeowners who live near the riverfront**

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa—Officials in this city in eastern Iowa have long sought to build a system of levees and walls to prevent the Cedar River from flooding its banks and soaking homes and businesses.

But to construct the more than \$550 million flood-control system, Cedar Rapids officials say they must seize the land of some 20 homeowners who live in a low-income area along the riverfront.

“Unfortunately,” said Cedar Rapids Mayor Tiffany O’Donnell, there are families “that are paying the price for the safety of the entire city.”

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