

## Relocation Out of Floodplains



**Nine feet of water ran on Main Street in the City of Martin in Floyd County during the 1977 flood. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, implemented a redevelopment plan that provided relocation and other nonstructural flood protection measures for home, business, and government buildings. The plan was designed to preserve the cohesiveness of the community. The development of this relocation area outside the floodplain was just part of the plan. After decades of trying to control the sources of flooding throughout the region, it was realized that the most cost-effective way to reduce flood damages was to relocate the properties out of the floodplain. Photo by Dan Carey, Kentucky Geological Survey.**