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Public Notice

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**Corps of Engineers Civil Works Action
Section 408 Permission for:**

**MILL CREEK LEVEE ENCROACHMENT
Mill Creek Project
Walla Walla, Washington**

**PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: August 12, 2016
COMMENTS DUE DATE: August 29, 2016**

15-day Notice

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District (Corps), is soliciting comments from the public regarding the Corps' proposal to grant permission pursuant to 33 United States Code (USC) Section 408 (Section 408) for alteration, occupation, or use of a Corps-constructed harbor or river improvement (public work). Section 408 authorizes the Secretary of the Army to grant permission for the alteration, occupation, or use of a public work if the Secretary determines that the activity will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the project.

LOCATION: The subject alteration is an encroachment within the easement for the Mill Creek Levee Extension of the Mill Creek Flood Control Project. The levee extension is located between Mill Creek and Titus Creek, about 2 miles east of Walla Walla, Washington (Figures 1 and 2).

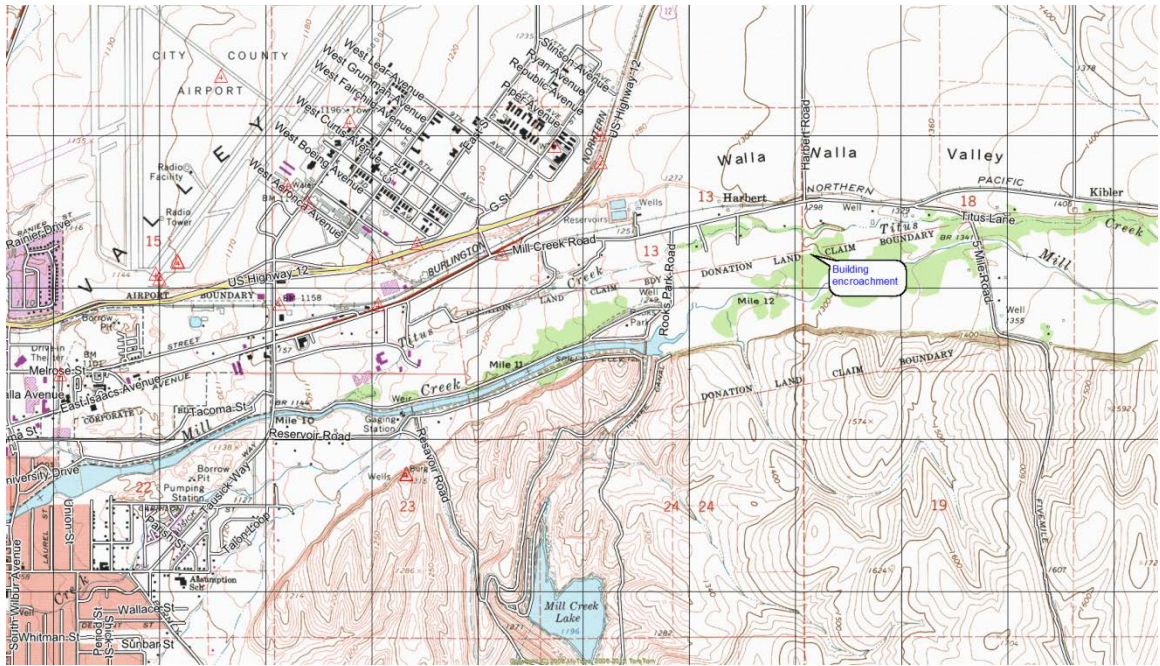


Figure 1 – Location of building encroachment

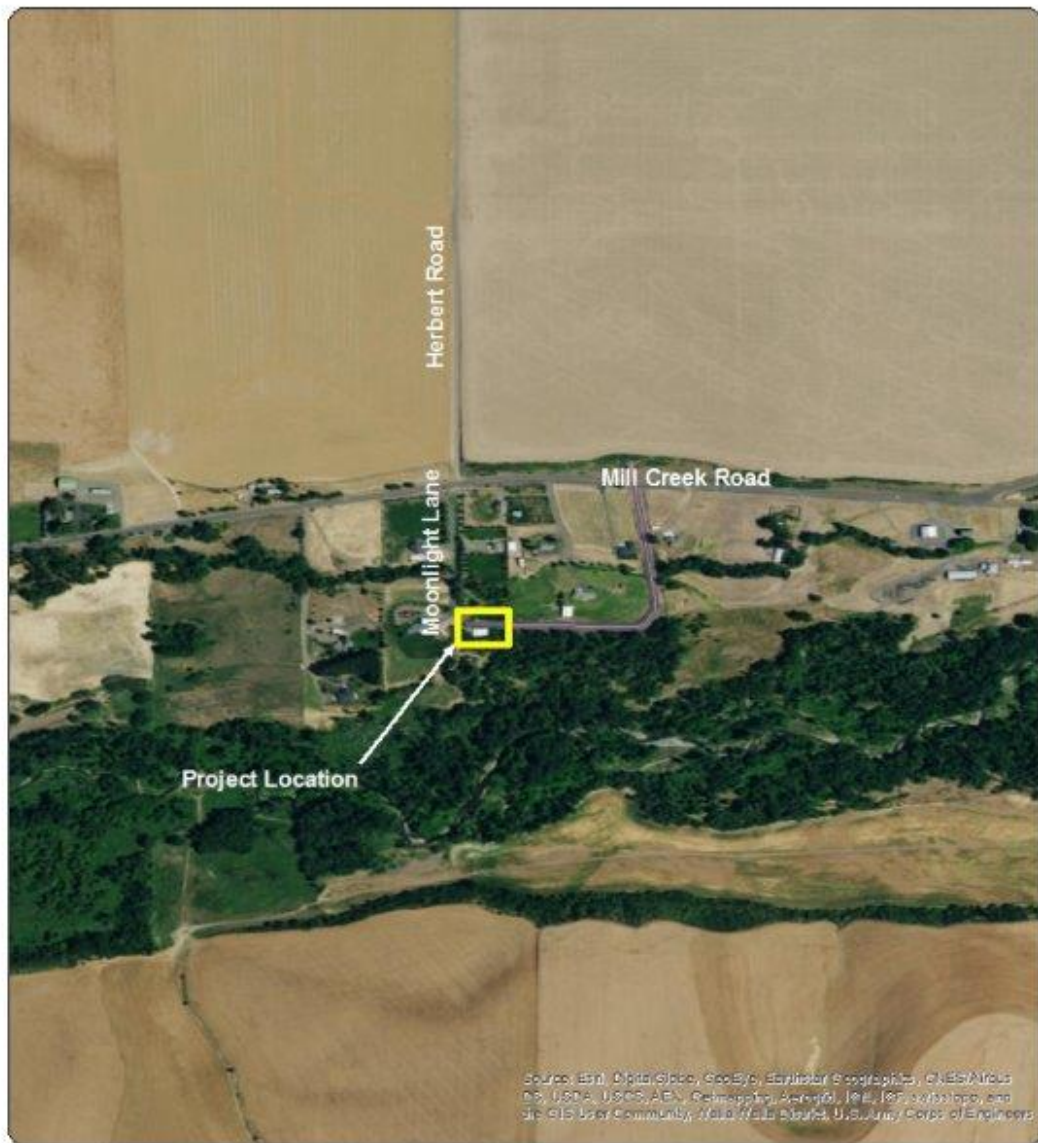


Figure 2. Location of building encroachment

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Corps proposes to grant Section 408 permission to the Walla Walla County Mill Creek Flood Control Zone District (County) for the encroachment of a commercial recreational hall (building) within the easement for the Mill Creek Levee Extension, which was constructed by the Corps in 2002. The building is an approximately 50-foot by 70-foot wooden pole barn located near the toe of the levee extension (Figure 2). A small portion of the building was constructed within the most westerly end of the levee easement. The building encroaches on approximately 15 feet of the easement clear zone on the south side of the Corps levee. Seven 8-inch by 8-inch poles were set within two feet of the toe of the levee to facilitate an open porch. The Corps has determined the structure is not an obstruction to the flow area of Mill Creek and does not affect the hydraulic performance of the levee.

COMMENTS: Interested parties are invited to provide their comments on the proposed Corps action. The Corps is particularly interested in your opinion on issues and environmental effects the Corps should consider when evaluating the County's request for Section 408 permission for the levee easement encroachment.

COMMENT PERIOD: Comments must be e-mailed or postmarked no later than August 29, 2016. You may submit comments via e-mail to NEPANWW@usace.army.mil and inserting "Mill Creek Levee Encroachment 408" in the subject line.

You may also mail comments to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District, CENWW-PM-PD-EC, Mill Creek Levee Encroachment 408, 201 N. 3rd Avenue, Walla Walla, WA 99362-1876.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Should you need additional information or have any questions, please contact Ms. Sandy Shelin at 509-527-7265.

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