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# Public Notice

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**Corps of Engineers Civil Works Action  
Under the Authority of Section 205 of the Flood  
Control Act, as Amended:**

**Waitsburg Flood Risk Management Feasibility Study  
Walla Walla County, Washington**

**PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: August 29, 2018  
COMMENTS DUE: September 28, 2018**

## **30-day Notice**

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Interested parties are hereby notified that the Walla Walla District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is soliciting comments from the public regarding the scope of the Corps' proposal to assist the City of Waitsburg (City) in conducting an integrated Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment to evaluate alternatives and recommend a plan to reduce the City's flood risk. The Corps is particularly interested in your opinion on alternatives and environmental effects that should be considered.

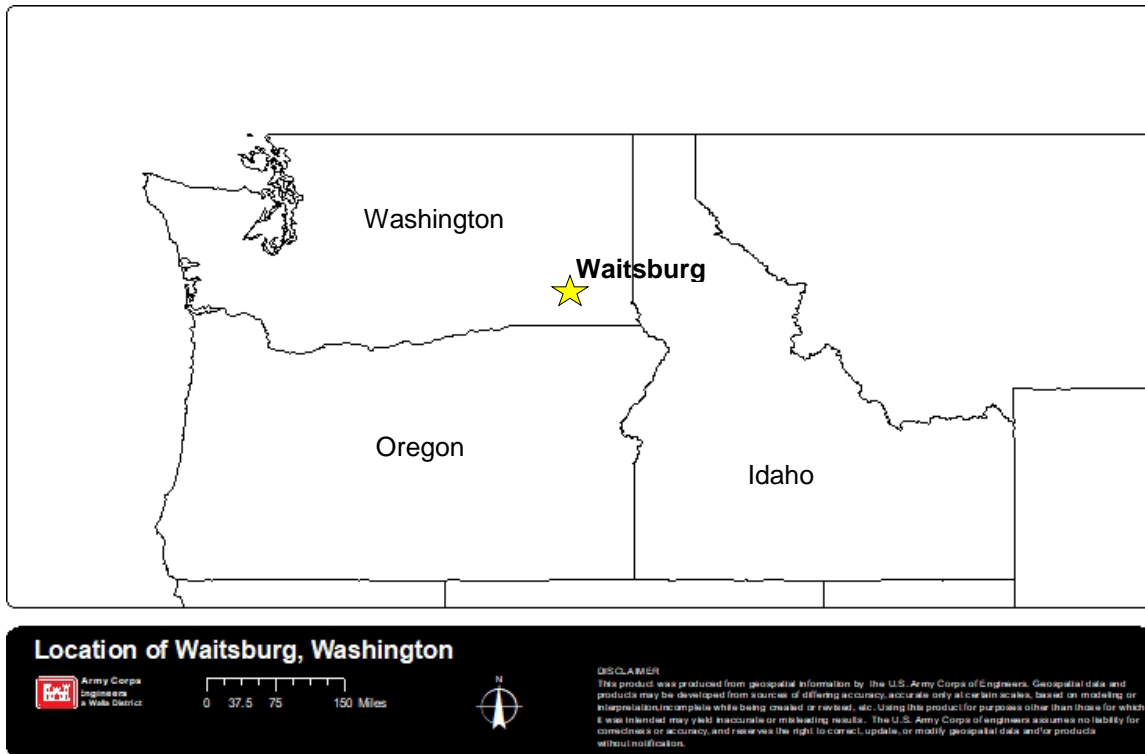
The Continuing Authorities Program, Section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948 (Public Law 80 858) 33 USC 701s, as amended in the Water Resource Development Act of 1986, and Water Resource Reform and Development Act of 2014 authorizes Corps to enter into a cost-share partnership with a non-federal sponsor to plan and construct small flood risk reduction projects that have not been specifically authorized by Congress and are not part of a larger project.

**LOCATION:** The sponsor City is in Walla Walla County, at Township 9 North, Range 37 East, Section 11, Willamette Meridian (see Figure 1, below).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Significant recorded floods on the Touchet River occurred in 1906, 1931, 1949, 1964, 1972, and 1996 from winter storms combined with rapid snowmelt on frozen ground. Approximately sixty-five percent of Waitsburg was inundated in 1996. The 1996 floodwaters caused damage exceeding an estimated \$13 million to the City.

The Corps and the City have identified several potentially cost-effective actions to reduce flood risk, such as: 1) non-structural measures like an early flood warning system; 2) improvements to the City's interior drainage to return flood

waters to the Touchet River and reduce pooling in the City; and 3) increasing the conveyance capacity of the Touchet River through the City.



**Figure 1. Location of Waitsburg, Washington.**

COMMENTING: Comments are accepted three ways:

- Online:  
<http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/EnvironmentalComplianceComment/>
- E-mail: [NEPANWW@usace.army.mil](mailto:NEPANWW@usace.army.mil) with "Waitsburg, WA Flood Risk Management" in the subject line.
- Mail:  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District  
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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Should you need additional information or have any questions, please contact John Hook at (509) 527-7239.

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