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Corps hosts Coppei Creek flood control project open house in Waitsburg, Wash.

Walla Walla, Wash., — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District planning officials and the Waitsburg Coppei Flood Control District will host an open house on Thursday, Feb. 27 at the Waitsburg Elementary Multipurpose Room, 3 – 7 p.m.

The purpose of the open house is to provide more information on the Coppei Creek flood control project. Representatives from the Corps and the Coppei Flood Control District will also be available to answer questions. Waitsburg regularly experiences significant, short flood events. Each year there is a one-percent chance of a 100-year flood and most recently three significant flood events occurred in 1964, 1974 and in 1996. In 1999, Waitsburg requested the Corps' assistance to develop a flood reduction project for Coppei Creek.

The Corps' proposed project consists of a 1,670-foot offset levee and a 460-foot floodwall upstream of the U.S. Highway 12 Bridge across Coppei Creek and a 400-foot floodwall and a 1,740-foot offset levee downstream of the Highway 12 Bridge across Coppei Creek. The offset levees and floodwalls would be constructed on the north bank of Coppei Creek.

The Washington State Department of Transportation will replace the existing U.S. Highway 12 Bridge with a new one that has more flow capacity in 2004. The bridge is not part of the Corps project, but it is sized around the design capacity of the project.

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