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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.**

**Garden City Flood Risk Management Feasibility
Study**

Ada County, Idaho

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: November 1, 2018

COMMENTS DUE: December 16, 2018

30-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 scope of the Corps proposal to assist Garden City, Idaho (City) in conducting an Integrated Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment to evaluate alternatives and recommend a plan to reduce the City's risk from floodwaters from the Boise River. The Corps is particularly interested in your opinion on alternatives and potential environmental effects that should be considered.

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

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING: The public scoping meeting will be held on November 15th, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. It will be held at Garden City Hall, located at 6015 North Glenwood Street, Garden City, Idaho 83714. Federal, state, and local agencies, Indian tribes, and the public are invited to provide scoping comments to identify issues and potentially significant affects to be considered in the analysis.

PROJECT LOCATION: Garden City is in Ada County, Idaho at Township 4 North, Range 2 East, Section 25, Boise Meridian (see Figure 1, below).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Garden City has repeatedly incurred damages as a result of flooding from the Boise River with nine significant floods within the last

30 years. Should a 100-year (1% exceedance) flood event occur, approximately 74% of Garden City is expected to be inundated with floodwaters with damages estimated to exceed \$315 Million (2013 estimate). The 2017 flood, was less than the 50-year (2% percent exceedance) flood event, and flows exceeded channel capacity, damaging or threatening industrial, commercial, residential and public infrastructure. Substantial flood fight efforts took place in order to prevent uncontrolled river diversion into residential and commercial districts.

At this time, the Corps and the City have identified several preliminary, potentially cost-effective measures to reduce flood risk, such as: (1) non-structural measures like an floodproofing or elevating structures; (2) constructing permanent structures such as levees or floodwalls and (3) implementing temporary levees or floodwalls during periods of high water. Alternatives considered must: (1) provide effective and flexible flood risk management for Garden City and area infrastructure to at least the National Economic Development (B/C) above 1 with acceptable risk reduction, (2) comply with applicable laws, regulations, and Corps policy, (3) be technically feasible and practicable, and (4) be environmentally acceptable.

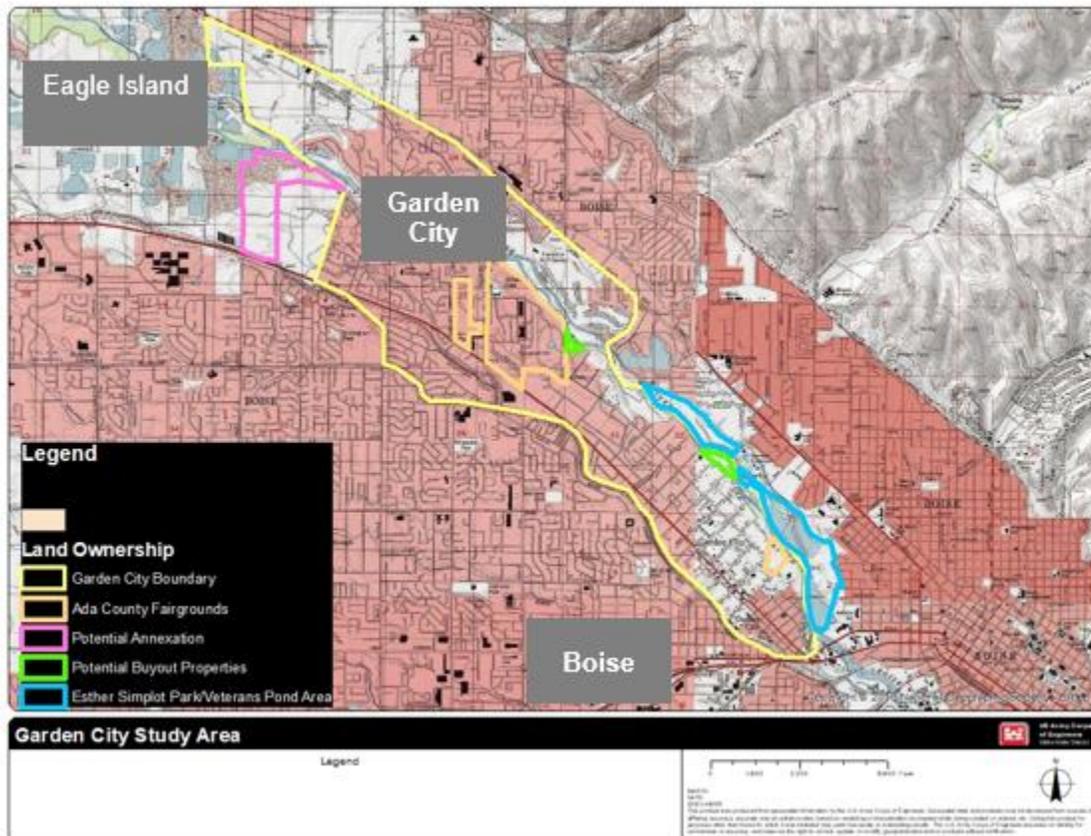


Figure 1. Location of Garden City, Idaho.

COMMENTING: Comments are due November 24, 2018 and may be submitted three ways:

- Online at:
<http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/EnvironmentalComplianceComment/>
- E-mail: NEPANWW@usace.army.mil with “Garden City 205” in the subject line.
- Regular Mail:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District
Attention: CENWW-PPL-C, Garden City 205
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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Should you need additional information or have any questions, please contact Kristen Shacochis-Brown at (509) 527-7262 or at Kristen.M.Shacochis-Brown@usace.army.mil.

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