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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## INFORMATIONAL MEETING AND AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT INTEGRATED FEASIBILITY REPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

### Portland Metro Levee System (PMLS)

Multnomah County, Oregon

Interested parties are hereby notified the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), has prepared a Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment (Report) for the Portland Metro Levee System.

**AVAILABILITY OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:** The Corps has made the Report available and is soliciting comments from the public on the Report. The comment period begins on January 6, 2020 and ends on February 14, 2020. The Report is available for download at the following link: <https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/levees/pmls/>

The non-Federal sponsor is the Columbia Corridor Drainage Districts (CCDD) Joint Contracting Authority. Multnomah County Drainage District #1 (MCDD) has been given authority to act on behalf of CCDD for day to day management on this study. The Corps and MCDD will also hold informational meetings on the PMLS Study as listed below.

During the event, which is open to the public, the Corps will provide a presentation on the Tentatively Selected Plan. The purpose of the meetings are to allow for direct interaction between the public and the project development team, to inform the public of the findings of the Report, provide the status of the feasibility study, and inform the public on how they can provide comments. Corps and MCDD staff will also be available to answer questions.

### INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS INFORMATION

**Location:** City of Fairview  
1300 NE Village Street, Fairview, OR 97024

**Date:** Thursday, January 16, 2020

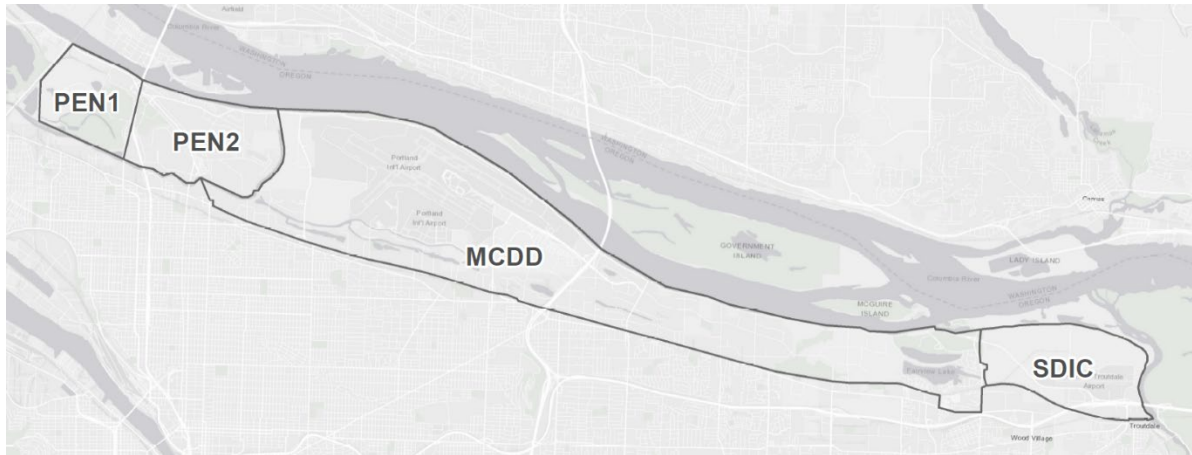
**Time:** 6:00 PM - 8:00 P.M.

**Location:** Portland Expo Center  
2060 N Marine Drive, Portland, OR 97217

**Date:** Thursday, January 23, 2020

**Time:** 6:00 PM - 8:00 P.M.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Portland Metro Levee System is located in Multnomah County, Oregon (see Figure below)



**Figure 1: Study Area of the Portland Metro Levee System**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is conducting a Feasibility Study focusing on Flood Risk Management of the Portland Metro Levee System in partnership with the Columbia Corridor Drainage Districts (CCDD) Joint Contracting Authority. CCDD consists of four drainage districts: Peninsula Drainage District #1, Peninsula Drainage District #2, Multnomah County Drainage District and the Sandy Drainage Improvement Company. The study area includes 27 miles of levees along the lower Columbia River within the Portland Metropolitan Area, running from Smith Lake to the Sandy River.

The three-year federal feasibility study process will lead to a recommendation to Congress for federal investment in addressing the problem areas within the levee and drainage system.

The study assesses alternatives with a focus on improving levee performance, incorporating resilience, and reducing flood risk for the levee system that has seen significant land-use changes since it was originally authorized.

**AUTHORITY:** The feasibility study is authorized by Section 216 of the Flood Control Act of 1970.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND COMMENTS:** Information about the feasibility study may be found at: <https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/levees/pmls/>. The Corps will review and consider public input before finalizing the Environmental Assessment in March 2020. Questions regarding the feasibility study may be directed to Laura Hicks, Project Manager, [PMLS-Feasibility@usace.army.mil](mailto:PMLS-Feasibility@usace.army.mil), or to the address below. Mailed comment on should be sent to:

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