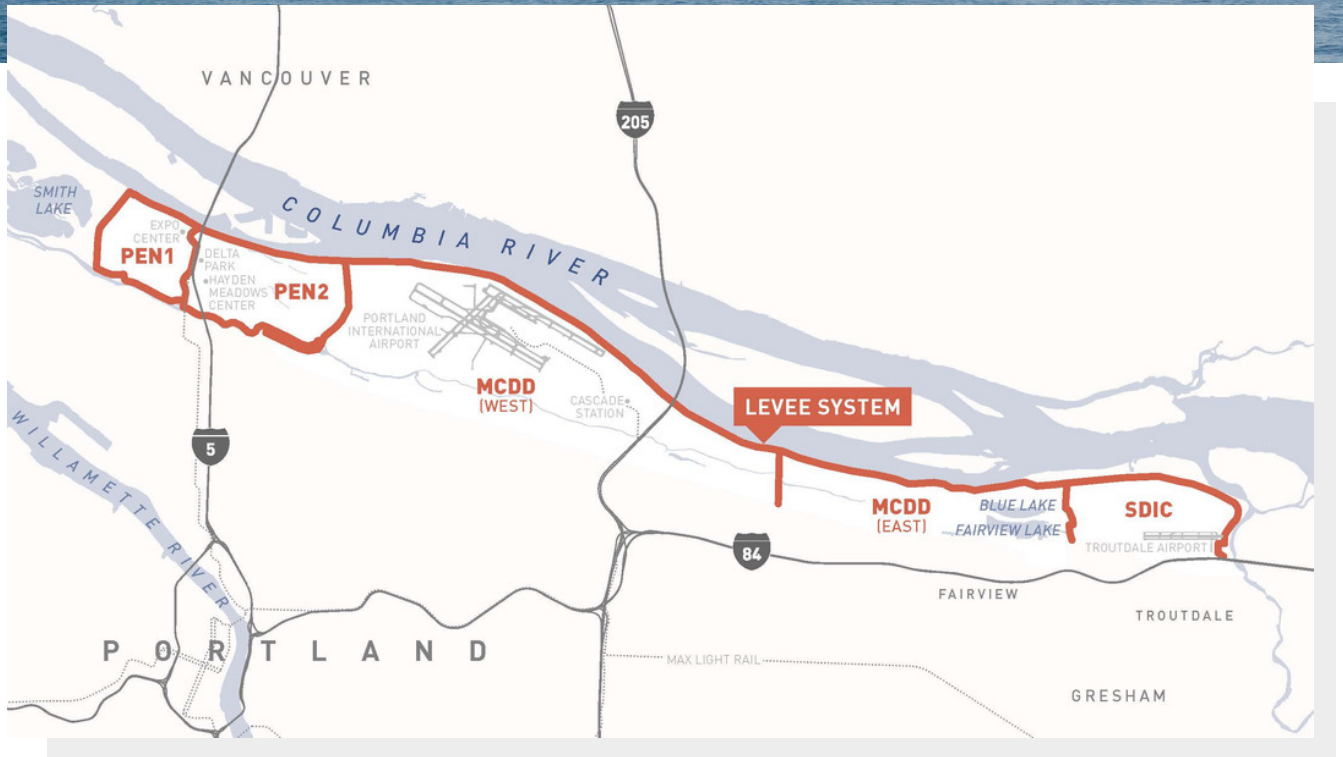


PORTLAND METRO AREA LEVEE SYSTEM

OPEN HOUSE



Please join the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Levee Ready Columbia to learn more about the 27-mile levee system that reduces the risk of flooding along the Columbia River in Multnomah County, the system's vulnerabilities, and ideas and efforts to make it more resilient.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28TH

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Multnomah County Drainage District Office

1880 NE Elrod Drive | Portland, OR 97211

accessible via TriMet Bus #70

For more information about this event, the levee system, and local efforts to modernize it, please visit bit.ly/aug-open-house

For questions, please contact leveeready@gmail.com or 503-281-5675

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The 27-mile levee system that reduces the risk of flooding along the Columbia River from North Portland through Gresham, Fairview, and Troutdale was originally constructed by local landowners between 1917 and 1921, with the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) making significant improvements in the subsequent decades.

Although the levees are operated and managed by four independent drainage districts – Peninsula Drainage District 1 (PEN 1), Peninsula Drainage District 2 (PEN 2), Multnomah County Drainage District (MCDD), and Sandy Drainage Improvement Company (SDIC) – the Army Corps assumes they function as one system for the purposes of assessing flood risks.

In October 2018, the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) launched a New Start Feasibility Study of the local levee system in partnership with the four local drainage districts. The feasibility study is a formal three-year process used to determine if there is a federal interest in investing in an infrastructure system. During the three-year process, problem areas are identified and solutions to make the system more resilient are analyzed and selected. If federal interest is identified, a set of recommendations are delivered to Congress along with funding requests to complete the recommended projects.

In addition to working with the Army Corps, the four drainage districts are members of Levee Ready Columbia (LRC), a local coalition of over twenty public, private, nonprofit, and neighborhood organizations working collaboratively to reduce the risk of flooding along the Columbia River in Multnomah County. LRC came together in 2013 to ensure the local levee system continues to meet federal safety standards set by USACE and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The LRC partners are also committed to making the most of opportunities to enhance the environmental and recreational value of the managed floodplain while improving flood safety in the region.

Representatives of the drainage districts and LRC will work closely with the Army Corps to support the feasibility study, including helping to engage members of the community in to facilitate an understanding of the study process and public involvement opportunities. On top of this, LRC will also be coordinating community-based discussions about the region and other modernization needs including ongoing efforts to create a safer, more sustainable way to manage and fund the operations and maintenance of the levee system.

FIND OUT MORE AT

www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Water-Management/Levees/
& www.leveereadycolumbia.org.