PUYALLUP RIVER BASIN FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT GENERAL INVESTIGATION

Public Meeting

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District

19 April 2016











Agenda

- Corps and Pierce County Opening Remarks
- General Investigation (GI) Overview
- GI Progress Report
- Basin / Study Area Background
- Tentatively Selected Plan Overview
- Overview of Environmental Analysis
- Next Steps
- Formal Comment Period for Draft Report





Purpose of Meeting

- Provide an overview of work completed to date, including identification of a tentatively selected plan
- Allow the public, stakeholders, and agency representatives to provide formal comments on the draft feasibility report / EIS and recommended plan by the May 9, 2016 public review deadline





General Investigation Overview

The Puyallup River Basin General Investigation (GI) Study is an analysis which will:

- ▶ Identify flood risk problems in the Puyallup River Basin
- ▶ Identify, evaluate, and recommend flood risk management actions to address these problems



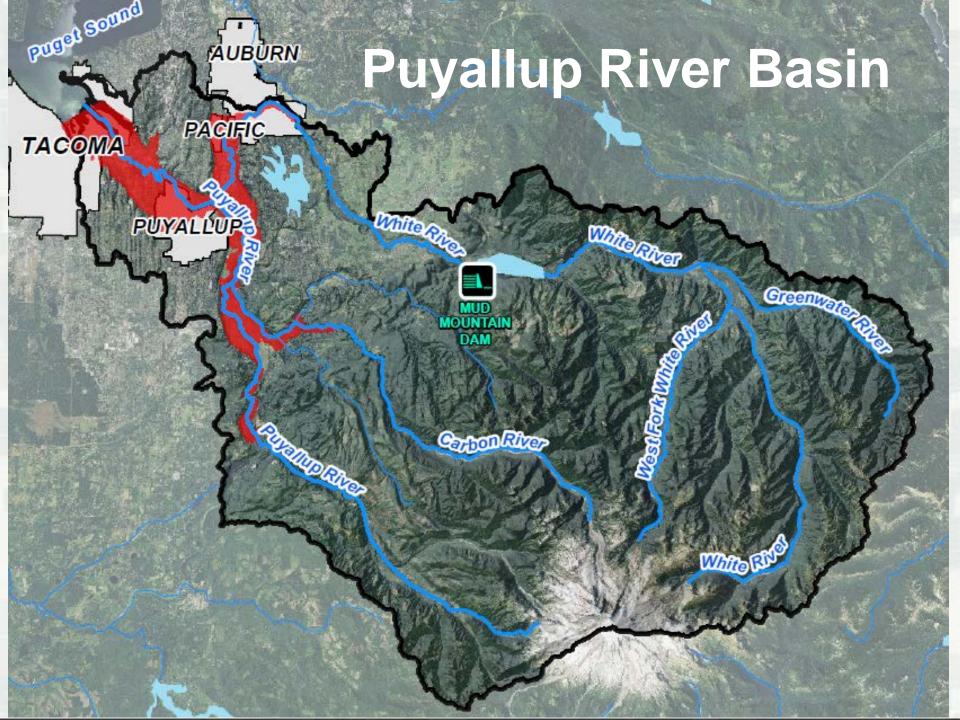


Progress Report

- Identification of Tentatively Selected Plan
- Draft Feasibility Report / Environmental Impact Statement includes:
 - ▶ Identification of problems
 - ► Formulation & evaluation of alternatives
 - ► Includes conceptual designs & cost estimates
 - ► Analysis of environmental impacts



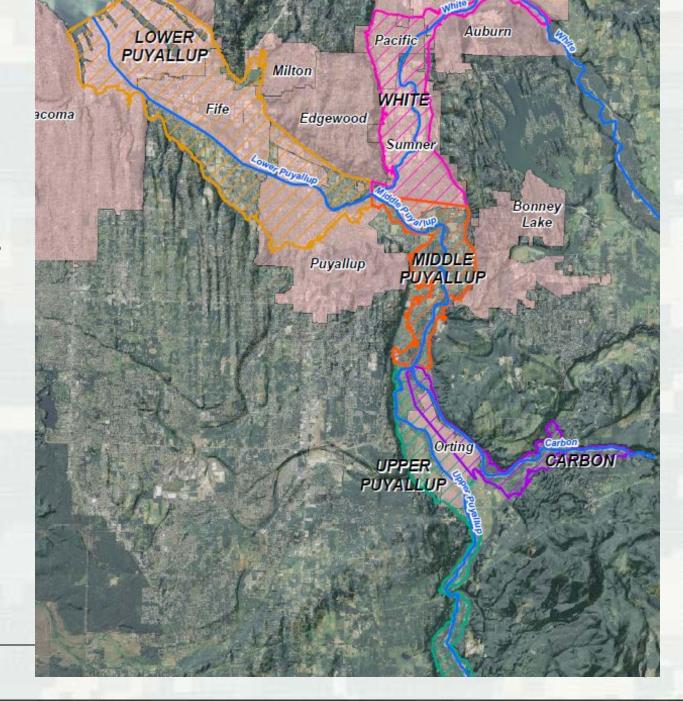




Study Area

Five reaches for purpose of analysis

- Lower Puyallup
- Middle Puyallup
- Upper Puyallup
- White River
- Carbon River

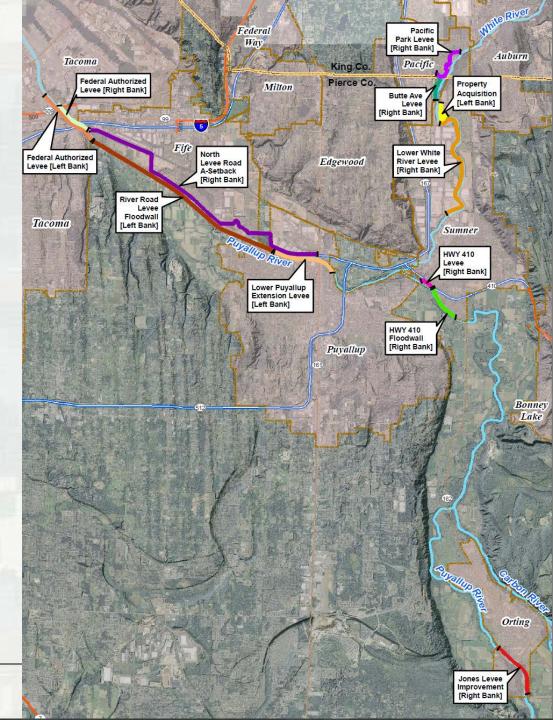




Tentatively Selected Plan: Levee Modification Alternative

- Levee Modification Alternative
- 11.2 mi of new levee and/or floodwall construction
- 8.7 mi of modification to existing features, setbacks
- \$341.1M estimated first cost
- 2.5 benefit-cost ratio





Overview of Environmental Analysis

- Hydraulics and Hydrology
- Geomorphology and Sediment Transport
- Water Quality and Quantity
- Air Quality
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Climate Change and Sea Level Change
- Noise
- Hazardous, Toxic, and Radiological Waste
- Fish and Wildlife
- Wetlands Habitat
- Riparian Habitat

- Aquatic Habitat
- Soil Resources
- Threatened, and Endangered Species
- Socio-Economics
- Cultural Resources
- Environmental Justice Communities
- Aesthetics
- Land Use, Planning and Zoning
- Agricultural Resources
- Public Services and Utilities
- Public Health and Safety
- Transportation and Traffic





Next Steps

Public Review of Draft Feasibility Report / Environmental Impact
Statement (EIS)

CURRENT STEP

March – May 2016

Complete Feasibility-Level Designs

Spring 2017

Finalize Feasibility Report / EIS + Additional Corps Reviews

Spring 2017

Public Review of Final Feasibility Report / EIS

Summer 2017

Chief's Report Complete; Begin Congressional Authorization Process

Fall 2017 *Congressional Authorization Timeline TBD

Final Designs & Specifications

Duration approx. 3 years*

Construction Begins

TBD*

^{*}Subject to Congressional authorization of project and funding appropriations

Tonight's Formal Comment Period

- Please sign-in to submit a verbal comment
- Verbal comments are limited to 2 minutes per person
- State and spell your name before providing your comment
- Please limit comments to the flood risk management study
- Verbal comments will be recorded for the formal record and printed in the final report
- Written comments are also welcome comment cards are in the back of the room
- Answers or responses will not be provided during the comment period. Responses will appear in the final report.





We Want Your Input

In Person:

Tonight's meeting

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Draft report is available in the Puyallup and Orting libraries and online at:

http://tinyurl.com/PuyallupRiverGI

Comments must be received or postmarked by May 9, 2016



