



National Environmental Policy Act

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA):

Enacted as law in 1970, NEPA establishes a national environmental policy and provides a process for implementing the goals of the law which are protecting, maintaining, and enhancing the environment.

Encourages harmony between people and the environment;



Promotes efforts to prevent or eliminate unnecessary environmental change;



Requires Federal agencies to:



- (1) consider potential environmental consequences prior to making a decision to proceed and,
- (2) provide opportunities for public involvement in the decision-making process.

NEPA and You - *Your Involvement is Important*

We need your input

Your comments:

- ▶ Help shape the direction and analysis of the impacts
- ▶ Ensure your concerns are part of the public record and are shared with decision makers who benefit from your knowledge
- ▶ Should present reasonable alternatives or components to the project with a rational basis for consideration of the alternative or component
- ▶ Should consider potential impacts to you such as your property, your community and local infrastructure, services, economy, etc.
- ▶ Should identify resource issues and/or alternatives to the project or its components while providing a rational basis for consideration of issues or alternatives identified.

