

# Having your voice heard: A Guide for public involvement in the NEPA Process

## Things that can improve a comment

- Provide context for your comment
  - Do you have specific knowledge you can share?
  - Is there history you think is important?
- Address a specific alternative or impact
  - If you have comments on multiple topics, address them individually
  - Provide data, regulations, or personal knowledge to support your concern
- Provide a new alternative to consider

## How to be heard

- Written comments can be submitted in-person at public meetings
- Email: [Comments-Grand-River@usace.army.mil](mailto:Comments-Grand-River@usace.army.mil)
- By mail:
  - Mr. Charles A. Uhlarik
  - Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District
  - Environmental Analysis Branch
  - 477 Michigan Avenue
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### Public Scoping Meeting

Purpose: This is the first of many public meetings, in collaboration with participating agencies, to solicit input on the proposal and possible alternatives.

- How you can participate:
- Attend scheduled meetings
  - Listen to scheduled talks by agency officials.
  - Review Alternatives/Options & ask questions
  - Suggest new alternatives
  - Provide comments & feedback *by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019*
    - Fill out a comment card
    - Email comments
    - Have a volunteer record your comment

### Targeted Stakeholder Meetings

Purpose: Meet with stakeholders to address key issues, risks, and uncertainties that specific Tribes, agencies, or groups may have.

- How you can participate:
- Contact Stakeholder groups
  - Review stakeholder opinions
  - Provide comments & feedback
    - Fill out a comment card
    - Email comments

### Public Review of Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Purpose: Review the Tentatively Selected Plan, reasons for selection, and response to comments provided by the public on the Draft EIS.

- How you can participate:
- Read the Final EIS
  - Provide comments and feedback within 30 days

### Public Review of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Purpose: Review alternatives, including the Tentatively Selected Plan, and provide feedback.

- How you can participate:
- Read the Draft EIS
  - Provide comments and feedback within 45 days.

### Public Meeting to present Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Purpose: Present analysis of proposal and alternatives, including the preferred alternative and data used in the analysis process.

- How you can participate:
- Attend the meeting
  - Ask questions
  - Learn when & how to acquire the Draft EIS for review

## For more information

Please visit our project website  
<https://www.lre.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental-Services>

### Legend

- Public Meeting or Input
- ★ Process Milestone

