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**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Housing Loan Program
Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement
Public Scoping Meeting**

Thursday, August 2, 2018
Rockville, Maryland
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm



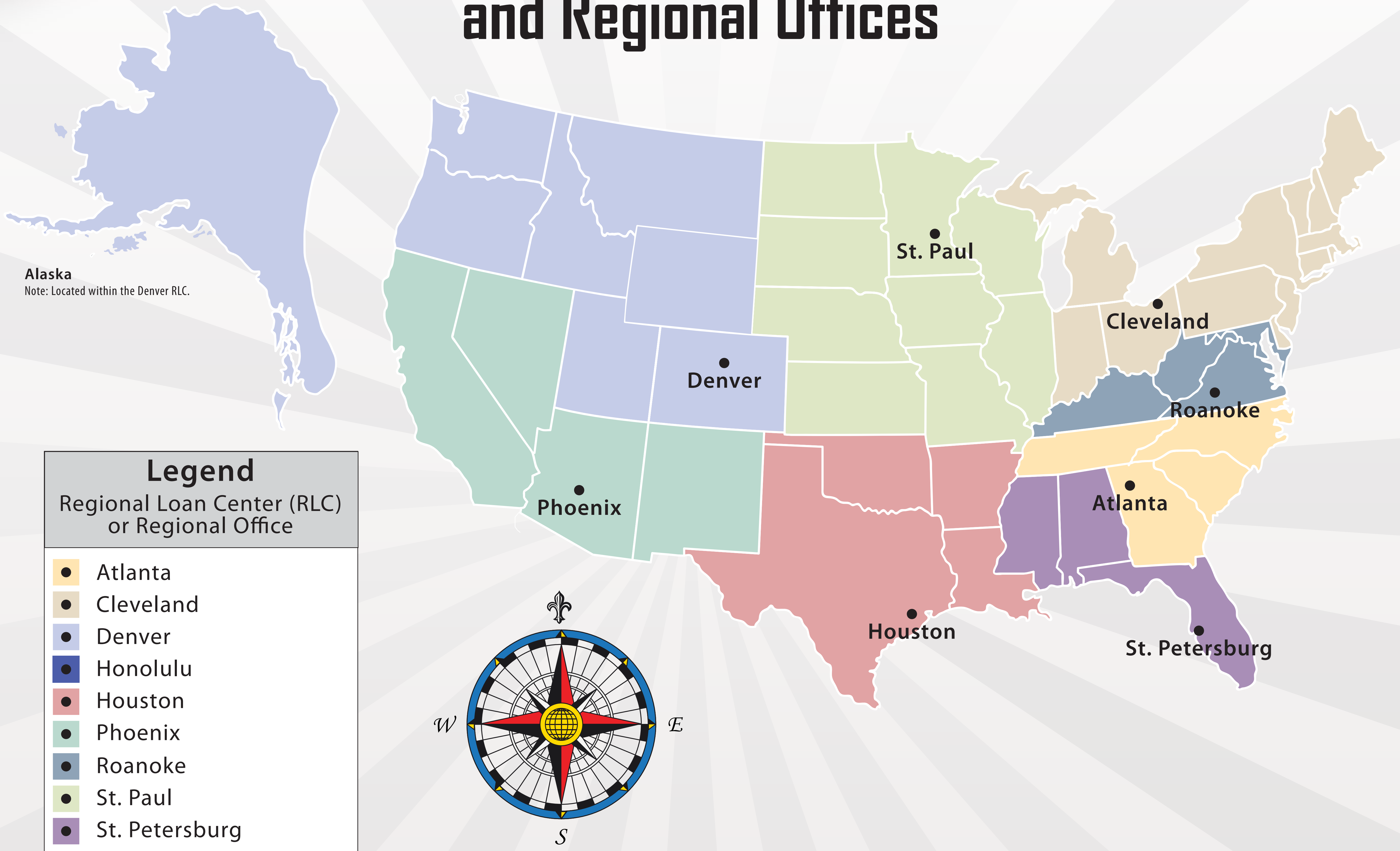


Primary Responsibilities of the Housing Loan Program

Program	Purpose	Populations Served
Home Loan Guaranty	Assist Veterans in becoming homeowners	Veterans, active duty military, reservists, and certain surviving spouses
Real Estate Owned (REO) Property Management and VA Vendee Financing	Manage and sell properties acquired by VA from foreclosures and manage direct loans (also called "vendee") for purchase of REO properties	Veterans and non-Veterans may purchase VA REO properties and may receive vendee (direct loan) financing
Native American Direct Loan (NADL)	Provide direct home loans for Native American Veterans to purchase homes on trust lands	Native American Veterans living on federal trust lands, or Veterans married to a Native American living on federal trust lands
Specially Adapted Housing (SAH)	Grants to assist eligible Veterans with certain service-connected disabilities to construct or adapt their home to accommodate their needs	Veterans with certain permanent and compensable disabilities



Location of VA Regional Loan Centers and Regional Offices



Alaska
Note: Located within the Denver RLC.

Pacific Islands

 Honolulu Hawaii	 Guam	 Northern Marianas Islands	 American Samoa
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Note: The Honolulu regional loan office manages the Home Loan Program for Hawaii, Guam, Northern Marianas Islands, and American Samoa.

Puerto Rico US Virgin Islands

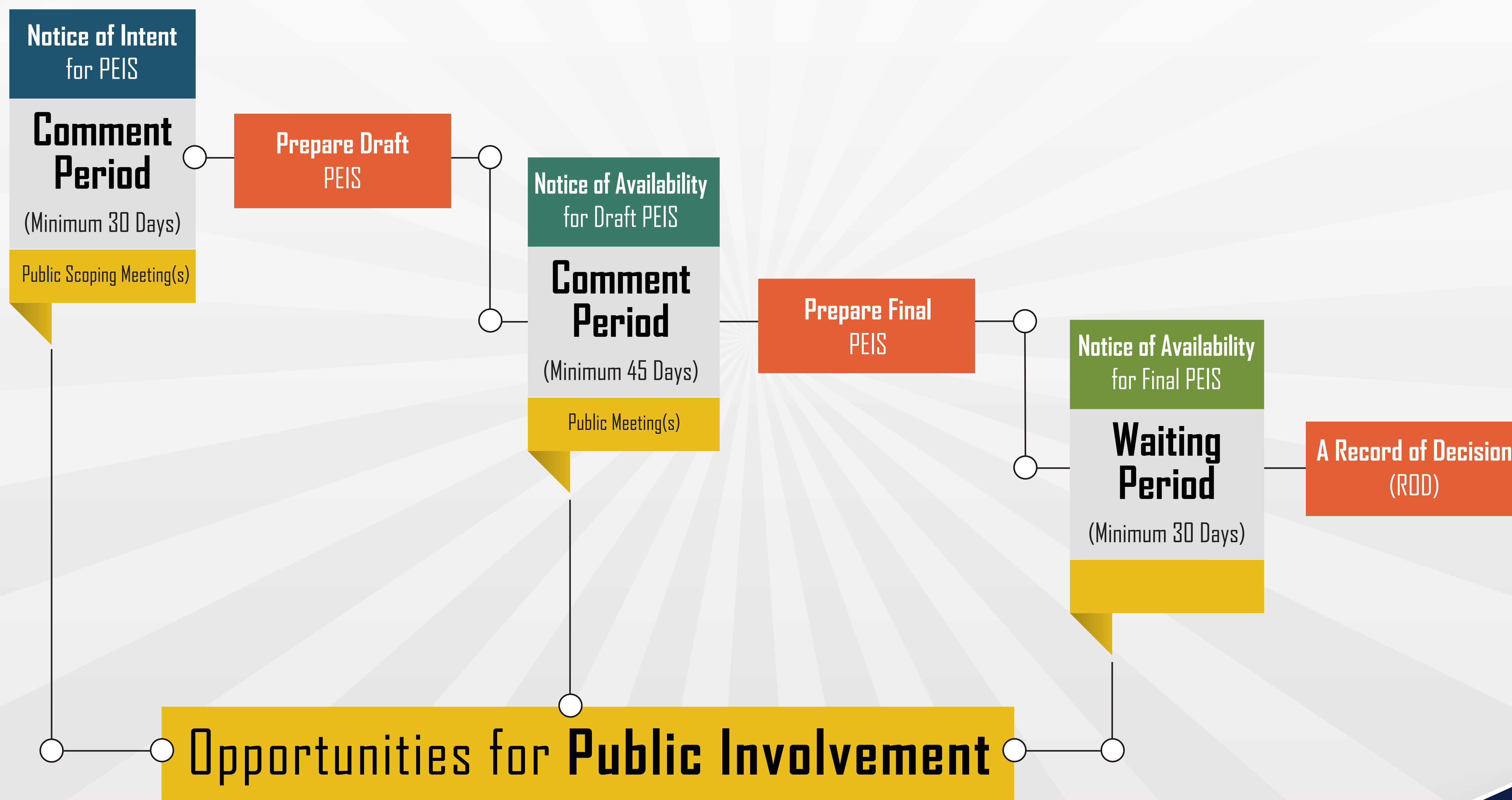
Note: Located within the St. Petersburg RLC.



Proposed Action: VA continues administering the HLP and incorporating programmatic changes as necessitated by amendments to program authorities, Veteran need, market conditions, and factors not foreseen at the time of publication.

No Action Alternative: Refers to a scenario wherein VA operates the HLP in a manner consistent with policies and procedures as of fiscal year 2017 (October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017). The No Action Alternative is being presented as a snapshot in time to provide a baseline from which to compare the Proposed Action.

NEPA Process and Opportunities for Public Involvement





VA Housing Loan Program

Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

Environmental Considerations

Aesthetics/Visual Resources



- Landscape Features
- Natural or Manmade Visual Quality
- Value of Visual Resources

Air Quality



- Criteria Pollutants
- National Ambient Air Quality Standards
- Concentration of Ambient Air Pollutants

Biological Resources



- Biological Communities
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Protected Habitats

Cultural Resources & Historic Properties



- Archaeological Resources
- Historic Sites
- Native American Resources

Floodplains, Wetlands, & Coastal Zones



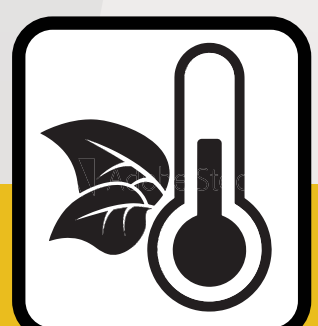
- Resource-rich Ecosystems
- Boundaries Often Overlap
- Development Concerns

Geology and Soils



- Soil Types
- Nationwide Geologic Hazards
- Physiographic Regions

Greenhouse Gases & Climate Change



- Greenhouse Effect
- National Emission Trends
- Predicted Climate Changes

Hydrology and Water Quality



- Quality of Surface Water
- Quality of Groundwater
- Watershed Approach

Infrastructure & Community Services



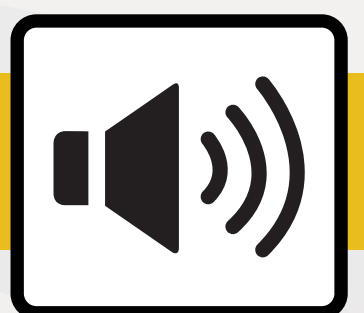
- Transportation
- Utilities
- Public Safety
- Education

Land Use and Planning



- Management of Natural Resources
- Management of Built Environment
- Real Property Classifications

Noise



- Undesirable Sound
- Jurisdictional Noise Ordinances
- Nearby Sensitive Receptor

Socioeconomics & Environmental Justice



- Population, Demography, Housing, Employment, and Income
- Racial Diversity, Minority Populations, and Populations below Poverty Level
- Disproportionately High Adverse Effect on Minority or Low-Income Populations

Cumulative Impacts



- Effects caused by combined results of past, current, and future activities
- Effects of an action are added to or interact with other effects



NEPA Public Involvement Process

Provides opportunity for public input on the Draft PEIS during the comment period: July 16 – August 15, 2018.
Comments will be accepted until August 15, 2018.

Comments may be submitted in several ways:



In Writing - on the comment forms provided at this meeting



Verbally - to the stenographer at this meeting



Online by visiting www.regulations.gov

- Enter "Docket VA-2018-VACO-0001-1061" into the search field
- Follow the prompt to enter and submit your comments



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