



Project Development Process

Any state or federal agency proposing a project that uses public funds and may have a potential detrimental environmental effect must comply with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) or the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Under SEPA/NEPA, agencies are required to evaluate the environmental impacts of their proposals. The evaluation generally follows a project development process that can be divided into the steps described below. This project is currently in **Step 6**.

- STEP 1:** Data collection and inventory of planning issues
Study area/preliminary corridor development
- STEP 2:** First Citizens Informational Workshop
Documentation of community concerns
Selection of alternatives for detailed study
- STEP 3:** Preliminary design and detailed field studies
Engineering/environmental analysis
- STEP 4:** Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
Corridor Public Hearing
- STEP 5:** Review comments on the DEIS
Review public comments and hearing transcript
Selection of the Preferred Alternative/Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative (LEDPA)
- STEP 6:** Preliminary design refinement ◀ [Hampstead Bypass \(R-3300\)](#)
Additional field studies (*Please Note: NCDOT representatives will require access to private property in order to conduct field studies.*)
Design Public Meeting (U-4751) ◀ [Military Cutoff Road Extension \(U-4751\)](#)
Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)
State Record of Decision (SROD)
- STEP 7:** Design Public Hearing (R-3300)
- STEP 8:** Detailed Design
- STEP 9:** Right-of-Way Acquisition
- STEP 10:** Final Design
- STEP 11:** Project Construction