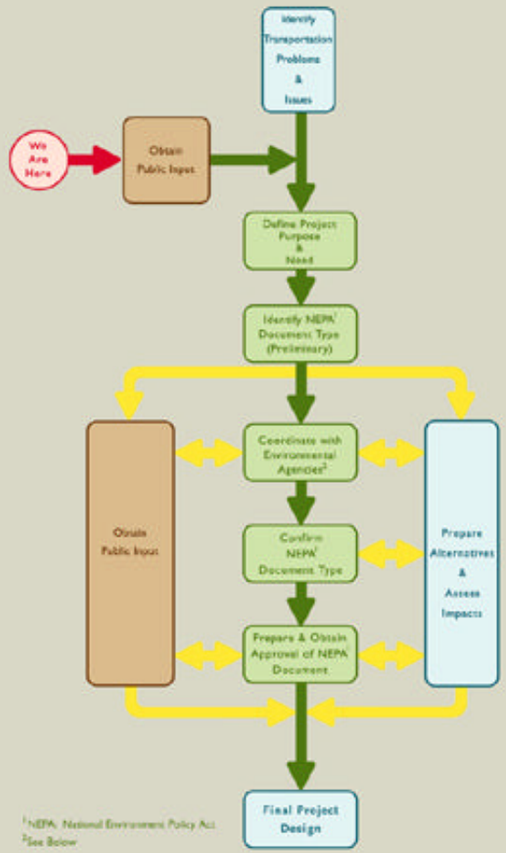
WESTERN PARKWAY

Environmental Process



[1]NEPA: National Environment Policy Act
[2]See Below

Compliance with State and Federal Requirements

During the alternatives development and refinement process, each of the alternatives under consideration (including a no-build option) must be evaluated based on its natural, historic, and community resource impacts and must comply with the following federal and state laws and regulations:

- **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**
  The planning and decision making process, including assessment of design options, must be coordinated with inter-governmental agencies to minimize impacts to socioeconomic, natural, historic, and community resources.
- **Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966**
  This act requires public agencies who are undertaking improvement projects to identify and avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate impacts to historic buildings, districts and sites and archaeological resources.
- **Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Addresses Environmental Justice in Minority and Low-Income Populations)**
  This act ensures public involvement of low-income and minority groups in decision-making; prevents disproportionately high and adverse impacts to low income and minority groups; ensures that low-income and minority groups receive a proportionate share of benefits.
- **Section 4 (f) of the US Department of Transportation Act of 1966**
  Requires special efforts to avoid or minimize impacts to public parks, recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges and historic sites.
- **Environmental Permits and Approvals**
  Requires compliance with permit requirements for encroachments on wetlands, floodplains, and waterways.
- **Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990**
  Requires state-sponsored transportation projects to conform with air quality standards.
- **Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965**
  Requires compliance with Comprehensive Statewide Outdoor Recreation Plans, which regulate conversion of 6(f)-funded recreation land to other than public outdoor recreation uses.

Agency Coordination / Review

Coordination with the following agencies will occur throughout the project development process:

- Federal Highway Administration
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- US Fish & Wildlife Service
- State Historic Preservation Office
- Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
- Delaware Department of Agriculture
- Sussex County Government

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