

## CHAPTER 5 CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

In May 2006, scoping to determine the appropriate re-uses of the 1889 South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club Clubhouse, the Clubhouse Annex, Brown Cottage and Moorhead Cottage was initiated pursuant to 40 CFR 1501.7 and NPS Director's Order 12. Approximately 133 letters inviting agencies and individuals to attend scoping meetings were mailed.

Two scoping meetings were conducted by the National Park Service on June 13, 2006. An agency scoping meeting was conducted at which representatives from the State Police, Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission, State Senator Wozniak's office and Saint Francis University attended. A public open house meeting was conducted at the Clubhouse, preceded by tours of the Clubhouse. Approximately 30 people attended the public open house, including the media, NPS staff and consultants. Issues of importance that were presented at the public meeting included:

- Keep true to historic use of the buildings
- No smoking, no bars or alcohol sales and no cell phones during tours
- Use entire structures, if possible
- Follow the recommendations presented in the Historic Structures Report.
- Convert to business or office use
- Would prefer to have a dining establishment that is congruent with the character of the building, as well as with the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century period rather than contemporary fast food restaurants. Fast food restaurants that maintain the character of the building were discussed.

On May 30, 2006, consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was conducted, requesting information on the presence of any known federally endangered or threatened species in the area. On July 27, 2006, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service responded that except for occasional transient species, no federally listed or proposed threatened or endangered species under Federal jurisdiction are known to occur within the project impact area. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service further stated that a biological assessment and further consultation under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 were not required. This information was requested and received pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). (Refer to **Appendix F**).

Based on an online search of the Pennsylvania Natural Heritage database for any State-listed species, the northeastern bulrush (*Scirpus ancistrochaetus*), a perennial member of the sedge family (Cyperaceae), was listed as both a federally and a State endangered plant species known to occur in Cambria County. However, habitat supporting this species does not exist within the affected area, as the northeastern bulrush is found in small wetlands, and there are no wetlands onsite. **Appendix E** is a listing of all federally and State protected species known to occur in Cambria County.

Telephone conversations with the Cambria County Planning Commission and with Adams Township were conducted regarding the land use and zoning status of the affected area.

Based on consultation with the Bureau of Occupational and Industrial Safety, Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, compliance with the energy conservation code requirements found in the 2006 *International Energy Conservation Code* is required.

Coordination with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau for Historic Preservation, was initiated (see **Appendix F**) and is continuing to ensure compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The Bureau for Historic Preservation will submit formal comments subsequent to review of the environmental assessment and all required State Historic Resource Forms. The Cambria County Historical Society and Portage Area Historical Society were also advised of the NPS proposal to determine an appropriate adaptive re-use of the Clubhouse, Clubhouse Annex, Brown Cottage and Moorhead Cottage. No comments were received from these agencies.

Coordination with local police, fire and rescue services was also conducted to ensure that appropriate response times could be met, if needed. Coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration and the Johnstown Cambria County Airport Authority was conducted to advise this office of the proposed action and to ensure that they are aware that the National Park Service has expanded the boundary for the Johnstown Flood National Memorial. Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 ensures that transportation projects must consider alternatives to directly or indirectly affecting parkland.

Consultation with the Adams Township Planner was conducted to discuss the proposed Forest Hills Trail and a possible trail extension inside the historic district. The Forest Hills Regional Alliance, an intergovernmental organization comprised of seven local municipalities, has forged a number of private/public partnerships to create a regional trail system from Sidman to St. Michael within the South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club Historic District and subsequently to connect with the new Path of the Flood Trail near South Fork. Ultimately, this regional trail system, referred to as the Johnstown Flood Trail Project, will extend into the City of Johnstown.

The environmental assessment will be posted on the National Park Service's Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/publicHome.cfm>, and made available to Federal, State and local agencies; political representatives; nonprofit organizations; and the public for review and comment.

## ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
APE	Area of Potential Effect
B&B	Bed & Breakfast
CAIR	Clean Air Interstate Rule
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
DCNR	Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
DEP	Department of Environmental Protection
DO	Director's Order
EA	Environmental Assessment
ESA	Endangered Species Act
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact
FHRA	Forest Hills Regional Alliance
HABS	Historic Architectural Building Survey
HSR	Historic Structures Report
HVAC	Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning
MGM	Money Generation Model
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
NHS	National Historic Site
NMem	National Memorial
NPS	National Park Service
PEPC	Planning, Environment and Public Comment
P.L.	Public Law
PM	Particulate Matter
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office(r)
SMSA	Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area
USEPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency