## National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- The purpose of NEPA is "to encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between human beings and the physical environment for present and future generations."
- Helps public officials make decisions that are based on understanding of environmental impacts and take actions that protect, restore and enhance the environment
- Ensures that environmental information is available to public officials and citizens before decisions are made and actions are taken.

## **NEPA Process**

## Anticipated project milestones include:

- Public Scoping
  Fall 2012 (We Are Here)
- Refine Alternatives
  Winter 2012
- Prepare Environmental Assessment
  Winter 2012 Spring 2013
- Public Comment on Environmental Assessment Spring 2013
- Decision Document
  Fall 2013
- Implementation
  Fall 2013





