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## **SECTION 5**

### **CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION**

#### **5.1 SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION**

Internal NPS discussions and agency scoping led to identification of the main issues and impact topics to be addressed in this EA. The NPS officially notified the Maryland Historical Trust of the proposed restoration of the Catoctin Aqueduct on February 3, 2006, and park personnel conducted a site visit at the Catoctin Aqueduct with personnel from the Maryland Historical Trust on June 13, 2006. Discussions focused on alternatives evaluated in the feasibility study (stone arch barrel vs. concrete barrel), possible treatments for the concrete barrel alternative, use of original stone, other sources of stone, and integration of NEPA and Section 106 compliance in one document. The Maryland Historical Trust personnel indicated that they were amenable to either alternative. The NPS updated the Maryland Historical Trust on the status of planning effort in a letter dated November 8, 2006 (Appendix D).

Park personnel conducted a site visit at the Catoctin Aqueduct with personnel from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District and Maryland Department of the Environment on July 19, 2006. Discussions focused on potential flooding, erosion, scour, forest, and wetland issues.

Responses to requests for scoping comments were received from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Maryland Department of Natural Resources on December 7, 2006 and December 29, 2006, respectively. Copies of the scoping responses are provided in Appendix D. A site visit was subsequently conducted with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (Richard Wiegand) in February 2007 to review rare plant issues. It was agreed during the site visit that Maryland Department of Natural Resources and NPS would cooperatively conduct surveys for state-listed plants in the project area during 2007. The surveys were conducted and the findings were used to develop protection measures to avoid and minimized adverse effects to state-listed plants.

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A public scoping notice and brochure (Appendix D) were posted on the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website and a 30-day public scoping period was open from November 1 through 30, 2006. One public scoping comment was received (Appendix D) and it discussed some possible constraints associated with the use of tinted concrete liner applications, similar to that proposed under Alternative C.

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