

Environmental Impact Statement

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area
Middle Delaware National Scenic and Recreational River
Appalachian National Scenic Trail

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



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.”
- Mandates that every federal agency prepare an in-depth study of the impacts of “major federal actions having a significant effect on the environment.”
- 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.
- The Organic Act creating the National Park Service states that the NPS will “conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and...provide for the enjoyment of the same in such a manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations” (16 U.S. Code 1, the National Park Service Organic Act).

NEPA Process

Project milestones include:

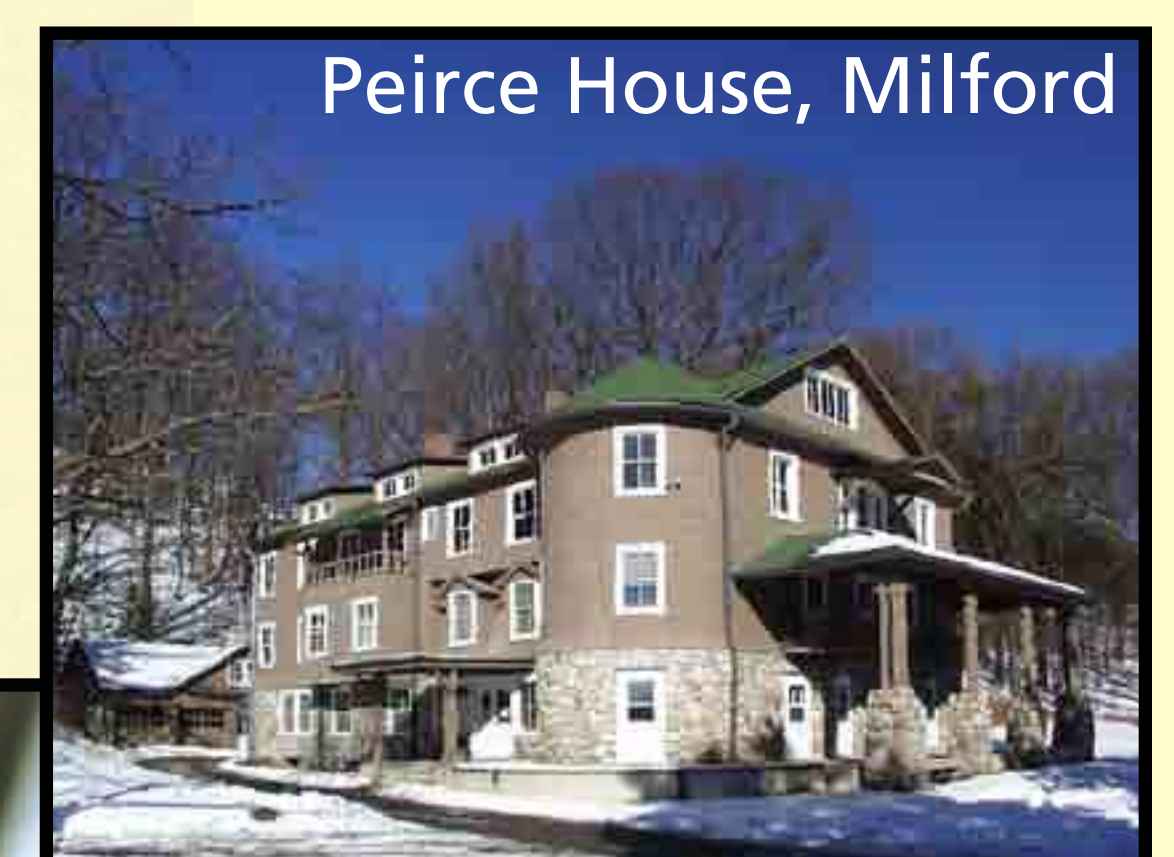
- Preparation of DEIS
Present - Summer 2011
- Public review of DEIS
Summer 2011
- Analysis of public comment
Fall 2011
- Preparation of FEIS
Winter 2011/2012
- Preparation of Decision Document
Spring 2012
- Announcement of decision on proposal
Spring 2012



Van Campens Brook



Spring peeper calling



Peirce House, Milford



Yellow-throated warbler