

**NOTICE FOR THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH BETHESDA
CAMPUS MASTER PLAN FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The National Institutes of Health published its Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the National Institutes of Health Bethesda Campus Master Plan in the Federal Register on Friday November 28, 2014. The 30-day waiting period begins on **November 28, 2014** and will end on **January 5, 2015**. Comments can be sent to Valerie Nottingham, Division of Environmental Protection, National Institutes of Health, Building 13, Room 2S11, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892 or emailed to nihnepa@mail.nih.gov. Questions regarding the Final EIS can be directed to Mark Radtke, Environmental Protection Specialist, Division of Environmental Protection, National Institutes of Health, 301-496-7775. Comments can also be sent via email to nihnepa@mail.nih.gov.



November 19, 2014

Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your review is the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the National Institutes of Health Bethesda Campus proposed Master Plan in Bethesda, Maryland. The Master Plan outlines a strategy for accommodating potential campus development subject to NIH and Health and Human Services (HHS) priorities and the availability of resources. An electronic copy of the Master Plan can be found on a CD located on the back of the FEIS.

Three alternatives were considered in detail and are presented in the FEIS: the Proposed Action Alternative, the Maximum Development Alternative and the No Action Alternative (continue current NIH operations). The NIH's preferred alternative is the Proposed Action Alternative. The FEIS addresses concerns identified by NIH or raised during public scoping and the Draft EIS comment period. Following the 60-day comment period, the FEIS was prepared.

The required 30-day waiting period will be ending January 5th, 2015. Comments should be sent to Valerie Nottingham at, NIH, B13/2S11, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892, or nihnepa@mail.nih.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D. G. Wheeland", is positioned above the printed name.

Daniel G. Wheeland

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