

ES.7 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND AGENCY COORDINATION

Policies outlined in NEPA require that any significant activity undertaken by a federal entity which has the potential to impact the environment be studied with oversight by cooperating agencies and members of the general public. As part of this public process, citizens are given the opportunity to participate in the environmental impact review process. An integral part of the MIS/EIS process has been consultations with the state and federal agencies responsible for the various aspects of the project, including the ACOE, EPA, FWS, DEP, SHPO, NRCS and CTDOA.

An important part of the Route 82/85/11 MIS/EIS process has been a broad-based public outreach program intended to fully inform the public on the objectives, status and potential effects of the project and to obtain input from the study area communities. This outreach program has focused on the following methods:

- ✓ media notifications
 - ✓ AC meetings
 - ✓ public information meetings
 - ✓ public hearings
 - ✓ public comment forms
 - ✓ newsletters
 - ✓ toll free project information line (1-800-261-9141)
 - ✓ project-specific e-mail address: (mis-ed@MaguireGroup.com)
 - ✓ DEIS on file at local and state libraries
 - ✓ DEIS text via project links at www.state.ct.us/dot/bureau/pp/docs/envir/envir.html
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