



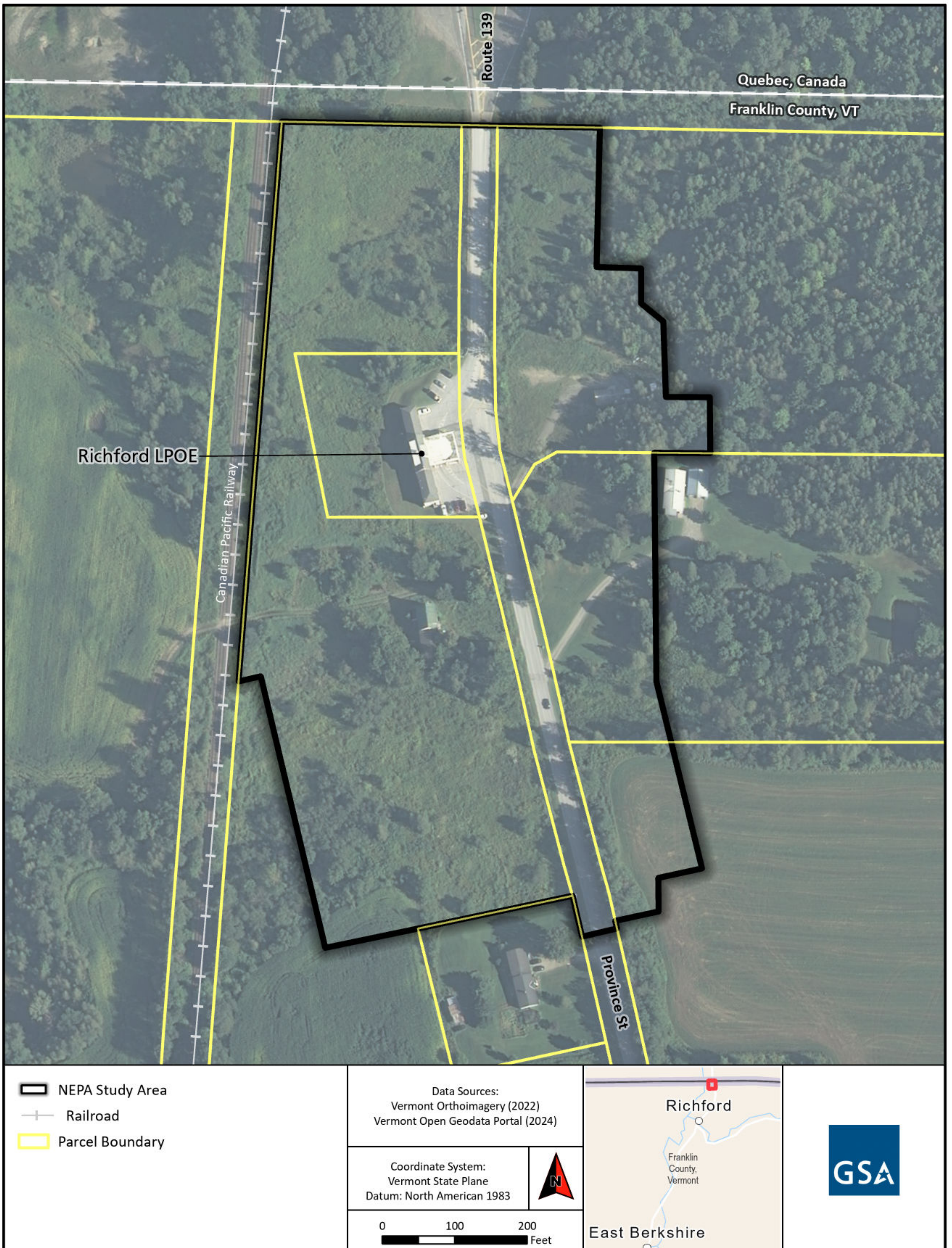
Purpose:

The purpose of the project is to reconfigure, expand, and fully modernize the Richford Land Port of Entry (LPOE). The Proposed Action would improve traffic flow, enhance safety and security, and increase the efficiency of operations at the Richford LPOE.



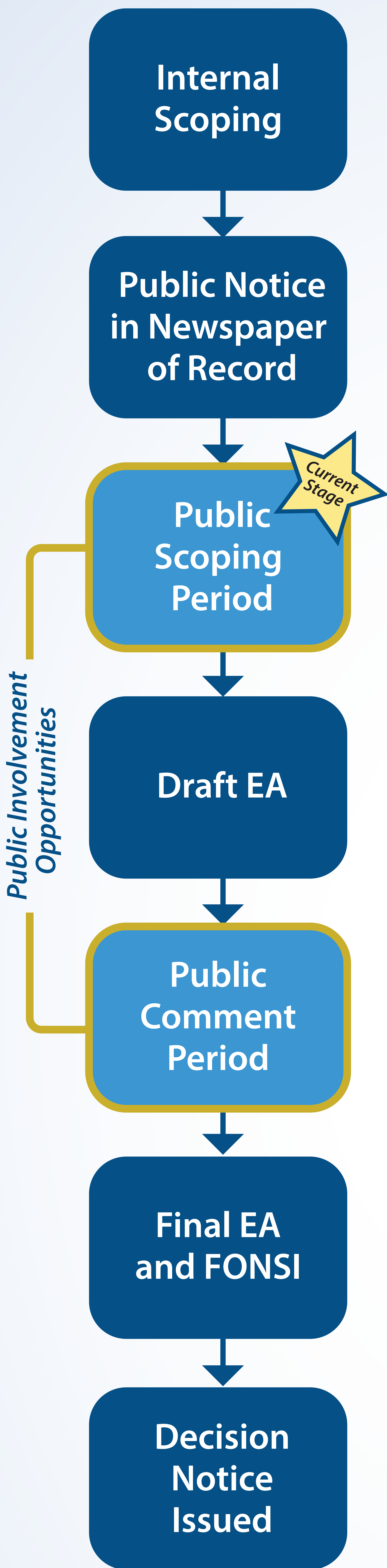
Need:

The Proposed Action is needed to bring the Richford LPOE facility into compliance with federal infrastructure and security requirements and support the mission and needs of Customs and Border Protection (CBP). The existing facility does not meet the operational needs of the CBP due to its space constraints and limitations associated with its aging infrastructure.





The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is the federal law that requires all federal agencies to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of any major actions they propose and to inform and involve the public in the decision-making process.



Internal Scoping

- U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) identifies a need to update the Richford Land Port of Entry (LPOE) with current land port design standards and operational requirements of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).
- GSA conducts a Feasibility Study to explore viable alternatives to accommodate the Richford LPOE operations.

Public Scoping

- GSA publishes a notice in the local newspaper which marks the beginning of the public scoping period, when the public can provide their feedback, note their interests, and voice concerns.
- GSA informs local, state, and federal agencies of the proposed project through a stakeholder scoping letter.
- A Public Scoping Meeting is held to describe the project and solicit feedback from the public, including community concerns and interests, before preparation of the Environmental Assessment (EA).

Preparing the Draft EA

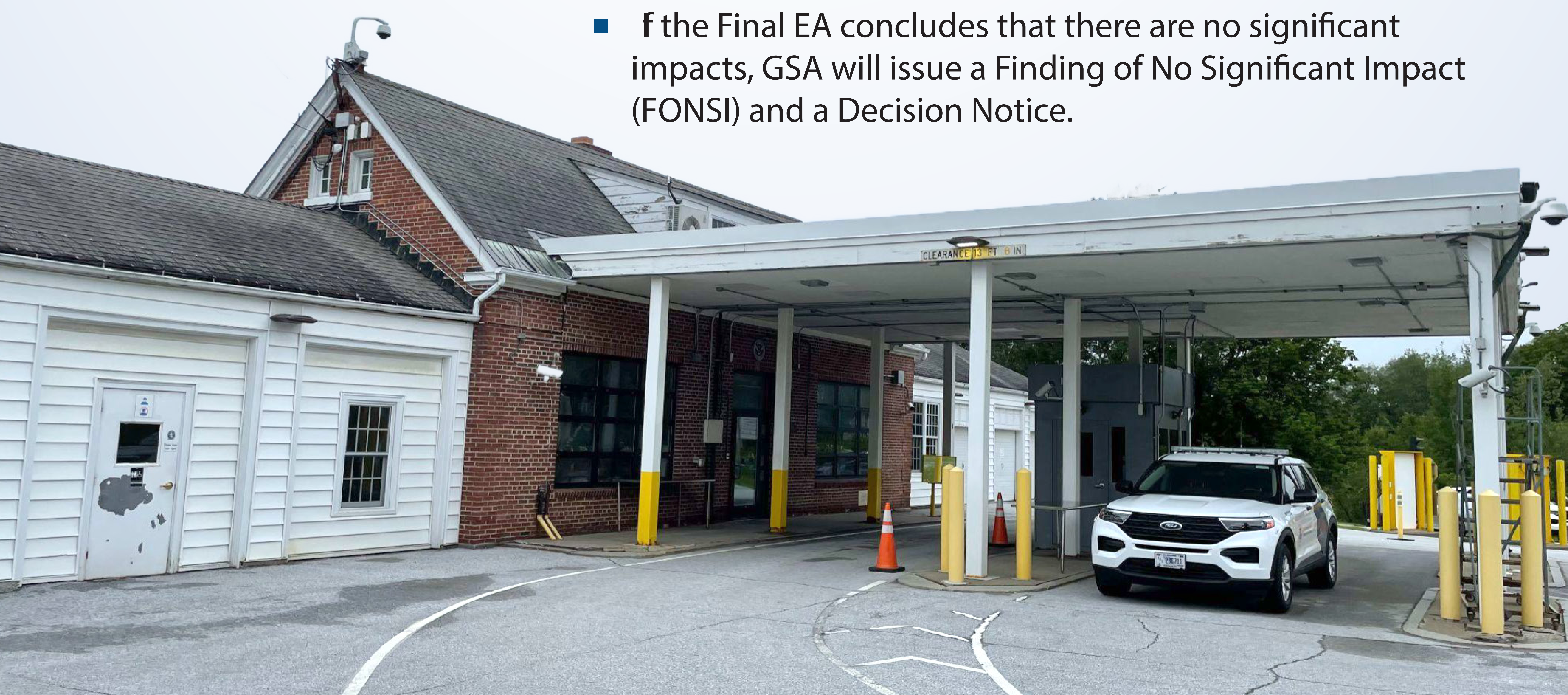
- A Draft EA is developed to analyze potential impacts to the natural and human environment.
- Public comments received during the public scoping period are considered during the preparation of the Draft EA.
- Required consultations are initiated with federal and state agencies to comply with laws and regulations (e.g., Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act).

Draft EA Public Review

- GSA notifies the public that the Draft EA is available for public review.
- A Public Comment Period of at least 30-days is held, which will include a public meeting.
- Comments on the Draft EA are accepted via U.S. mail, e-mail, or in-person at the public meeting. All comments will be included in the project administrative record.

Final EA and FONSI

- GSA completes required consultations with agencies.
- Public comments received during the Draft EA Public Comment Period are reviewed and, as appropriate, addressed in the Final EA.
- The EA is revised and finalized.
- If the Final EA concludes that there are no significant impacts, GSA will issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and a Decision Notice.





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How to Comment



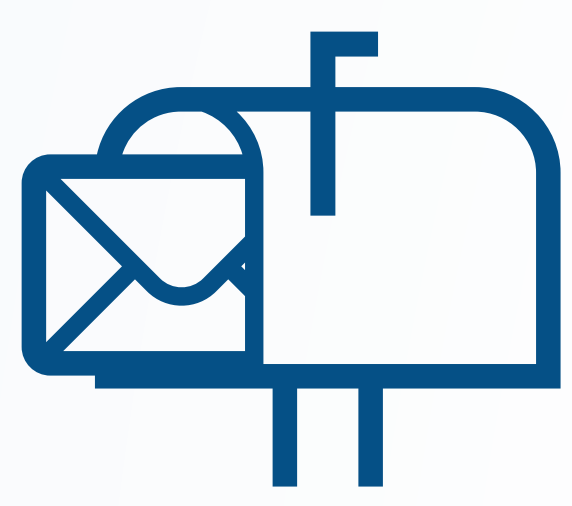
GSA encourages your input on the resources and issues that are important to you. Comments must be submitted to GSA by October 5, 2024 using any of the following methods:



IN-PERSON. Fill out a comment form and submit at this scoping meeting. A stenographer will capture comments voiced during the meeting.



BY E-MAIL. Send comments to: Richford.LPOE@gsa.gov



BY MAIL. Send comments to:

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