



Guide to Using the Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) Website

Each person has an important perspective on the management of Shenandoah National Park and can make a unique contribution to the planning process that will help the National Park Service produce better planning documents. The National Park Service has developed a web-based tool for informing the public about projects and plans that are being considered or developed. This flier provides information on that new system.

What is PEPC?

Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) is a web-based system that has been created for and adopted by the National Park Service to be used nationwide. This system will allow people to gain access to current plans and related documents that are available for review and open for comment. Public comments can be submitted through the PEPC system. The public will also be able to access schedules for particular projects as well as specific information about public meetings.

While the PEPC system will become the primary vehicle to submit and review comments on planning efforts and projects, the park will continue to accept comments from the public as it always has, by mail, fax, and e-mail.

Staff at Shenandoah is regularly adding plans and projects to PEPC. With time, this system will be used with increasing frequency therefore, the public is encouraged to visit the website regularly.

How do people access PEPC and what will they see?

Anyone with an internet connection can access the site to find out what projects are available for public review and to submit comments. The website is <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>.

You will find the following sections in the main navigation menu of PEPC:

Home: Access all projects and parks in which you are interested.

Parks: Find projects by park. To narrow the list, select a park or region and click "Show Parks".

Plans/Documents: You can select listed plans/documents on this page to see more information about that plan or document. To limit the list to only those that are available for public comment, select "Only Plans/Documents Open for Public Comment". To further narrow the list, select a project type, park, or state. After making your selection, click "Show Plans/Documents".

Policy: From this page you can access policies, reference material and other information related to the National Park Service and its administration.

Links: This page contains links that provide sources of additional information about planning, resources and the environmental impact analysis process for the National Park Service.

Search: You can search publicly available plans and environmental documents for the National Park Service.

How do people submit comments in

To submit comments through PEPC, go through the following steps:

- Click on the name of the particular project or plan that you are interested in
- Click on "Documents and Links"
- At this point, you will find general information about the plan or project
- To comment, click on "Comment on Document" in the left-hand column