

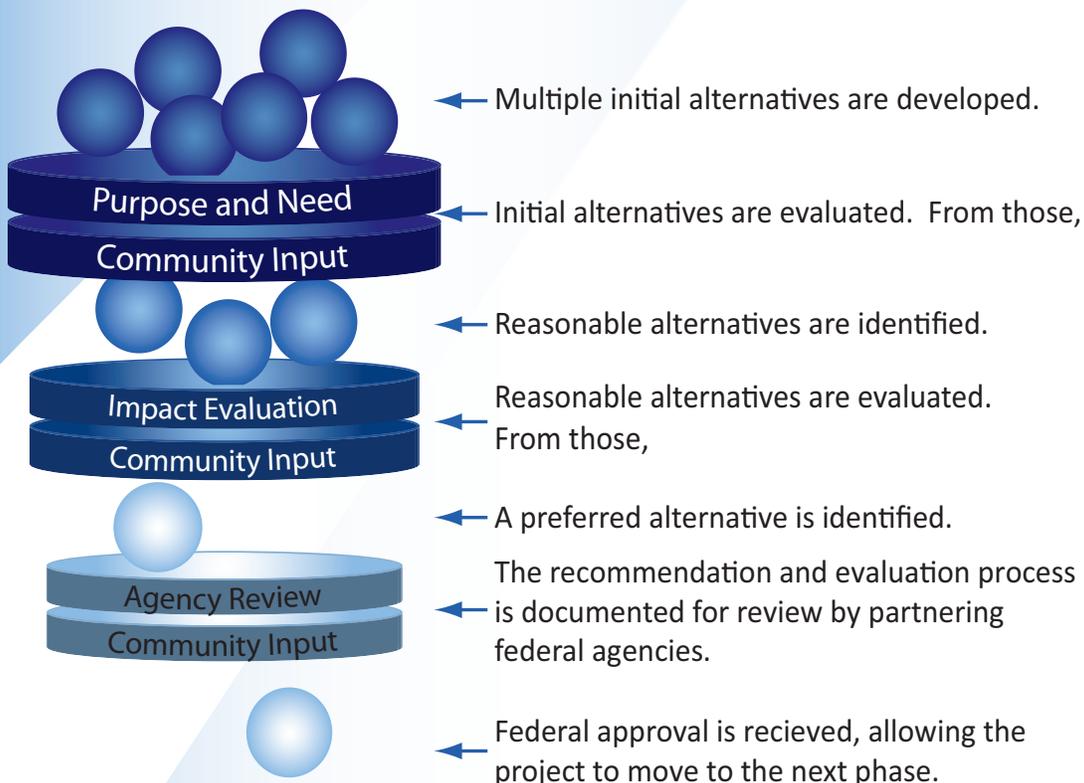
PHASE 1 - PLAN

Phase 1 of the Iowa City Gateway project will be completion of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) planning process. NEPA is required for projects that will seek federal funds and/or federal permits.

Beyond legal requirements, however, the NEPA process helps governmental agencies and local communities make well-informed decisions about future projects. Additionally, the process gives the community (1) access to information used by agencies in selecting a preferred alternative and (2) a chance to have input into those public decisions. The NEPA process requires that the following questions be answered before they receive federal approval:

- What is the problem? What is needed? The study's *Purpose and Need* serves as a guide throughout the evaluation process.
- How might the improvement impact the natural environment like water, air and threatened and endangered species?
- How might the improvement project impact neighborhoods and businesses? How would historic or archaeological sites be impacted? How would economically disadvantaged groups be affected?
- How would the proposed improvement work? Does it address the Purpose and Need? What will it cost construct and to maintain?

THE NEPA PROCESS



Immediately after federal approval is received, design and engineering of the Iowa City Gateway preferred alternative will begin.



The Iowa City Gateway Project is led by Iowa City in coordination with the U.S. Economic Development Administration, the Iowa Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration and in cooperation with the University of Iowa.

More information about Iowa City Gateway can be found at: iowacitygateway.org or by phoning 319-356-5140.

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