



Environmental Assessment for Department of Commerce Boulder Laboratories Campus Master Plan

# Providing Effective Public Comments

## How to Effectively Provide Comments During the Scoping Process

### Get Involved

- Your comments are important
- Public comments help to define the scope of the Master Plan and EA
- Public comments can improve the accuracy of the EA



### Helpful Comments

- Raise issues of concern early in the scoping process
- Are clear, concise, and relevant to the analysis
- Are solution oriented and provide specific examples
- Identify environmental resources of particular concern
- Suggest sources of relevant information to be considered
- Suggest additional alternatives to be considered



Please be sure your comments are postmarked or received by February 12, 2016



### Provide comments to:

Dept. of Commerce Boulder Laboratories  
 Master Plan Comments  
 National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)  
 325 Broadway, MS-194.00  
 Boulder, CO 80305-3328

Or by email to:  
[BldrLabsMPcommentsPublic@nist.gov](mailto:BldrLabsMPcommentsPublic@nist.gov)

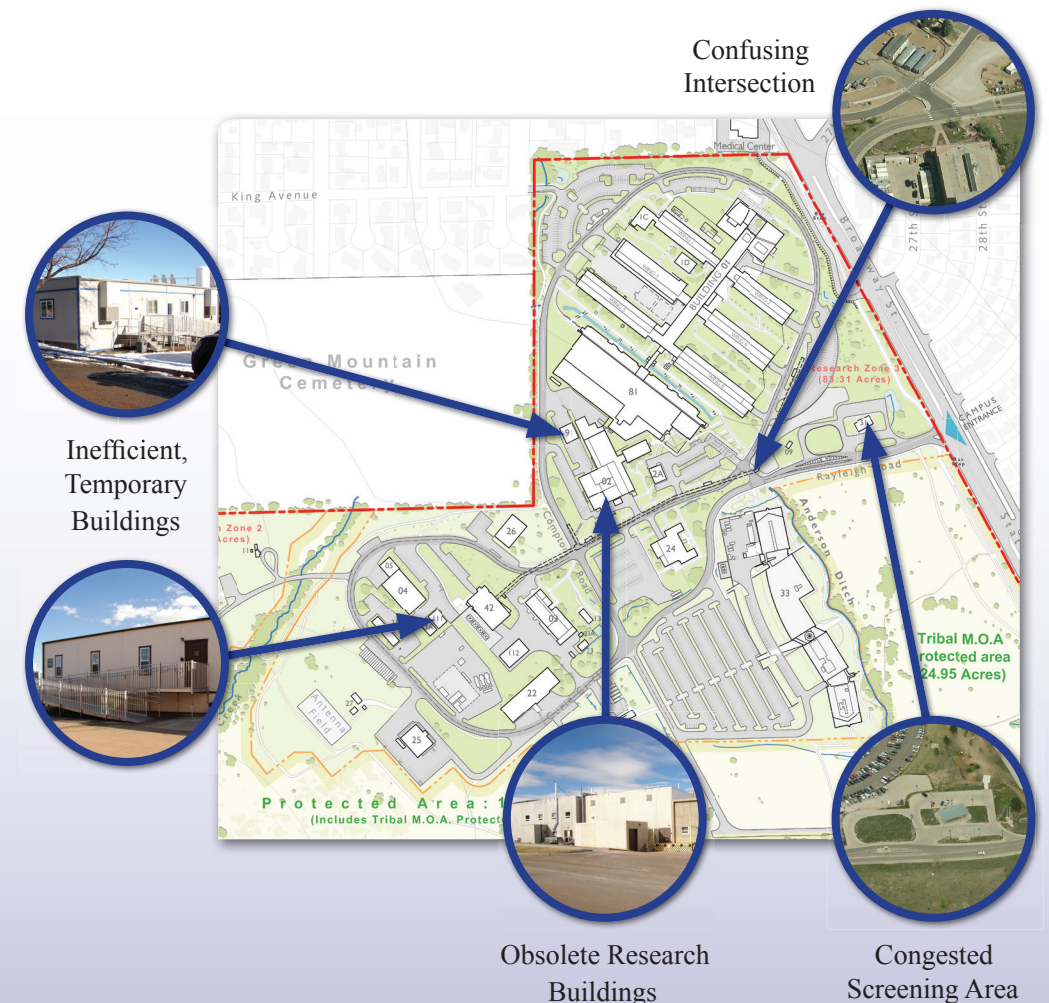
Scoping and other materials associated with the Master Plan and Environmental Assessment will be posted to the following website as they are available for public review: [www.nist.gov/director/ofpm/boulder-master-plan.cfm](http://www.nist.gov/director/ofpm/boulder-master-plan.cfm)



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# Existing Conditions

- The Department of Commerce (DOC) requires that its agencies have a physical master plan for their sites. The current Boulder Laboratories Campus Master Plan was developed in 1992.
- Campus and research programs have changed and now require the following:
  - Flexible, efficient, and collaborative space to promote advancing research
  - Accommodations for the advanced research and measurement science that demand highly controllable research environments
- Deficiencies in existing facilities and campus organization include the following:
  - Lack of organizing concept that gives the campus cohesion or identity
  - Aging and obsolete research buildings
  - Congestion and confusion in visitor screening





# Master Plan Vision

## Goals

- Comprehensive and coordinated framework for future development
- Appropriate buildings and infrastructure for advanced research
- A plan that respects the local community and previous agreements
- Facilities that encourage collaboration, welcome outside colleagues
- Attractive campus that addresses sustainable design goals
- A plan for gradual change



## Prescribed Actions

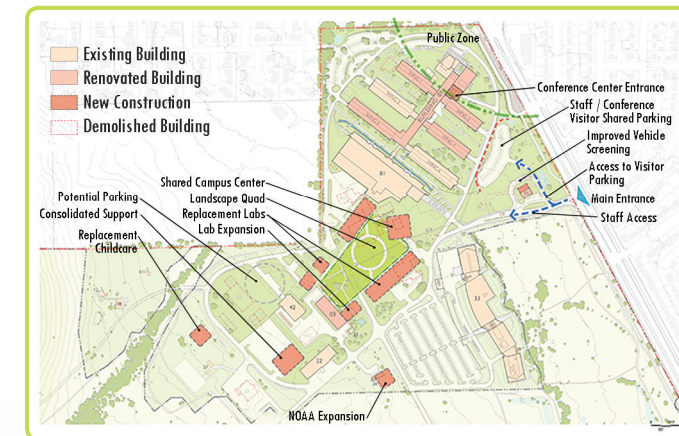
The Master Plan will prescribe the following types of general actions throughout the campus:

- Construction of new facilities
- Demolition of existing facilities
- Renovation of existing facilities
- Reconfiguration of roads, parking areas, and pedestrian pathways
- Landscaping improvements

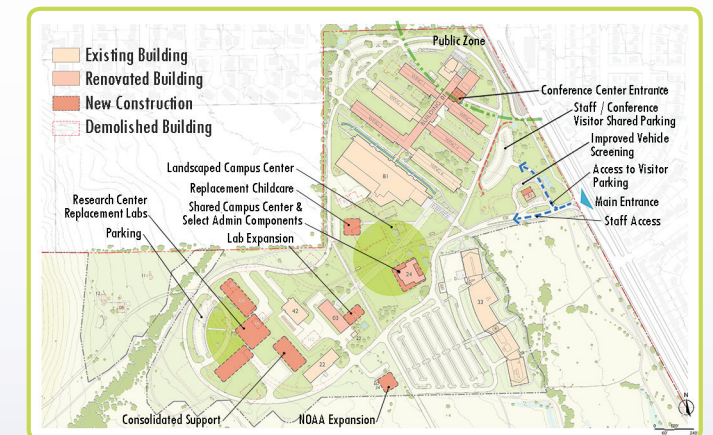


# Master Plan Concepts

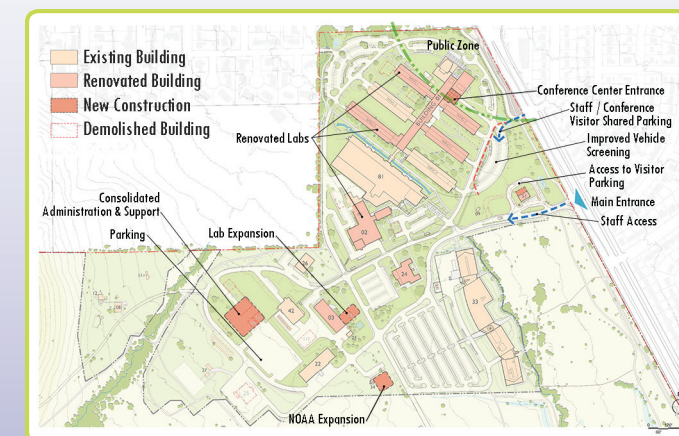
National Environmental Policy Act: The DOC will develop an Environmental Assessment to evaluate the environmental impacts associated with implementation of the selected Master Plan concept, which may include features from one or more alternatives.



Alternative Concept 1:  
Campus Center



Alternative Concept 2:  
Discrete Research Centers



Alternative Concept 3:  
Office & Service Consolidation

