



Elkmont Historic District

Public Hearing Dates & Locations

Saturday, March 25, 1:30 pm
River Terrace Resort
Appalachian Room
240 River Road
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Directions available on-line at:
<http://www.riverterrace.com/directions.htm>

Monday, March 27, 4:30 p.m.
University of Tennessee
Conference Center Building
Room 413 ABC
600 Henley Street, Suite 212
P.O. Box 2648
Knoxville, TN 37901

Directions available on-line at:
<http://www.outreach.utk.edu/conferences/directions.html>

Public Comments

Please submit your written comments to:
Superintendent
Great Smoky Mountains National Park
107 Park Headquarters Road
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

E-mail
ElkmontComments@tnainc.com

Web Site
www.elkmont-gmpa-ea.com

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--- Please Join Us --- Elkmont Historic District Draft Environmental Impact Statement Public Hearings

The upcoming public hearings will give you an opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Elkmont Historic District. The DEIS identifies an Environmentally Preferred and Agency Preferred Alternative. Comments on the DEIS will be considered and addressed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

The DEIS is Available for Your Review

The Elkmont Historic District DEIS is available for viewing in hard copy and electronic formats at various locations:

DEIS electronic copy:
<http://www.elkmont-gmpa-ea.com>
(available in a downloadable, searchable format)

Hard copies are available for reading at the following locations:

GSMNP Headquarters
107 Park Headquarters Road
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Blount County Public Library
508 N. Cusick Street
Maryville, TN 37804

Anna Porter Public Library
207 Cherokee Orchard Road
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Oconoluftee Visitor Center
1194 Newfound Gap Rd
Cherokee, NC 28719

Lawson- McGee Library
500 West Church Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37915

Public Hearing Format

Registration and Open House

1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25 (Gatlinburg)

4:30 p.m. Monday, March 27 (Knoxville)

You will be requested to sign in at the registration area and to provide your mailing address to help us document participation at the Public Hearing. Meeting attendees who would like to speak publicly during the hearing should sign up during registration prior to 4 p.m. for the Saturday meeting and prior to 7 p.m. for the hearing on Monday. Early registration will not be available.

Project exhibits and copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available at both public hearings. Study team members will also be available to discuss the project and answer your questions.

Public Hearing

2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 25 (Gatlinburg)

5:00 p.m. Monday, March 27 (Knoxville)

The Public Hearing will begin with brief introductory remarks. The open house will continue during the entire hearing.

Closing

5:00 p.m. Saturday, March 25 (Gatlinburg)

8:00 p.m. Monday, March 27 (Knoxville)

Updated Cost Estimates

Cost estimates for each of the alternatives are provided in the table below. These estimates are based on detailed information that has been collected during the EIS process.

Alternative	Gross Construction Costs (in 2007)	Annual Operation and Maintenance Costs (in 2007)	Total Cost in 2007
No Action	\$1,322,327	\$52,360	\$1,374,687
A	\$1,383,714	\$53,767	\$1,437,481
B	\$4,512,588	\$127,025	\$4,639,613
C	\$5,540,968	\$130,945	\$5,671,913
D1	\$9,554,685	\$207,875	\$9,762,560
D2	\$19,090,131	\$262,763	\$19,352,893
E1	\$13,094,765	\$373,075	\$13,467,840
E2	\$21,387,303	\$400,874	\$21,788,177
F1	\$22,137,180	\$390,792	\$22,527,971
F2	\$29,809,081	\$409,199	\$30,218,280

Public Hearing Process: How to Submit Your Comments

The following guidelines have been established by the Park to ensure that your comments are recorded during the Public Hearing in a fair and organized manner.

- Meeting attendees who would like to speak publicly during the hearing must sign up at the registration station no later than one hour prior to closing of the hearing.
- Prior to speaking, you will need to **complete a Speaker Card at the Speaker Station** to receive a speaking number.

- The Facilitator will call names in the order of the numbers assigned to each Speaker Card.
- When your name is called, you may approach the podium and 1) state your name for the record, and 2) state your comments and/or concerns.
- You will have a **3- minute time limit** to speak. There will be no additional time provided for people speaking on behalf of a group. You will only be allowed to speak one time. If you are speaking for someone else, you will not receive additional time, and must provide their comments within your 3- minute time limit.
- You will be signaled at 30 seconds prior to the end of the 3- minute timeframe. At the 3- minute mark, you will be asked to allow the next person to speak.

Court Reporters

Court reporters will transcribe all public hearing comments provided during each speaker's 3- minute timeframe. For anyone who prefers not to speak publicly or would like additional time to speak, court reporters will be available throughout the Public Hearing in the Open House area. Court reporter transcripts and written comments received prior to the end of the comment period deadline will receive equal consideration to those presented at the Public Hearing.

Preparing Your Comments

Please consider the following suggestions to help your comments be clear and effective:

Please Participate

Your comments will only be known if you participate by speaking at the public hearing, either publicly or to court reporters, or if you provide written comments.

Be Specific and Explain Your Comments

Clearly state your concerns with specific statements. Support your statements with facts and/or references when possible.

Meet the Deadline

All recorded and written comments received or postmarked by **May 11, 2006** will be incorporated into the EIS process.

Understanding the Layout of the DEIS:

The DEIS has two volumes. Volume I is the main document. It includes a Summary of the document, a section that defines acronyms and abbreviations used in the text, and a glossary to help in understanding the content of the DEIS. Volume II includes appendices that provide additional information and support the findings in the main document. Both volumes include a variety of figures and tables that depict and summarize information provided in the text.

Understanding the Issues:

The Summary provided in Volume I provides a general overview of the issues addressed in the DEIS. Detailed information related to the information in the Summary is provided throughout Volumes I and II.

Navigating the DEIS:

A detailed Table of Contents and lists of all of the figures and tables provided in the DEIS is located following the Summary section in Volume I.

Understanding the Impacts:

The DEIS documents the potential impacts of all project alternatives based on information known to date. Detailed mitigation plans will be developed for the alternative selected for implementation. During the final design phase, additional NEPA analysis may be required if impacts are found to be different than those already identified in the DEIS.

Planning Process Update – What’s Next?

- Review of DEIS and Appendices by the Public
- Collect and analyze public and agency input
- Respond in the FEIS to substantive comments received at the Public Hearings and during the DEIS comment period
- Prepare and publish the FEIS
- Prepare the Record of Decision



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