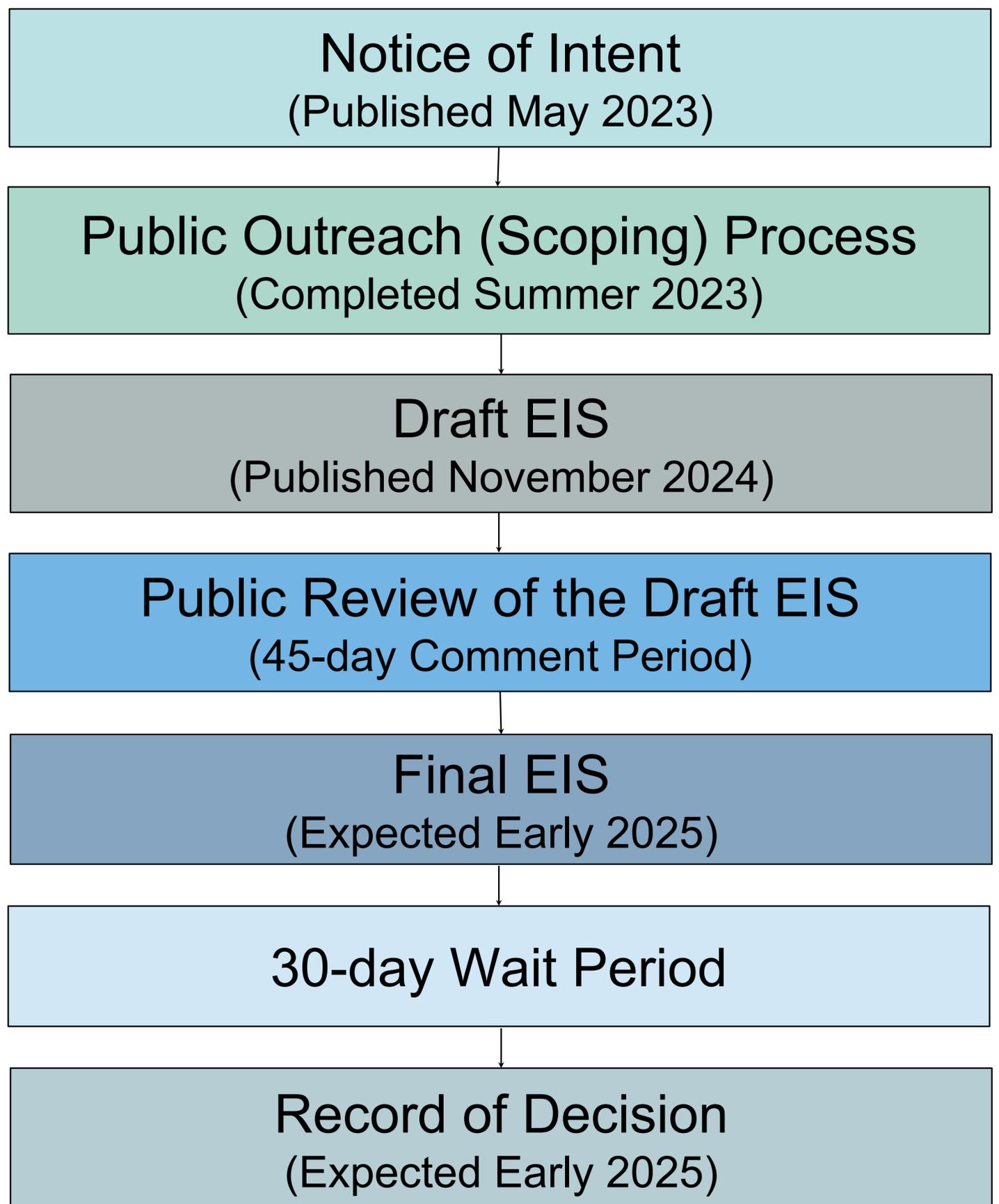




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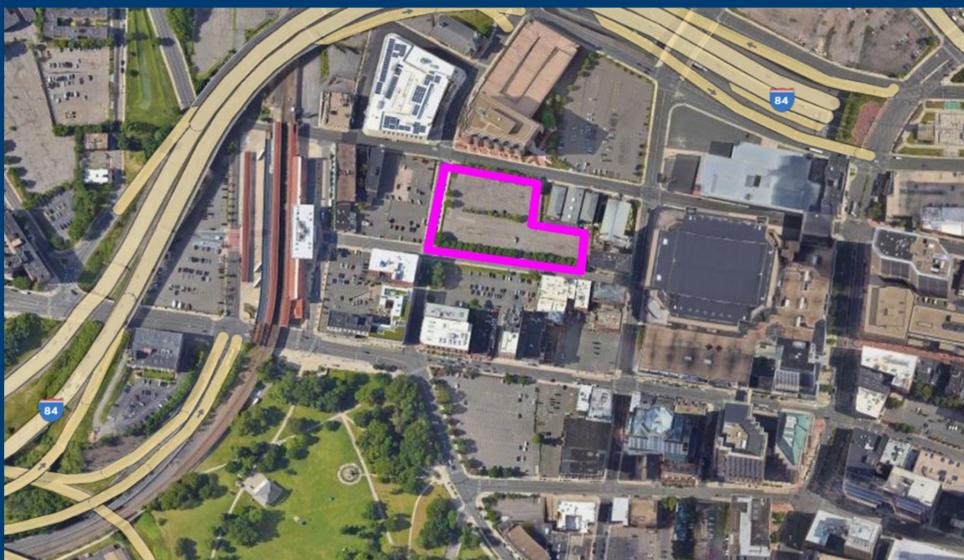
The views and comments of the public are necessary to help determine the scope and content of the environmental analysis. Comments received during public scoping are addressed in this Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). GSA is again inviting public comments to ensure environmental impacts have been adequately evaluated.

Project Alternatives

The Draft EIS considers two “action” alternatives and one “no action” alternative. Both “action” alternatives consist of the acquisition of a site in Hartford, CT, and the design, construction, and operation of a new federal courthouse. The two “action” alternative sites:



The 10.19-acre **Woodland site** is in the Asylum Hill neighborhood of Hartford. This site has a state office building, a vacant ancillary building, and a private parking lot.



The 2.19-acre **Allyn site** is in downtown Hartford. This site currently serves as a public parking lot.

The “no action” alternative assumes that site acquisition and the subsequent design, construction, and operation of a new federal courthouse would not occur. The Court would continue to operate across the state at its current facilities in New Haven, Bridgeport, and Hartford.



Anticipated Impacts

Resource Area	Alternative 1: Woodland Site	Alternative 2: Allyn Site	No Action Alternative
Land Use			
Utilities			
Traffic and Transportation			
Air Quality			
Climate Change			
Solid and Hazardous Waste and Materials			

No Effect

Negligible to
Minor Adverse
Effect

Moderate
Adverse Effect

Beneficial
Effect

Major Adverse
Effect



Anticipated Impacts

Resource Area	Alternative 1: Woodland Site	Alternative 2: Allyn Site	No Action Alternative
Socioeconomics			
Environmental Justice			
Cultural Resources			
Geology, Topography, and Soils			
Water Resources			
Visual Resources			

* Note that effects to the Woodland Site would only be major if the buildings onsite are determined to be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Cultural resource surveys would be conducted after final site selection and would be followed by the final effects determination.

	No Effect		Negligible to Minor Adverse Effect		Moderate Adverse Effect
	Beneficial Effect				Major Adverse Effect