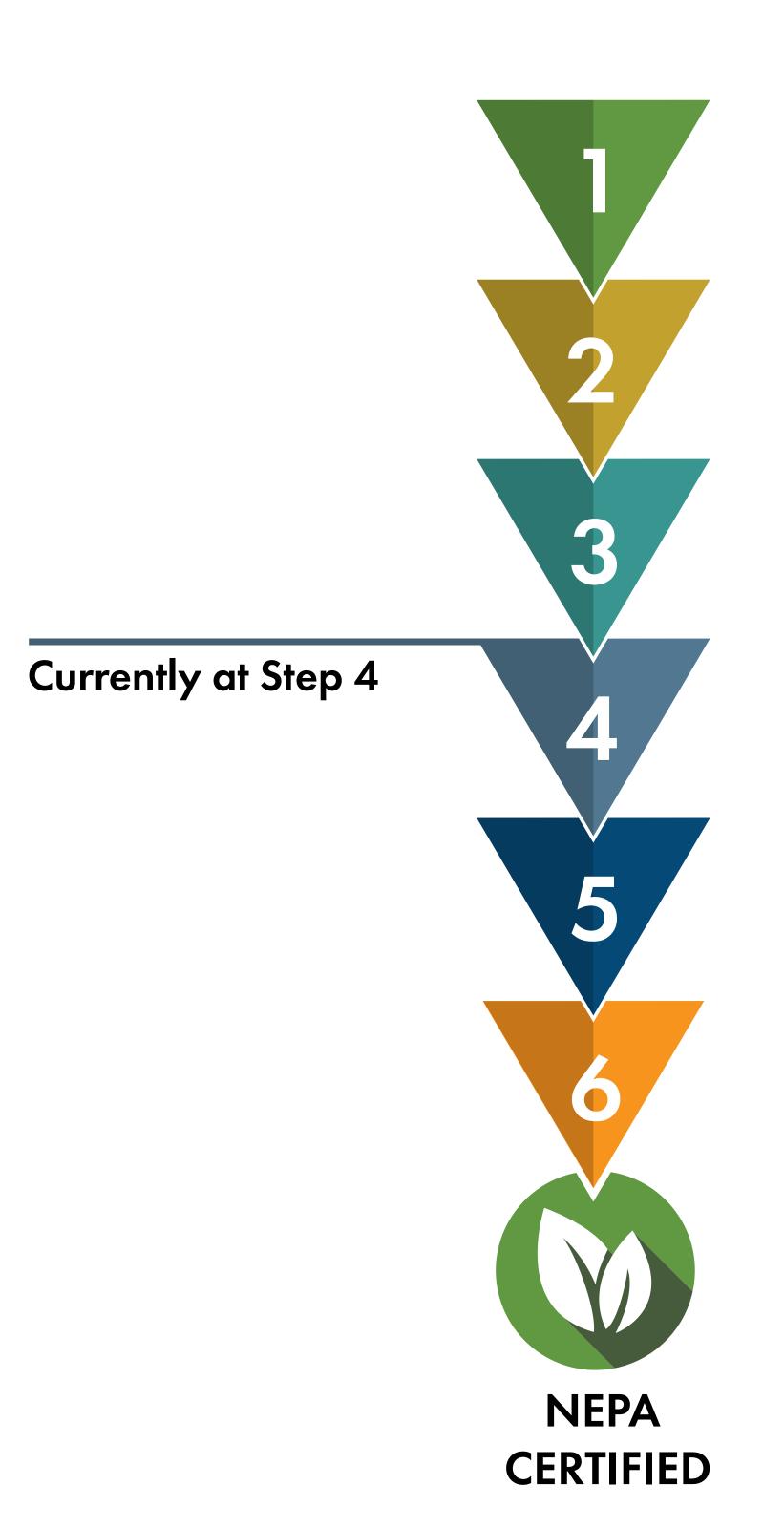




National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process



Initiate the NEPA scoping, define scope of project

Initiate public involvement and agency coordination

Establish purpose and need

Evaluate alternatives

Evaluate environmental impacts, determine preferred alternative

Approve environmental document, conduct public hearing

Consider public/agency input, issue FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact) if appropriate





Corridor Development Process



STAKEHOLDER INPUT

- Environmental Resource and Local Agencies
- Community Advisory Group (CAG) Members
- Public Meetings
- On-line Comment Form

The SCREENING CRITERIA

encompasses
the entire
process.



- Study Goal
- Purpose and Need
- Avoid or Minimize Environmental Resource Impacts
- ► IDOT Engineering Policy
- Constructibility
- Permitting Requirements







What is Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS)?

It is an approach that uses many tools with ONE GOAL IN MIND

Plan and design transportation projects that "fit" into their surroundings – what is known as "context." It is an approach that incorporates the need to:

OPTIMIZE cost, safety, mobility, community needs, and the environment.

INVOLVE STAKEHOLDERS

in the decision-making process early and throughout the development of the project.

USE APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINES

to help plan for and design the project.

standards to fit the project into its surroundings and enhance the scenic, economic, historic, and natural qualities of the settings through which they pass.

ADDRESS ALL APPROPRIATE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION

in the plan and design of the project, including motor vehicles, freight, agricultural, marine, pedestrians and bicyclists.





Public Involvement Summary

Community Advisory
Group Meetings

Public Meetings





WHAT WE'VE HEARD

- Need improved access to a bridge
- Bridge needs to accommodate oversized traffic
- Desire for improved access across the river during a flood



