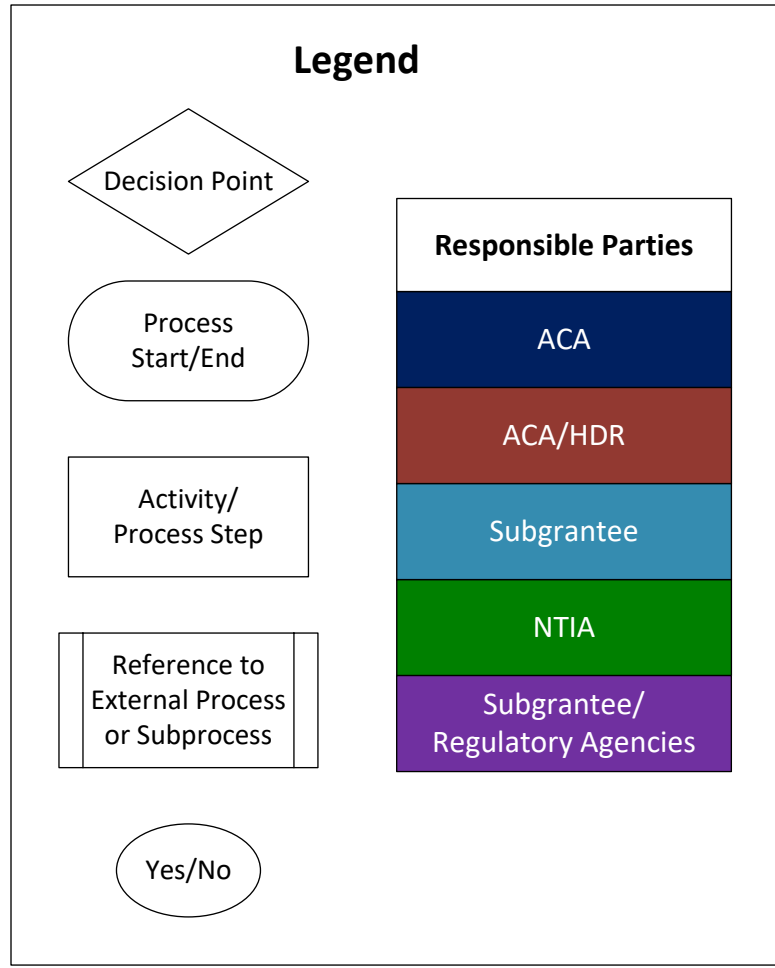
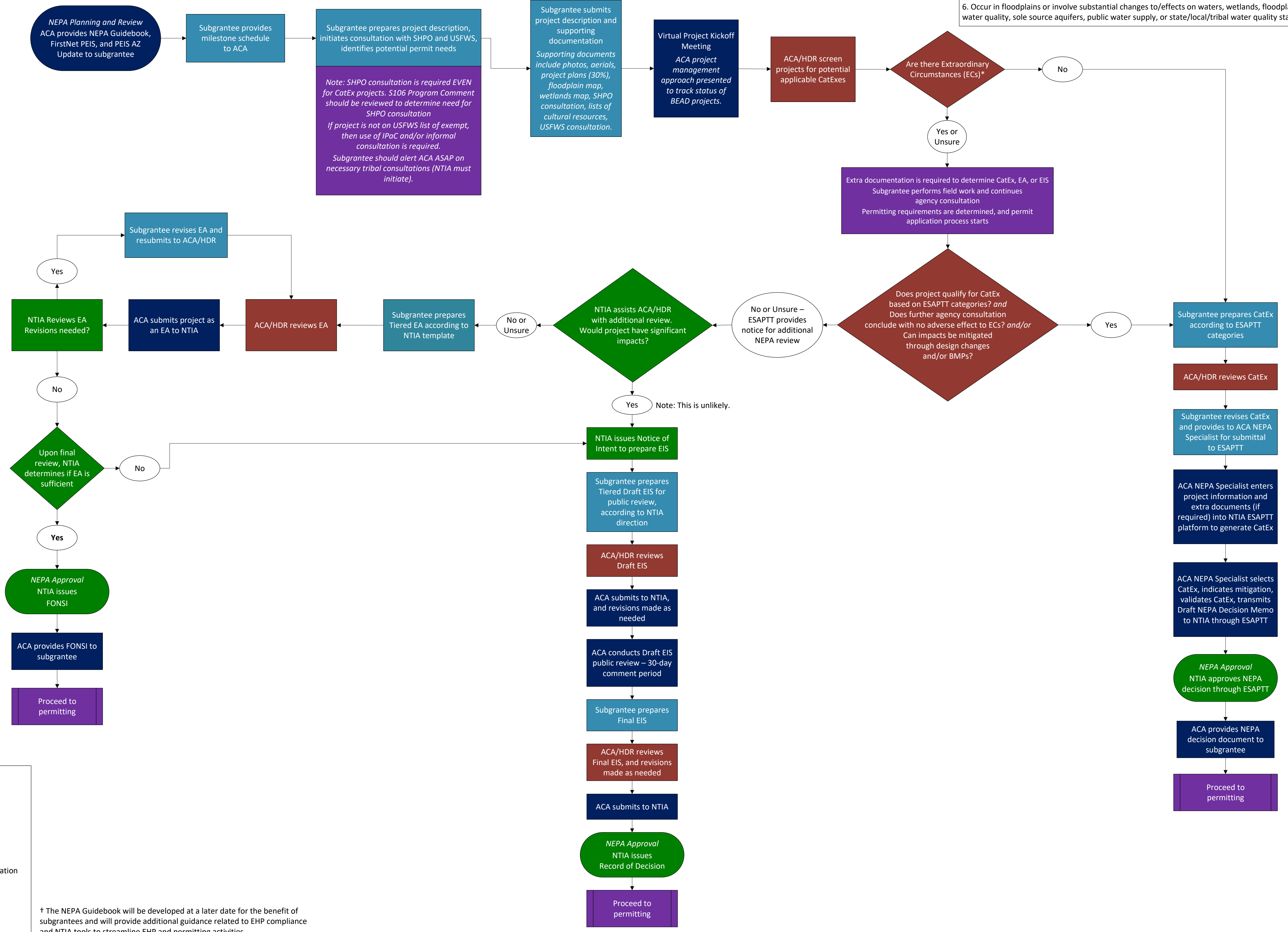


This flowchart illustrates two of the five phases of the BEAD Program, as listed below:  
 1. Application Phase – interested parties submit grant applications and, once selected, become subgrantees and start the following processes after the Final Proposal is accepted by NTIA.  
 2. NEPA Planning and Review (shown here) – subgrantees begin the NEPA process and submit their NEPA documents for review.  
 3. NEPA Approval (shown here) – NTIA approves the NEPA documents.  
 4. Permitting – subgrantees obtain permits for their projects.  
 5. Compliance and Monitoring – compliance with NEPA and other requirements during construction is confirmed and monitored.  
 Refer to the NEPA Guidebook for more detail on all five phases of the BEAD Program.†



**\*ECs:**

1. Occur within an environmentally sensitive or unique geographic area of notable importance;
2. Adversely affect T/E species or critical habitat;
3. Adversely affect cultural properties;
4. Adversely affect protected birds/habitats;
5. Restrict access to and use of Indian sacred sites; and/or
6. Occur in floodplains or involve substantial changes to/effects on waters, wetlands, floodplains, water quality, sole source aquifers, public water supply, or state/local/tribal water quality standards



**Abbreviations and Acronyms**

- ACA = Arizona Commerce Authority
- CatEx = categorical exclusion
- EA = environmental assessment
- EIS = environmental impact statement
- ESAPTT = Environmental Screening and Permitting Tracking Tool
- FONSI = finding of no significant impact
- IPaC = Information for Planning and Consultation
- NEPA = National Environmental Policy Act
- NTIA = National Telecommunications and Information Administration
- PEIS = programmatic EIS
- S106 = Section 106
- SHPO = State Historic Preservation Office
- T/E = threatened or endangered
- USFWS = U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

† The NEPA Guidebook will be developed at a later date for the benefit of subgrantees and will provide additional guidance related to EHP compliance and NTIA tools to streamline EHP and permitting activities.