Great Smoky Mountains National Park



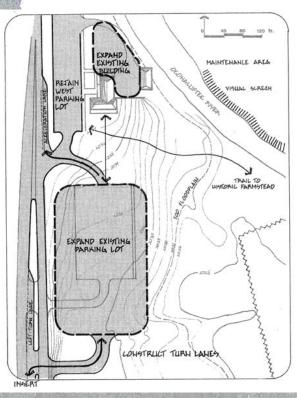
PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED CONCEPTS DISMISSED FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION

1986 Development Concept Plan / Environmental Assessment

Concept A - Expand Existing Visitor Center

dismissed because:

- Expansion difficult due to extensive masonry construction.
- Cost to renovate existing building 25% more than new construction.
- Southern and western building facades cannot be altered per state historic commission.
- Any addition would alter the asthetic quality of the building.
- Existing large Hemlocks Trees would be removed.



Concept B - Relocate Visitor Center to Park Boundary dismissed because:

- Greater natural disturbance.
- Limited parking area.
- Difficult vehicle circulation.
- Separate the Mountain Farm Museum from the visitor center requiring additional Park staff.
- Would require extensive utility infrastructure.

