

Design Architect's/Applicant's Certification
Of Selection Criteria

The Agency has requested certain certifications from the architect and applicant in connection with the submission of an application.

Development: _____

The development referenced above includes the following physical characteristics, design amenities, and other provisions for ranking points consideration. (Initial all that apply.)

Development Characteristics

Energy Conservation/Green Building

As the design architect, I hereby certify that I either have designed or will design the referenced development to include the following energy conservation and sustainability measures.

Smart Site Selection - The development is located on, or is a(n):

_____ Brownfield (A former industrial or commercial property on which redevelopment or reuse is complicated by the presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant. The presence of lead based paint, asbestos or an underground storage tank does not constitute a Brownfield. The remediation of the environmental hazard must be within the scope of this project to qualify for these points.)

_____ Residential Infill (A vacant, but previously developed site or one containing a dilapidated structure that will be demolished, located in an existing developed residential neighborhood or a neighborhood consisting of mixed use residential/commercial properties, where infrastructure for the development is in place or in close proximity. The infill shall be consistent with the type and scale of the neighborhood buildings. If the infill structure is only part of the total project, it must represent at least 50% of the total square footage of the project to qualify for these points. Residential over commercial buildings may qualify for these points if this is consistent with the neighborhood buildings.)

_____ Adaptive Reuse (The rehabilitation of an existing vacant non-residential building into residential or residential/commercial space. The residential portion of the rehabilitated building must represent at least 50% of the total residential area of the development.)

Enterprise Green Communities – The development will achieve at least the following optional Green Communities Criteria points for:

_____ New construction, 25 points

_____ Substantial or moderate rehabilitation properties (which would include Preservation Projects) 20 points

At the design development submission, the architect shall provide a list of which criteria were selected and have been included in the drawings and specifications, and the

Green Communities points achieved for each. At construction completion the architect shall provide written certification that these criteria have been included in the development. Supporting documentation shall be provided as necessary.

Energy Efficiency Goals

_____ The development meets/will meet Passive House certification requirements (nationally or internationally) for energy efficiency as described below. (See www.passivehouse.us or www.passiv.de/en for additional guidance.)

To qualify for these points, the applicant must contract with a **qualified*** Certified Passive House Consultant or a **qualified*** Certified Passive House Designer who will certify the proposal at the time of application to PHFA. This certification shall be based on a completed Passive House Planning Package (PHPP) or WUFI Passive **(WP) energy model showing compliance with the Passive House Institute (PHI) or the Passive House Institute U.S. (PHIUS) standard and** shall be based on schematic drawings and specifications, discussions, assumptions and cost estimates agreed to by the development team (developer, architect, engineer, contractor, energy rater, Passive House consultant). Submission of the PHPP or **WP** to a Passive House certifying agency is not required at the time of application submission to PHFA. The **energy model** shall be accompanied by a brief description of the assumptions made (wall/floor/roof construction, insulation levels, mechanical systems, windows, renewable energy systems, etc.). The Passive House consultant/designer shall provide a copy of their Passive House certification and a list of previous experience in Passive House projects, including contact persons and contact information. After awards of PennHOMES funds and/or tax credits have been made, all successful applicants will be required to get a pre-certification from PHIUS or **PHI** under the normal time frame and procedures, and forward this to PHFA as part of the Design Development drawing & specification submission. **During construction all Passive House projects must receive third party certifications of all Passive House Institute U.S. (PHIUS+) requirements.** At construction completion, all third party test results and verifications required by **PHIUS+** must be submitted to PHFA. **All third party consultants must be PHIUS+ certified raters who are not part of the design or construction development team (this applies regardless of which Passive House agency approved the pre-certification).** Final Passive House certification from PHIUS or the Passive House Institute is not required.

* **Qualified is defined as having completed a minimum of two similar Passive House buildings or an inexperienced certified consultant working under the supervision of a qualified consultant.**

_____ The development will exceed the energy efficiency requirements of Energy Star Version 3.0, by achieving a reduced HERS index as indicated below. Check the appropriate item. (Points in this category will not be awarded if the applicant is seeking to qualify for the full ten points available for Passive House.)

Successful applicants in this category will be required to submit a preliminary HERS report with the Design Development architectural submission, and a full HERS report certified by the HERS Rater at construction completion.

New Construction:

___ For 100% electric dwellings/buildings*: HERS Index of 60 or less (without solar PV)

___ For dwellings/buildings utilizing gas: HERS Index of 50 or less (without solar PV)

Substantial Rehabs:

___ For 100% electric dwellings/buildings: HERS Index of 70 or less (without solar PV)

___ For dwellings/buildings utilizing gas: HERS Index of 60 or less (without solar PV)

Preservation (Moderate Rehab)*:

___ For 100% electric dwellings/buildings*: HERS Index of 80 or less (without solar PV)

___ For dwellings/buildings utilizing gas: HERS Index of 75 or less (without solar PV)

NOTE: Buildings that fall under the Energy Star® Multi-Family High Rise program must use the REMrate HERS rating program as verification for these points, but must follow the MFHR program to achieve the Energy Star® label.

*Preservation developments whose scope of work exceeds that of Moderate Rehab must meet the requirements for Substantial Rehabilitation.

Accessible Housing

As the design architect, I certify that:

___ To the best of my knowledge and belief I certify that I have designed the referenced development in conformance with the following rules and regulations as they apply to this development and as amended by Federal, State and local authorities.

___ The Fair Housing Act of 1988 Fair Housing Accessibility Guidelines

___ ICC/ANSI A117.1 (Edition currently-adopted by the PA Uniform Construction Code)

___ Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code

___ Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) of the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968

___ Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

___ Americans with Disabilities Act **2010 Standards**

___ Any Other State or Local Code or regulation pertaining to design or inclusion of rental housing accessibility features (Include name of locality and citation for applicable requirements.)

NOTE: Where multiple accessibility standards apply, the standard that affords greater accessibility shall be used.

Accessible Units

For New Construction and Substantial Rehabilitation Developments:

As the design architect, I hereby certify that I either have designed or will design the referenced development to include twice the mandated number of fully accessible units under local, state, or federal mandate, whichever is greater. These units shall meet current accessibility standards.

Number of Accessible units required under local mandate: _____

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Number of Accessible units required under state mandate: _____
Number of Accessible units required under federal mandate: _____
Number of Fully Accessible units provided: _____

For Preservation Developments:

As the design architect, I hereby certify that I either have designed or will design the referenced development to include the following number of units to meet current accessibility standards.
Number of existing fully accessible units (by current standards): _____
Number of fully accessible units provided: _____

Applicant also certifies that during initial lease up, these units will be exclusively reserved for the first thirty days for occupancy by persons needing the accessible units and thereafter will provide for certain lease provisions designed to allow the units to be occupied to the greatest extent feasible, by persons who need the accessible features of the units.

Large Family Units

As the design architect, I hereby certify that I either have designed or will design the referenced general occupancy development to include the following percentage of units with three or more bedrooms:

*High rise developments and senior housing cannot qualify for this category.

_____	Total units	_____	>15 – 20% of all units
_____	Total number of 3 or more bedroom units	_____	>20 – 25% of all units
_____	>10-15% of all units (suburban/rural developments only)	_____	>25% of all units

ARCHITECT

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Print: _____

Acknowledged and Accepted by the APPLICANT(S)

Signed: _____ Date: _____
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