

PennHOMES Environmental Checklist

To be submitted in Tab 17 by all PennHOMES applicants along with any additional documentation requested below

1. Floodplain Management [Executive Order 11988; 24 CFR 55; 78 CFR 68719] Is any part of the project site in a floodway, 100 year floodplain or a coastal high hazard area?

- NO. Provide a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) with your project site located. This can be prepared at: <https://msc.fema.gov/portal>
- YES, but no ground disturbance is planned for the portion of the site within the floodplain (i.e. building or road construction, parking lots, playgrounds, paving, utility improvements, landscaping or regrading). Provide a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) with your project site located. (See link above.)
- YES, ground disturbance is proposed in a floodway, 100 year floodplain or a coastal high hazard area. **Your development is prohibited from applying for PennHOMES funding.** Provide a FIRM with your project site located. (See link above.)

2. Wetlands Protection [Executive Order 11990; 24 CFR 55; 78 CFR 68719] Does this project involve new construction, expansion of a building's footprint, or ground disturbance that will impact an on-site or off-site wetland?

- NO. Nothing further is required.
- YES. An eight-step process must be completed by PHFA to determine if there are no practicable alternatives to wetland disturbance. To facilitate this process, please provide:
- A National Wetland Inventory (NWI) Map prepared for your project site area. This can be prepared at: <http://www.fws.gov/wetlands/Data/Mapper.html>, and
 - A Phase I ESA prepared in accordance with ASTM E 1527-13 that looks at the non-scope issue of wetlands on the project site (which is already required in Tab 17 of the LIHTC Application).

3. Historic Preservation [36 CFR 800] Compliance with Section 106 is required for all PennHOMES applicants. To document compliance, please provide:

A SHPO letter of finding. The SHPO consultation request must be submitted to Pam Reilly, DCED Historic Preservation Specialist, 45 days prior to the PHFA Application submission due date. Information may be found at: <http://www.newpa.com/community/federal-program-resource-library/environmental-review>

Has the building or site been determined to have historic or archeological significance?

- NO. Nothing further is required.

- YES. Are additional studies, investigations or reviews by the SHPO required prior to construction start?
- NO
- YES (Describe on a separate sheet.)

Has an application for Federal or State Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits been submitted?

- NO. Nothing further is required.
- YES. You are also required to provide: National Register Determination of Eligibility, Approved Part One of the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Application, name and contact information of Historic Consultant for the project, and a copy of the Historic Consultant Contract.

4. Site Contamination [24 CFR 50.3(i); 24 CFR 58.5(i)(2)]

Were any on-site or nearby toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances found that could affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property?

- NO. See below.
- YES. (Describe on a separate sheet.)

To document either response, please provide a Phase I ESA prepared in accordance with ASTM E 1527-13 (which is already required in Tab 17 of the LIHTC Application).

5. Explosive and Flammable Facilities [24 CFR 51, Subpart C]

Does the project include any of the following activities: development, construction, or rehabilitation that will increase residential densities, or conversion?

- NO. Nothing further is required.
- YES. Are there any current or planned stationary aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) within one (1) mile of the project site?
- NO. Nothing further is required.
- YES. Provide a map showing all ASTs found within one (1) mile of the project site.

Provide a Phase I ESA prepared in accordance with ASTM E 1527-13 (which is already required in Tab 17 of the LIHTC Application).

6. Noise Abatement and Control [24 CFR 51, Subpart B] Are there potential noise generators in the vicinity of the project? (i.e. major roadways within 1,000 feet, railroads within 3,000 feet and military or FAA-regulated airfields within 15 miles)

- NO. See below.
- YES. See below.

To document either response, provide a map with a graphic scale showing the project site and the location of any of these potential noise generators.

7. Endangered Species [50 CFR 402] – Does the proposed scope of work for the project include ground disturbance?

NO. Nothing further is required.

YES. Does the project involve any activities that have the potential to effect federally listed endangered species or designated critical habitats in the disturbed area?

NO. See below.

YES. On a separate sheet, describe the effects and the measures that will be taken to mitigate or minimize the effects.

To document either response above, please provide: A Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Index (PNDI) Review prepared for the project site on the Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program's website. This can be prepared at: <http://www.naturalheritage.state.pa.us/>

8. Farmland Protection [7 U.S.C. 4201 et seq.; 7 CFR 658] Does the project include any activities, including new construction, acquisition of undeveloped land, or conversion that could potentially convert one land use to another?

NO. Nothing further is required.

YES. Does the project meet one of the exemptions? (The main exemption is that the project is on land already in or committed to urban development; the easiest acceptable way to prove this is to show that the site in question is in an Urban "Tint Overprint" area on a USGS Topo MAP.)

YES. Indicate which exemption applies. Nothing further is required.

NO. Does the project site include "Important Farmland," including prime farmland, unique farmland, or farmland of statewide or local importance regulated under the FPPA?

NO. See below.

YES. Consider alternatives to completing the project on important farmland and means of avoiding impacts to Important Farmland.

To document either response above, please provide a study prepared on the USDA Web Soil Survey. This can be prepared at: http://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm?TARGET_APP=Web_Soil_Survey_application_rqtxk2jnvfzmqv2j3015cr

9. Air Quality [40 CFR 6; 40 CFR 51; 40 CFR 93] Does the project include new construction or conversion of land use facilitating the development of five or more dwelling units?

NO. Nothing further is required.

YES. Is the county in which the project is located in nonattainment or maintenance status for any criteria pollutants? (As of 11/30/15, this includes Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Berks, Bucks, Butler, Cambria, Carbon, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lebanon, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, Warren, Washington, Westmoreland, and York counties.)

NO. Nothing further is required.

YES. Nothing further is required at this time.

10. Wild and Scenic Rivers [16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.] Is the project located within one-quarter mile proximity of a National Wild and Scenic River System (NWSRS)? This is defined as a 1) *Wild and Scenic River*, 2) *Study River*, or 3) *Nationwide Rivers Inventory (NRI) River*. This information may be found at: <http://www.rivers.gov/pennsylvania.php>, <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/conservation/rivers/scenicrivers/index.htm>, and <http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/rtca/nri/states/pa.html>.

NO. See below.

YES. See below.

For either response above, provide a map extending ½ mile from the project site in each direction, showing all waterways in the area. Indicate the boundary of the area ¼ mile from the site.

11. Sole Source Aquifer [40 CFR 149] Is the project located on a sole source aquifer (SSA)? (PA has two SSAs; one covering approximately 75 square miles in the Seven Valleys area of Southern York County and the other runs the entire length of the Delaware River in Eastern PA extending out two miles from the River in Wayne, Pike, Monroe, Northampton, Bucks, Philadelphia and Delaware Counties.) Is the project site located in one of the aforementioned counties?

NO. Nothing further is required.

YES. Does the project include any activities beyond acquisition, leasing, or rehabilitation of existing buildings?

NO. Nothing further is required.

YES. Provide a map showing the location of the project site.

12. Coastal Zone Management [16 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.] Is the project located in, or does it affect, a coastal zone as defined in the state's coastal management plan? (PA has Coastal Zones along the Delaware Estuary in Bucks, Philadelphia and Delaware Counties as well as along Lake Erie in Erie County.)

NO. Nothing further is required.

YES. Provide a Map showing your project's proximity to the Delaware River or Lake Erie (Information on PA coastal zones can be found at <http://www.dep.state.pa.us/river/czmp.htm>)

13. Airport Hazards [24 CFR 51, Subpart D] Is the project within 15,000 feet of a military airport or 2,500 feet of a civilian airport?

- NO. Nothing further is needed.
- YES. Provide a map with a graphic scale showing the project site in relation to the military or civilian airport.