

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.)

_____ Blight Remediation or 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 51% 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 51% of the total residential area of the development.)

Certification under a National Green Building Program

_____ Enterprise Green Communities – 2020

_____ LEED v4 BD+C Homes & Multifamily Low-rise (1-3 stories) – Silver

_____ LEED v4 BD+C Multifamily Midrise – Silver **OR**

_____ LEED v4 BD+C New Construction & Major Renovation – Silver (4 stories or more)

_____ ICC 700-2020 National Green Building Standard – Silver

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This preservation development will achieve certification under one of the green building standards indicated below:

- _____ Enterprise Green Communities – 2020 Moderate Rehab
- _____ LEED v4 O+M – Multifamily – Certified
- _____ ICC 700-2020 National Green Building Standard Under Section 305.2 – Whole Building Rating – Bronze
- _____ ICC 700-2015 National Green Building Standard Under Section 305.4 – Functional Areas Rating – Compliant with Chapter 12 (must include kitchens and bathrooms)

Note: For developments certifying under a National Green Building Program, proof of Project registration/Pre-Build Certification will be required with the Development Submission drawing/specification package.

Energy Efficiency Goals (Only one of the following may be selected)

- _____ The development will exceed the energy efficiency requirements of Energy Star (Current Version) by achieving a reduced HERS index as indicated below. Check the appropriate item.

Successful Applicants in this category will be required to submit a preliminary HERS report with the Development Submission drawing/specification package. The preliminary report must include testing of a sampling of each Unit type in all areas within the Building(s) (i.e. Ground floor end & inner Units, Intermediate floor end & inner Units, Upper floor end & inner Units, etc.).

A full HERS Report, certified by the HERS Rater, must be submitted upon construction completion. The full HERS Report must include testing of either a sampling of each Unit type in all areas within the Building(s) (i.e. Ground floor end & inner Units, Intermediate floor end & inner Units, Upper floor end & inner Units, etc.) **OR** ALL Units within the Building(s). A certificate for **EACH** Unit (100%) must be provided at construction completion and submitted with the Project Closeout documents. If the certificates are not provided by submission of the Placed-In-Service package, negative ranking points may be assessed.

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)

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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)

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

NOTE:

- Buildings that fall under the Energy Star® Multi-Family New Construction (MFNC) program must use the REMrate HERS rating program as verification for these points but must follow the Energy Rating Index (ERI) pathway to achieve the Energy Star® label. The ERI pathway must be used for any selections above.
- All HERS Indexes shall be uploaded to the RESNET Registry and the registry ID number shown on the HERS certificate provided at construction completion.

_____ The development will increase energy efficiency by achieving certification under the U.S. Department of Energy's Zero Energy Ready Home Program.

Note: Successful Applicants in this category will be required to submit the applicable checklist(s)/Rater report with the Development Submission drawing/specification package.

The Report must include the Zero Energy Ready Home certificate, showing the Unit was designed in conformance with U.S. Department of Energy guidelines and the project meets or exceeds the minimum criteria.

_____ The development will meet Passive House certification requirements (nationally or internationally) for energy efficiency as described below. (See www.phius.org or www.passiv.de/en for additional guidance.) **Passive House Certification is required.**

- The applicant must contract with a qualified* Certified Passive House Consultant 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 included in the application accompanied by a brief description of the assumptions made (wall/floor/roof construction, insulation levels, mechanical systems, windows, renewable energy systems, etc.). *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 Passive House consultant 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 funding awards have been made, all successful applicants will be required to obtain a PHIUS Design Certification or PHI pre-certification under the normal time frame and procedures, and forward this to PHFA as part of the Development Submission drawing/specification package.
- During construction all requirements of the certifying Passive House agency shall be inspected by a rater/verifier who was not involved in the building design. At construction completion all tests, verifications and commissioning required by the certifying Passive House agency shall be performed by the rater/verifier. After each site visit by the rater, a report shall be submitted to PHFA.

As the Passive House consultant, I hereby certify that:

- I have contracted with the applicant to provide services necessary to assure that this development will meet standards of the Passive House Institute (PHI) or the Passive House Institute U.S. (PHIUS);
- Based on schematic drawings and specifications, discussions with, and assumptions made by the development team (comprised of myself, the developer, architect, engineer and contractor) I have completed a Passive House Planning Package (PHPP) or a WUFI Passive (WP) energy model that shows that the building(s) will meet the requirements of the Passive House program. **A copy of the energy model is included with the application.**
- If awarded an allocation of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits and/or Agency funding, a PHIUS Design Certification or PHI pre-certification will be included in the Development Submission drawing/specification package to PHFA.
- It is understood that final Passive House certification is required;
- A copy of my Passive House certificate has been submitted with this certification, along with a list of previous Passive House experience with contact information and PHIUS/PHI project numbers for each project. If less than two Passive House projects have been completed, I have partnered with a Passive House consultant with two or more completed projects. A copy of their Passive House certificate along with a list of their previous Passive House experience including contact information has been provided.

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 Design Manual

_____ ANSI A117.1 (edition currently adopted by the PA UCC)

_____ Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code

_____ Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS)

_____ Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

_____ 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design

_____ 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: _____

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 **affordable** units with three or more bedrooms:

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

Urban	Suburban/Rural
<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
>15-20%	>10-15%
>20-25%	>15-20%
>25%	>20%

State number of three or more bedroom **affordable** units to be developed: _____

State percentage of three or more bedroom units to the total number of units in the development: _____

DESIGN ARCHITECT

Signed: _____
Print: _____
Firm _____

Date: _____

Acknowledged and Accepted by the APPLICANT(S)

Signed: _____
Print: _____

Date: _____

Signed: _____
Print: _____

Date: _____