

Instructions for completing the “Environmental Assessment Checklist”

For HUD-funded projects that require the preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58.36, the Responsible Entity (RE) must evaluate the significance of the effects of the proposal on the character, features, and resources of the project area. Enter relevant base data and verifiable source documentation to support the finding. Then enter the appropriate impact code from the following list to make a finding of impact. Impact Codes: (1) – No impact anticipated; (2) Potentially beneficial; (3) Potentially adverse; (4) – Requires mitigation; (5) – Requires project modification. Note names, dates of contact, telephone numbers, and page references. Attach additional materials as needed.

LAND DEVELOPMENT

Conformance with Comprehensive Plans & Zoning

Is the project in conformance with established local government Comprehensive planning and zoning practices? () Yes () No

Compatibility & Urban Impact

Is the project compatible with the surrounding area in terms of:

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Land use	()	()	Texture, materials	()	()
Height, bulk, mass	()	()	Building type (lo/hi rises)	()	()
Building density	()	()	Building arrangement	()	()
Population density	()	()	Light/shadow and ventilation	()	()
Setback	()	()	Landscaping	()	()

Comments: _____

Slope

Slopes: () Not Applicable () Steep () Moderate () Slight

Is there evidence of slope erosion? () Yes () No
 (Such as; Extensive gullies/small ravines?
 Bowed-retaining walls? Washing away of top-soil
 and grasses? Tree movement? Fire scars?)

Is there evidence of unstable slope conditions? () Yes () No
 (Such as; Trees perpendicular to slope?
 Vertical cracks at top of slope?
 Tilted utility poles? Hummocky-undulations
 on mid to lower slopes?)

Is there evidence of ground subsidence on the site? () Yes () No

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Is there evidence of other unusual conditions on site? () Yes () No

Comments: _____

Soil Suitability

Soils: () Loose, fine rained silts () Gravel/Sands () Clay (Hard/Dry)
() Non-expansive () Moderately expansive () Highly expansive
() Mix-of-each (check appropriate box if finding can be made by the reviewer)

Are there visual indications of filled ground? () Yes () No
(Materials loosely piled on ground? Loose vegetation?
Earth has graded appearance or topography appears
unnatural in grade as related to vicinity?)

Are there active rills and gullies on site? () Yes () No

Is there off-site drainage to site? () Yes () No

Comments: _____

Is a soils report needed? () Yes () No;
geological study needed? () Yes () No

Hazards & Nuisances, including Site Safety

Will the project be affected by:

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Faults, fractures	()	()	Fire hazard materials	()	()
Cliffs, bluffs, crevices	()	()	Wind/sand storm concerns	()	()
Slope-failures from rains	()	()	Poisonous plants,		
Unprotected water bodies	()	()	insects, animals	()	()
Hazardous terrain features	()	()			

Comments: _____

Will the project be affected by:

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Hazardous street conditions	()	()	Railroad-crossing hazards	()	()
Dangerous intersections	()	()	Inadequate screened	()	()
Through traffic problems	()	()	Drainage catchment structures	()	()
Inadequate separation of pedestrian/vehicle traffic	()	()	Hazards in vacant lots	()	()
			Chemical tank-car terminals	()	()

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Children's play areas located next to freeways or other high volume traffic ways	() ()	Trucking terminals	() ()
Inadequate street lighting	() ()	Other hazardous chemical storage	() ()
Unscreened quarries or other excavations	() ()	High-pressure gas	() ()
Sanitary landfills or mining operations	() () () ()	Overhead transmission lines	() ()
Industrial operations	() ()	Hazardous cargo transportation routes	() ()
		Oil or gas wells	() ()

Comments: _____

Will the project be affected by:

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Gas, smoke, fumes	()	()	Unightly land uses	()	()
Odors	()	()	Front-lawn parking	()	()
Vibration	()	()	Abandoned vehicles	()	()
Glare from parking areas	()	()	Rodent or vermin problems	()	()
Billboard encroachment	()	()	Industrial nuisances	()	()
Vacant/boarded-up buildings	()	()	Other	()	()

Comments: _____

Energy Consumption

- Are adequate gas and electrical utility services available to the project? () Yes () No
- Will the project adversely impact available gas and electrical utility service providers in the area? () Yes () No
- Is the project designed to utilize energy conservation measures? () Yes () No

Noise – Contribution to community noise levels

Will the project adversely impact community noise levels? () Yes () No

Air Quality – Effects of ambient air quality on project & contribution to community pollution levels

Are there air pollution generators nearby which would adversely affect the site?

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Heavy industry	()	()	Large parking facilities	()	()
Incinerators	()	()	(1000 or more cars)		
Power generating plants	()	()	Heavy traveled highway	()	()
Oil refineries	()	()	(6 or more lanes)		

Will the project adversely impact community air quality levels? () Yes () No

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Comments: _____

Environmental Design – Visual quality – coherence, diversity, compatible use & scale

Is the project design compatible and a betterment to the
Surrounding neighborhood? Yes No

SOCIOECONOMIC

Demographic Character Changes

Will the project be unduly influenced by:

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Building obsolescence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transition of land uses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vacant buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transition in density	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Building deterioration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-conforming conversions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Postponed maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Incompatible land uses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Obsolete public facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Inadequate off-street	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buildings crowding land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	parking		

Will the project adversely impact demographic character in the area? Yes No

Comments: _____

Displacement

Will the project result in displacement? Yes No

Employment & Income Patterns

Will the project adversely impact employment and income patterns? Yes No

COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Educational Facilities

Are adequate educational facilities available to the project's users? Yes No
Will the project adversely impact available education service
providers in the area? Yes No

Commercial Facilities

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Health Care

Are adequate general health care services available to the project? Yes No
Will the project adversely impact available general health care service providers in the area? Yes No

Social Services

Are adequate social care services available to the project? Yes No
Will the project adversely impact available social care service providers in the area? Yes No

Solid Waste

Is adequate solid waste service available to the project? Yes No
Will the project adversely impact available solid waste service providers in the area? Yes No

Waste Water

Is adequate sanitary sewer service available to the project? Yes No
Will the project adversely impact available sanitary sewer service providers in the area? Yes No

Storm Water

Is adequate storm water capacity and infrastructure available to the project? Yes No
Will the project adversely impact storm water capacity and infrastructure available in the area? Yes No

Water Supply

Is adequate potable and irrigation water service available to the project? Yes No
Will the project adversely impact available water service providers in the area? Yes No
Will the project impact adjudicated water rights? Yes No

Public Safety - Police

Is adequate police protection service available to the project? Yes No
Will the project adversely impact available police protection providers in the area? Yes No

Public Safety - Fire

Is adequate fire protection service available to the project? Yes No
Will the project adversely impact available fire protection providers in the area? Yes No

Public Safety - Emergency Medical

Are adequate emergency medical services available to the project? Yes No
Will the project adversely impact available emergency medical service providers in the area? Yes No

Open Space & Recreation - Open Space

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Is adequate open available to the project's users? () Yes () No
Will the project adversely affect open space in the area? () Yes () No

Open Space & Recreation - Cultural Facilities

Are adequate cultural facilities available to the project's users? () Yes () No
Will the project adversely affect cultural facilities in the area? () Yes () No

Transportation

Are the approaches to the project convenient, safe and attractive? () Yes () No
Is the project accessible to employment? () Yes () No
Are parks and play spaces available on site or nearby? () Yes () No
Are commercial/retail shopping centers nearby? () Yes () No
Is public transportation service available? () Yes () No

Will the project adversely affect transportation infrastructure in the area? () Yes () No

Comments: _____

Water Resources

Will the project adversely impact water resources in the area? () Yes () No

Surface Water

Will the project adversely impact surface water in the area? () Yes () No

Unique Natural Features & Agricultural Lands

Is the project near natural features such as bluffs or cliffs? () Yes () No
Is the project near public or private scenic areas? () Yes () No
Are other natural resources visible on site or in () Yes () No
Is the site covered with trees and non-agricultural vegetation? () Yes () No
Is the site presently being farmed? () Yes () No

Is the project compatible with unique natural features in the area? () Yes () No
Is the project compatible with agricultural practices in the area? () Yes () No

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Vegetation & Wildlife

Is the project near wildlife or wildlife habitat? Yes No
Will the project adversely impact wildlife or wildlife habitat in the area? Yes No

OTHER FACTORS

Are adequate communications services available to the project? Yes No
Will the project adversely impact available communications service providers in the area? Yes No

Comments: _____

