

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT
PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION SURVEY**

The purpose of this document is to assist RD staff in collecting adequate information to determine what level of environmental review is necessary. Depending on the information provided, the Agency may request additional information. All answers need to be supported by appropriate documentation. Check marks are not sufficient support. Potentially helpful links are provided. These are not an exhaustive or comprehensive list of resources.

Yes No

1. APPLICANT NAME:

2. ADDRESS: Physical location of the property (include legal description if farmland):

3. Has construction started on the project you are applying for assistance for?

4. MAP. Please provide an aerial map showing the building /lot/exact location for all project types, please indicate on map any potential trenching or other ground disturbance. Is map attached?

5. DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Describe how proposed funds will be used. If project involves construction, whether interior or exterior or renovations, please describe in detail. Lack of sufficient detail could result in a higher level of environmental review than is necessary.

6. SIZE OF THE PROJECT & SITE: Please indicate the size (acres) of your project and how the project will impact the site including roads, right of ways, utilities, or other impacts. Example: Project should include sq. ft, linear ft, number of installed units/buildings, and details regarding any trenching or ground disturbance to be completed.

7. Will the project involve construction without any ground disturbance? (i.e., equipment replacement)

7a. If no ground disturbance, please provide land use, land ownership, & description (i.e. industrial, residential, wooded, grasslands, etc.).

7b. If ground disturbance is expected, provide descriptive info, including if the project site was previously disturbed (i.e., previous structure, excavation, cultivation).

8. What is the zoning for the project location?		
9. Will the project be located in or on a building that is more than 50 years old?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Will the project be located within the viewshed of a building that is a least 50+ years old?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Is the building or project site listed on the State/National Register of Historic Places?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National Register: https://npgallery.nps.gov/NRHP/		
12. If yes to #9, 10, or 11 has approval or concurrence been obtained from State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Have any Tribes or Tribal Historic Preservation Officers' been contacted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13a. If so, when?		
13b. Were any responses received and if yes, provide details of responses.		
Tribal contact TDAT: https://egis.hud.gov/tdat Tribal Lands: https://biamaps.doi.gov/indianlands/		
14. Will the project be located within a Historic District? If yes, please provide review/comments/approval from the local town historic district.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Are there threatened or endangered species or critical habitats within the project area? If present describe impact (IPAC report should be included).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15a. Is IPAC report attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
IPAC Official Species List: https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/		
16. Will the project involve cutting trees or trimming trees? If yes explain in detail below: how many, how large, tree type, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16a. If yes to 16, can the applicant/project refrain from cutting, clearing, or trimming trees during habitat critical time frames? (Ex. 6/1 - 7/31 for long-eared bat)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Is the project located in or could the project effect a wetland?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17a. Is Wetland map attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NWI:- https://www.fws.gov/wetlands/data/Mapper.html WSS: https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm NEPA Assist: https://www.epa.gov/nepa/nepassist		
17b. If yes to 17, has an Army Corps or other permit been issued for the project site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

18. Is the project located in or could project affect a Floodplain (100- or 500-year floodplains)? Provide a FEMA map.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18a. Is FEMA map attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FEMA: http://msc.fema.gov/portal WSS: https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm		
19. Is the project site on or in the vicinity of classified land, such as State/Federal Parks, Monuments, Natural Landmarks, Wilderness Areas, Wild and Scenic Rivers, State Lands, National Forest, etc.?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
USGS: https://maps.usgs.gov/padus/ NEPA Assist: https://www.epa.gov/nepa/nepassist		
19a. If yes explain and indicate if the land managing agency has been contacted.		
20. Does project affect Coastal Resources (including Great Lake area) including impact to a coral reef (Coastal Barrier Resources System or Coastal Zone Management Areas)? If your project is not located on the coast, you will likely check no.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CBRS - https://www.fws.gov/program/coastal-barrier-resources-act/maps-and-data/ CZMA - https://coast.noaa.gov/czm/mystate/		
21. Is the proposal located on prime, important, unique or of local Importance Farmland?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21a. Has NRCS completed a LESA?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WSS: https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm FPPA guidance available from NRCS: https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/landuse/fppa/		
21b. If yes to 21, is the project expected to benefit by saving or offsetting energy for a farm or agricultural producer?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Is the project expected to house, store, reclaim, recycle, or involve the handling of hazardous materials, e.g., waste storage, disposal recovery, incineration, or waste treatment actions? If yes explain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23. Has a Phase 1 ESA been prepared for this site? Generally needed for all projects over \$100,000 in which the agency takes a security interest in the property.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23a. If prepared, is Phase I ESA attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24. Does the property contain any areas where regulated hazardous substances or petroleum products appear to have been released? If yes explain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25. Does the property contain an underground storage tank (UST)? If yes explain and include type, size, age, date of last state certification.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

26. Does the property contain any aboveground storage tanks (AST)? If yes, are the ASTs in secondary containment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27. Will or could the project have any emissions or cause uncontrolled or unpermitted releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, petroleum, or natural gas products? If yes explain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28. Will the project affect any Water Resources (Sole Source Aquifers, Well-head protection areas, Watershed Protection Areas, etc.)? If yes, explain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NEPA Assist: https://www.epa.gov/nepa/nepassist EPA Sole Source Aquifers: https://epa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9ebb047ba3ec41ada1877155fe31356b		
29. Is there any controversy that you are aware of or about the project for environmental reason? If yes, explain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
30. Does the proposal have any concerns or disproportionately high and or adverse human health or environmental effects on minority populations or low-income populations? If yes, explain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
USDA policy: https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/1970e.pdf EJ Screen: https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen		
31. Is the subject business facility connected to a municipal wastewater system? If no, describe the existing on-site system, including capacity.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
32. Is the subject business facility connected to a municipal water system? If no, describe the existing on-site system, including capacity.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

33. Is the project located in a county that has been designated by EPA as a Non-Attainment or Maintenance for any of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NEPA Assist: https://www.epa.gov/nepa/nepassist EPA Greenbook: https://www3.epa.gov/airquality/greenbook/anayo_ak.html		
34. Is the project subject to intergovernmental review by the State under Executive Order 12372? If yes, please include date submitted below.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intergovernmental Review: https://www.usda.gov/ocfo/federal-financial-assistance-policy/intergovernmental-review Single Point of Contact List: https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/SPOC-4-13-20.pdf		
35. By signing, the preparer agrees that the applicant will not proceed with construction until the Agency has completed their environmental review in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and RD Instruction 1970.		
SIGNATURE, DATE, & TITLE OF PREPARER		