

# ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW SCREENING QUESTIONS

All applications to WHEDA are required to meet the Department of Housing and Urban Development's environmental compliance standards listed in 24 CFR Part 58. Your assistance in completing the following questionnaire will help WHEDA prepare the necessary documentation that will legally permit the release of HUD funds.

Please answer the following questions as completely as possible. Be aware that in some cases further technical analysis may be required to determine if mitigation measures are necessary.

→ **Please send a copy of your Environmental Phase One audit to WHEDA as soon as it is available.**

Applicant/Developer Name:			
Address:			
City:	County:	State:	Zip:
Contact Person		Title	
Phone:		FAX:	
E-Mail:			

Development Name:			
Address:			
Town(ship):	Range:	Section:	
City:	County:	Wisconsin	Zip:

Brief description of the proposed development

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## 1. HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The two areas of immediate concern are archeological and architectural review.

### a. Archeological Review

If you are planning "ground disturbance activities," such as housing construction and related activities (such as parking lots, sewer or water line extensions, new roads, and sidewalks), **in previously undisturbed<sup>1</sup> areas**, your project must be reviewed by WHEDA and the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) to determine its effect on archeological resources. If WHEDA determines that archeological resources may be present, then the WHS will require you to carry

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<sup>1</sup> Farming is not an activity that disturbs archeological sites.

out an archeological survey as part of the review process. Because archeological review takes time, it is important to give your attention to this issue early on.

A. Does your project require archeological review? (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_; If the answer is “no,” proceed to the next section, entitled **Architecture and Historic Review**.

If “yes,” please provide the following information, which WHEDA needs to initiate an archeological review. Incomplete information may delay the review process. Please keep in mind that WHS is allowed a minimum of 30 days to reply to an initial request for review.

**Please send this additional information to WHEDA when an archeological review is required:**

- (1) USGS 7.5 quad map or other map that contains sufficient detail of the site and surrounding area.
- (2) A plat map of the project area showing the development’s extent and size in acres or square feet.
- (3) Photos of the development area and adjacent properties (looking north, south, east, and west).
- (4) If known, a description of current and prior uses of the land.
- (5) Current zoning status and intended zoning changes.

**b. Architecture and Historical Review**

If you are proposing the rehabilitation, conversion, or demolition of an existing structure that is **fifty (50) years of age or older**—buildings such as schools, churches, hospitals, libraries, apartment complexes, or other structures that are intended for use as housing—you must submit the following information for review by WHEDA and the WI Historical Society.

**Architectural and historical information needed for reviewing projects that will rehabilitate existing buildings:**

A. In what year was the building constructed? \_\_\_\_\_

Source of information: \_\_\_\_\_.

NOTE: If possible, obtain documentation of the building’s age, such as a copy of the original title. A real estate broker’s estimate of the building’s age is not sufficient.

If the answer to this question is a date less than 50 years ago, you do not have to complete the remainder of this section; proceed to the next section, entitled **Wetland Protection**. If the answer to this question is a date greater than 50 years ago, then please answer the following to the best of your ability.

Review of Architectural and Historic Resources databases:

B. Indicate if the development site is known to be listed on any of the following lists:

- National Register of Historic Places
- Properties determined eligible for the National Register
- State Register of Historic Places
- Wisconsin inventory of historic places
- Locally-designated historic property
- Local intensive survey--see attached list of community surveys  
(Give name and date)
- None of the above

NOTE: The Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) has the final authority to determine whether a property is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and what mitigation measures may be required. WHS may require that special methods be used in repairing buildings of historic significance.

**In addition, please attach the following information for architecture and historic review:**

(1) a map showing the location of the building in relation to existing streets; please include the township, range, and section for projects located in unincorporated communities.

(2) Photographs of the building.

- Views must be unobstructed, in focus, and should include views of the front, back, and sides of the structure, and photographs of the adjacent lots, facing north, south, east and west. Also, please include photographs of other structures found on the property.
- Close up photos of areas showing considerable deterioration; windows proposed for rehab or replacement; unique, ornate, or historically significant features present on the structure.

Note: Either black & white or color photographs are acceptable (including Polaroids), but black and white photocopies are not acceptable.

## 2. WETLAND PROTECTION

A. Is the development site located in a wetland area, defined as any area that is at least seasonally inundated by water, or are there any ponds, marshes, bogs, swamps or other wetlands within 500 feet of the development area?

- Yes  No  Don't Know

B. If the development site is located in or near a wetland area, will it result in fill (such as topsoil, gravel, etc.) being placed in the wetland area or will it result in greatly increased usage of the wetland?

- Yes  No  Don't Know

### 3. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

Submit a copy of either a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood plain map or a copy of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) with the site highlighted. Attach the FEMA map's front panel to show the Community Panel Number and the latest map revision date.

A. Are there drainage ways, streams, rivers, or coastlines on or within one mile of the development site?

Yes  No  Don't Know

If yes, is the development site located in the 100-year floodplain?

Yes  No  Don't Know

Map name and number: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Maps may be available through local planning/zoning offices, public libraries, or DNR offices.

### 4. SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT & SURFACE WATER QUALITY

A. Is the water supply serving the project operated by a municipality or is it private on-site well?

Municipal  Private  Don't Know

B. Is the site proposed for development served, or will it be served, by an adequate and acceptable sanitary sewers and waste water disposal systems?

Yes  No  Don't Know

C. Are the site's sanitary sewers and wastewater disposal systems municipally operated or private?

Municipal  Private  Don't Know

D. Is there evidence of slope erosion or unstable slope condition on or near a site (i.e., soil washed away by rain, the presence of gullies, etc.)?

Yes  No  Don't Know

E. Is there evidence of cross-lot runoff, low-lying depressions, or drainage flows on the property that may affect the suitability of the site for development?

Yes  No  Don't Know

## 5. STORM WATER DISCHARGE INTO PUBLIC WATERWAYS

To meet the requirements of Section 402 of the federal Clean Water Act, the DNR has developed a state Storm Water Discharge Permit Program to control erosion on sites that disturb 5 acres or more. This program is based on WI Administrative Code NR 216, which regulates storm water discharges for industrial, municipal and construction sites.

- A. If the project site is more than five acres, a plan must be developed and followed for construction site erosion control and storm water management as part of storm water permit requirements.

Is the site more than five acres?

Yes  No

Is a permit required for this site?

Yes  No  Don't Know

If yes, has the permit been issued?

Yes  No

Please provide a copy of the permit, once obtained. Any findings from engineering studies completed prior to this application should also be forwarded with this application.

## 6. NOISE STANDARDS

Please provide a site map that shows railroad lines, airports, major arterial streets and highways, manufacturing sites, and other major noise producing operations.

- A. Is the development site located within 1,000 feet of a major road, highway, county trunk, truck route, state or federal highway, or urban business route?

Yes  No  Don't Know

If the answer is "yes," please provide the following information about the roadway in relation to the site (10,000, or more, vehicles per day).

Name of Roadway \_\_\_\_\_

The number of traffic lanes \_\_\_\_\_

The distance to the nearest traffic lane \_\_\_\_\_

The number of traffic lanes \_\_\_\_\_

The speed limit \_\_\_\_\_

Distance to stop signs of traffic lights \_\_\_\_\_

B. Is the development site located within 3,000 feet of an active rail line (used at least daily)?

Yes  No  Don't Know

If the answer is "yes," please provide the following information to assist WHEDA determine whether any HUD-required mitigation measures must be taken. This information is obtained from the railroad company.

\_\_\_\_\_ the average number of locomotives/train

\_\_\_\_\_ the average number of cars/train

\_\_\_\_\_ the average speed of train

\_\_\_\_\_ the total number of trains per day

\_\_\_\_\_ the average number of trains at night (between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.)

Number of train tracks: Single \_\_\_\_\_ OR Double \_\_\_\_\_

Are the train-tracks Bolted \_\_\_\_\_ OR Welded \_\_\_\_\_?

Are there intervening structures between the railroad tracks and the development site (buildings, walls, berms, etc.)?

Yes  No  Don't Know

C. Is the development located within five miles of a general aviation airport, or 15 miles of a military airport, handling jet operations with scheduled air service?

Yes  No  Don't Know

If "yes," what is the name of the airport? \_\_\_\_\_

D. Is the development site located within 1,000 feet of any other noise-generating source, such as an industrial plant?

Yes  No  Don't Know

If "yes," what is the name of the noise source? \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. THERMAL AND MAN-MADE HAZARDS

A. Is the development site located within 2,500 feet of an above-ground storage tank for conventional petroleum fuels (such as gasoline), hazardous gases (such as liquid propane), or chemicals of a flammable nature (such as benzene or hexane)?

Yes  No  Don't Know

If "yes," what is the name of the facility? \_\_\_\_\_

B. Is the development site located within a Clear Zone for civilian airports or in a Clear Zone or Accident Potential Zone for military air fields?.

Yes  No  Don't Know

NOTE: HUD Regulations require that any project taking place in a runway clear zone include a notice to prospective buyers advising them of the hazard. WHEDA will provide a copy of the notice if required.

C. Is the development site located on or within 2,500 feet of an active or closed waste dump or landfill site?

- Yes  No  Don't Know

D. Is the development site located within 2,500 feet of an industry which disposes of chemicals or hazardous wastes on its premises?

- Yes  No  Don't Know

E. Is there any evidence that asbestos should be removed from the structure?

- Yes  No  Don't Know

Contact local or county Emergency Government, or the local Fire Chief to obtain the information listed below.

List industrial plants or facilities within 1/2 mile of proposed development site, and locate on site map.

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List above ground storage tank facilities within 1/2 mile of proposed development site, and locate on site map.

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List chemical (including pesticide) storage facilities or warehouses including those belonging to farmer's cooperatives within 1/2 mile of proposed development site, and locate on site map.

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List current and closed landfills, hazardous waste disposal sites and superfund sites within 1/2 mile of proposed development site.

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List Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (L.U.S.T.S.), Toxic or Chemical Spills or Radioactive materials on or adjacent to site area or electromagnetic hazards, such as high voltage electric transmission lines, within 1/2 mile of proposed development site. (Information Line: I-800-EMF-2383)

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Will the development require any air related permits?

Yes  No  Don't Know

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 10. SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

A. In the opinion of the local Public Works Department, will the existing or planned solid waste disposal system adequately service the proposed development?

Yes  No

If no, explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

## 11. AGRICULTURAL LAND IMPACT

A. Will the development be located on or directly adjacent to land that is categorized as agricultural prime or of State or local importance? (*Contact U.S. Department of Agriculture. Soil Conservation Service, or local county extension agent for assistance in identifying such lands.*)

Yes  No

If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 12. CERTIFICATION

**To the best of my knowledge I hereby certify that the foregoing information is true and correct.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date Signed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)