



Township of Bedminster Environmental Commission

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Environmental Review Scoping Checklist

This checklist is to be used by the applicant at the beginning of the environmental review process, and before an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is prepared. It is intended to identify the extent of potential environmental effects that may result from the implementation of the proposed project. Based on the responses to this checklist, an EIS may or may not be required.

Fill out the form fields (in grey) in this document electronically and print it out for submission. If supporting documents or diagrams are required, include them with this form when submitted, and note, in the appropriate field, what documents have been submitted in support of that question.

If the applicant requests a waiver of the requirement for an EIS, please check the appropriate box in Section 4 of this document.

Details on the Township's EIS requirements can be found in section 13-804.3 of the Bedminster Township Revised General Ordinances.

Section 1: Applicant Information

Property Information:

Name of Project Owner/Applicant:

Property address:

Lot/Block:

Nearest Intersection:

Property Size:

(Use additional sheets if required)

Planning Board or Board of Adjustment application number for this project (if known)?

Date of preparation:

Would the applicant allow the Environmental Commission to conduct a site visit at the site of the proposed project, if the Environmental Commission requests one?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Project description (provide a brief description of the proposed project. Attach additional sheets or exhibits if needed):

Section 2: General Project Information

Question 2.1. Place a check mark next to all the following on-site features that generally describe the project site addressed in this application:

☐ Grasslands

☐ Wildlife habitat / refuge (as designated by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection)
(☐ Critical ☐ Non-Critical)

☐ Open land

☐ Wooded land

☐ Farmland

☐ Open waters (e.g. streams, ponds, rivers)

☐ Wetlands (as designated by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection)

☐ Palustrine (freshwater wetland) forest

☐ Residential

☐ Commercial

☐ Other (identify)

Question 2.2. Briefly describe the nature of any properties or parcels to be acquired or subdivided for the project. If there are none, state this and continue to the next question.

Question 2.3. Describe to what extent utilities will be modified, introduced, or improved as part of this project. Include information about right-of-way of gas, power, or other utilities on the affected property. Describe the use (if any) of green or sustainable construction and energy use practices, such as the US Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. If no changes will take place, state this and continue to the next question.

Question 2.4. Will the project require any federal or state environmental permits (for example NJDEP wetlands, Stream Encroachment, Water Quality Certification)?

If yes, identify all local, state and federal permits. If there are none, state this and continue to the next question.

Question 2.5. Identify all Township and County approvals that may be required (include Board of Health, Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, etc.) If there are none, state this and continue to the next question.

Question 2.6. Does this project need to comply with NJDEP stormwater rules (N.J.A.C. 7:14A-25)? If not, state why.

Section 3: Project-specific details

Question 3.1: Soil Erosion and Sedimentation

Will the project have any effect on soil erosion and/or sedimentation, either during or after construction? If yes, describe any mitigation plans. If the project will not affect soil conditions, state this and continue to the next question.

Question 3.2: Floodplains and wetlands

Describe any floodplains or wetlands present, especially wetlands classified as exceptional value. Describe any impact from the proposed project and any mitigation plans. If there are no wetlands or floodplains present, state this and continue to the next question.

Question 3.3: Unique Geologic or Topographic Features

Describe any unique geologic or topographic features present. Include information about any major rock outcroppings. Describe any impacts from the project and any proposed mitigation plans. If there are no such features present, state this and proceed to the next question.

Question 3.4: Water features

Describe water features present, such as creeks, streams, rivers, or ponds. Pay particular attention to watercourses designated as trout maintenance or production, and include both perennial and intermittent watercourses. State how the project will affect them, and describe any mitigation plans. If there are no watercourses present or if they will be unaffected by this project, state this and continue to the next question.

Question 3.5: Surface Water Quality and Impervious Coverage

Will the project affect quality of surface water (e.g. ponds, lakes, detention or retention basins, or stormwater)? Include an estimate of any change in impervious cover (surfaces such as concrete that are impenetrable by water) that will result from this project. If yes, describe how and what mitigation efforts are planned. If surface waters and impervious cover are not present or will not be affected by this project, state this and continue to the next question.

Question 3.6: Vegetation

Describe vegetation at the project site (e.g. agricultural uses, forest, grassland, etc.). Describe any effects on this vegetation caused by the proposed project, and any mitigation efforts that will take place.

Question 3.6A: If plantings are added, will they be invasive or non-invasive species?

Question 3.7: Threatened and Endangered Plants and Animals

Are threatened and endangered plants and animals present? Include a description of any wildlife refuges or threatened or endangered habitat areas and how the project will affect them. If present, describe any mitigation plans. If there are no endangered or threatened species present, state this and skip to the next question. You may wish to consult the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJ DEP) Web site (<http://www.nj.gov/dep/>) for information on threatened and endangered species in the state.

Question 3.8: Productive Agricultural Lands

Are productive agricultural lands present? If yes, describe how they will be affected by this project, and include a description of any mitigation plans. If there are any deed restrictions and/or protective covenants present, or a farmland assessment on this property, include this in the answer. If there are no agricultural lands present, or if they will be unaffected by the project, state this and continue to the next question.

Question 3.9: Groundwater Resources

Describe groundwater (e.g. aquifers, springs or seeps, and wells) on the property, and state if this project will

affect the quality and supply of that groundwater. Describe any proposed mitigation plans. If groundwater will be unaffected by this project, state this and continue to the next question.

Question 3.10: Historic Sites, Structures, and Scenic Corridors

Describe any historic sites or structures (including archeological sites and national or state landmarks) or scenic corridors as viewed from the public roads present on or adjacent to the property. Pay particular attention to areas of the Township designated as historic districts, scenic corridors, or scenic waterways as described in the Township Master Plan. Include a brief description of the existing conditions, expected impact on each of these sites, and describe any mitigation plans.

Question 3.11: Protected Open Space and Conservation Areas

Describe any deed restrictions and/or protective covenants present and state whether the project will take place in or near protected land or land covered by a deed restriction, protective covenant, or farmland assessment. Describe any mitigation plans. If there are no protected open spaces or easements affected by this project, state this and continue to the next question.

Question 3.12: Equestrian and other trails and paths

Describe any equestrian or other trails and paths present. Describe proposed mitigation plans if trails are present and will be affected by this project. If there are no equestrian or other trails present, or if they will be unaffected by this application, state this and continue to the next question.

Question 3.13: Noise and air pollution

Describe how noise levels and air pollution will be affected by this project, both during and after construction. Describe proposed mitigation measures. If there is no expected impact, state this and proceed to the next question.

Question 3.14: Traffic and Circulation Impact (Pre- and Post-Construction)

Describe the expected impact on traffic (both during construction and after the project is complete), and describe any mitigation plans. If the project will not affect traffic levels, state this and proceed to the next question

Question 3.15: Waste Disposal

Describe any waste disposal requirements created or altered by this project and any proposed mitigation plans. Include solid, agricultural, and sanitary waste. If there is no effect on waste disposal, state this and continue to the next question.

Question 3.16: Energy Utilization

Describe the energy utilization component of this project, such as changes to electrical, natural gas, fuel oil, or other energy resource usage. Include any plans for energy storage and generation. If green or sustainable measures will be used in construction and operation of this project (such as the US Green Building Council's LEED standards), state this and explain how they will be used. Describe any mitigation plans. If the project will not alter energy usage, state this.

Question 3.16A: Will electric vehicle charging stations be added?

Section 4: EIS Waiver Status, Signature, Date, and Address

Does the applicant request waiver of the requirement for an EIS?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Signed: Applicant (or assigned agent)

Date

Title:

Preparer's affiliation/company:

Address of applicant (or assigned agent)

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Environmental Commission decision regarding EIS waiver request:

☐ EIS Waiver Recommended
☐ EIS Waiver Not Recommended

The Environmental Commission recommends further study on the following areas:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Signed: (For Bedminster Township Environmental Commission)

Date