U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

This document is used to collect information to determine what level of environmental review is necessary. The Agency may request additional information if needed. **All answers need to be supported by appropriate documentation when applicable.** Potentially helpful links are provided in blue, though not exhaustive or a comprehensive list of resources. **A complete NEPA review is required prior to award. Construction may jeopardize completion of NEPA - do not begin construction until the Agency has confirmed a complete NEPA review.**	**Yes**	**No**

1. APPLICANT NAME:

2. ADDRESS: Physical location of the project (includes specifics such as longitude & latitude and legal description).

3. PHOTOS & MAP: Please provide recent project site photos as well as an aerial map showing the building/lot/exact location of the project. Please indicate in detail on map any potential trenching or other ground disturbance, electrical connections, or other relevant information.	**Attach Photos & Map:** ☐

4. DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Describe how proposed funds will be used. If project involves construction, whether interior or exterior or renovations, please describe in detail. For renewable energy systems such as solar panels be specific on type of system (fixed tilt, tracking, mounting & structure, i.e. ballasted, 3" pile driven, concrete, screws, etc.).

5. 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: Renewable energy solar project should include sq. ft, linear ft, number of installed units/panels/buildings, and details regarding any trenching or ground disturbance to be completed (indicate project square feet of existing and new ground disturbance).

6. Will the project involve construction without any ground disturbance? (i.e. roof mounted solar)	☐	☐

6a. If no ground disturbance, please provide land use, land ownership, & description (i.e. industrial, residential, wooded, grasslands, etc.).

6b. If ground disturbance is expected, provide descriptive info, including if the project site was previously disturbed (i.e. previous structure, excavation, cultivation).

7. What is the zoning for the project location?		
8. What is the age/year built, of the building where the project will be located in/on?		
9. Will the project be located within the viewshed of a building that is a least 50+ years old?	☐	☐
10. Use the link below. Is the building or project site listed on the State/ National Register of Historic Places?	☐	☐
National Register: https://www.nps.gov/nr/research/ **Attach NPS Findings:** ☐		
11. If building is over 50 yrs old or yes to # 9 or 10, has approval or concurrence been obtained from State Historic Preservation Office?	☐	☐
Attach letters sent to and responses obtained from SHPO, if applicable: ☐		
12. Have any Tribes or Tribal Historic Preservation Officers been contacted? Note-Some Tribes require government to government contact therefore consultation with the local RD State Office is recommended.	☐	☐
Tribal contact TDAT: https://egis.hud.gov/tdat Tribal Lands: https://nationalmap.gov/small_scale/mld/indlanp.html **Attach letters to and responses obtained from Tribes or THPO, if applicable:** ☐		
12a. Summarize SHPO, Tribes, and THPO responses below:		
13. Will the project be located within a Historic District? If yes, please summarize the review/comments/approval from the local town historic district:	☐	☐
Attach Hist Dist. Correspondence: ☐		
14. Use the link below to pull an IPAC report. Are there threatened or endangered species or critical habitats within the project area? If present describe below the impact your project will have on these resources:	☐	☐
Attach IPAC Report: ☐		
IPAC Official Species List: https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/		
15. Will the project involve cutting trees or trimming trees? If yes explain in detail below: how many, how large, tree type, etc.	☐	☐
15a. If yes to 15, 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) Discuss relevant construction timeline below as needed.	☐	☐

16. Use one of the links below. Is the project located in or could the project affect a wetland?	☐ ☐
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	**Attach Wetland Map:** ☐
16a. If yes to 16, has an Army Corps or other permit been issued for the project site?	☐ ☐ ☐
Attach permit(s), if applicable:	
17. Use one of the links below. Is the project located in or could the project affect a Floodplain(100 or 500 year floodplains)?	☐ ☐
	Attach FEMA Map: ☐
FEMA: http://msc.fema.gov/portal WSS: https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm	
18. Use one of the links below. 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.?	☐ ☐
USGS: https://nationalmap.gov/small_scale/mld/fedlanp.html USGS: https://nationalmap.gov/small_scale/printable/fedlands.html NEPA Assist: https://www.epa.gov/nepa/nepassist	**Attach Land Map:** ☐
18a. If yes explain and indicate if the land managing agency has been contacted.	
19. 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.	☐ ☐
CBRS - https://www.fws.gov/ecological-services/habitat-conservation/cbra/Maps/Mapper.html CZMA - https://coast.noaa.gov/czm/mystate/	**If on coast, attach Coastal Map:** ☐
20. Use the web soil survey link below. Is the proposal located on prime, important, unique or of local Importance Farmland?	☐ ☐
	Attach Web Soil Survey: ☐
20a. If yes, has NRCS completed a LESA?	☐ ☐
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/	
20b. If yes to 20, is the project expected to benefit by saving or offsetting energy for a farm or agricultural producer?	☐ ☐
	Attach NRCS letter: ☐
21. 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.	☐ ☐

22. Has a Phase 1 ESA been prepared for this site? A Phase I is not the same as a NEPA review. The Phase I is generally needed for all projects over $100,000 when <u>loan funds</u> are requested and the agency will take a security interest in real estate.	☐	☐
22a. If prepared, is Phase I ESA attached?	☐	☐
23. Does the property contain any areas where regulated hazardous substances or petroleum products appear to have been released? If yes explain.	☐	☐
24. Does the property contain an underground storage tank (UST)? If yes explain and include: type, size, age, date of last state certification.	☐	☐
25. Does the property contain any aboveground storage tanks (AST)? If yes, are the ASTs in secondary containment?	☐	☐
26. 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.	☐	☐
27. For projects involving new construction, will the project affect any Water Resources (Sole Source Aquifers, Well-head protection areas, Watershed Protection Areas, etc.)? If yes, explain.	☐	☐
NEPA Assist: https://www.epa.gov/nepa/nepassist EPA Sole Source Aquafers: https://epa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9ebb047ba3ec41ada1877155fe31356b		
28. Is there any controversy that you are aware of or about the project for environmental reason? If yes, explain.	☐	☐

29. Use EPA link to pull an environmental justice map. 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.	☐	☐
USDA policy: https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/1970e.pdf EJ Screen: https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen	**Attach EJ Map:** ☐	
30. Is the subject business facility connected to a municipal wastewater system? If no, describe the existing on-site system, including capacity.	☐	☐
31. Is the subject business facility connected to a municipal water system? If no, describe the existing on-site system, including capacity.	☐	☐
32. Use links below. 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? NEPA Assist: https://www.epa.gov/nepa/nepassist EPA Greenbook: https://www3.epa.gov/airquality/greenbook/anayo_ak.html	☐	☐
33. SIGNATURE, DATE, & TITLE OF PREPARER		