APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT
PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

PURPOSE OF CHECKLIST

The purpose of this checklist is to collect information about a proposed development project in order to:

- Understand and consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before the Borough makes important land use decisions.

- Verify environmental conditions using the Madison Borough Environmental Resources Inventory (ERI), to make site-specific land use decisions with the knowledge of existing environmental conditions, and which are in the interest of the Borough's long-term sustainability.

- Adequately review the design of a proposed development and where practical, and determine ways to reduce, mitigate or avoid environmental impacts from a project.

- Determine whether the environmental impacts from a proposal are significant, requiring the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

- Use the information collected to regularly update the Borough's ERI.

IMPACT AREAS

In reviewing applications, Madison's Planning and Zoning Boards are required to consider environmental features to minimize any adverse impact on the environment (§195-24.3.A.), including the:

- Prevention of soil erosion
- Protection of significant vistas or views

- Preservation of trees
- Protection of watercourses, resources, topography, soil and animal life
- Protection of air quality [Recommended]

EIS DETERMINATION

The Borough's Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), with recommendation from the Madison Environmental Commission (MEC), is the agency responsible for determining whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required for a project.

An EIS must be prepared [for applications involving a major subdivision, as part of preliminary approval] [Recommended: for all site plan and subdivision proposals that could result in a probable adverse impact on the quality of the environment or are in a critical area]. The submission requirements for an EIS are provided in Ordinance §195-20.F.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

This environmental checklist requires that applicant's describe basic information about their proposals or projects. If a question does not apply to your proposal, write "does not apply."

The checklist questions apply to all parts of a proposal, even if they will take place over a period of time or on different parcels of land. The intended components of the full project must be understood at the earliest stage of the project.

Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects.

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Applicant's Name:	
Applicant's Address:	
Phone (Day / Evening):	
Contact Email Address:	
Project Name:	
Project Location:	

Type of Project:	Minor Sub. ☐	Prelim. Major Sub. ☐	Final Major Sub ☐	Prelim. Site Plan ☐	Final Site Plan ☐
Provide a brief description of proposed project:					

Please indicate the site Zoning District(s):		Please indicate Master Plan Land Use designation:	

	Environmental Feature	Yes	No	Please Describe / Comments
PROJECT BACKGROUND				
1	Is the property currently being used? If so, please describe current use.	☐	☐	
2	Will any structures on the site be demolished as part of the project?	☐	☐	
3	Will the project be built in phases? If so please describe phasing schedule.	☐	☐	
4	Do you have plans for future additions, expansions or further activity related to or connected with this proposal?	☐	☐	
Land Resources				
5	Are there slopes over 12%? If so, provide the percentage.	☐	☐	
6	Will the project involve changes in relief or drainage patterns?	☐	☐	
7	Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction or use?	☐	☐	
8	Does the project propose measures to reduce or control erosion?	☐	☐	
9	Does the project propose filling or grading? If so indicate approximate quantities.	☐	☐	
10	Does the site contain any Prime Aquifer Recharge Soils?	☐	☐	
11	Does the project increase the amount of impervious surfaces? If so, indicate before and after percentages.	☐	☐	

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	Does the project increase the amount of open space or hardscaped public space on the site?	☐	☐	

Air Resources

	Would the proposal result in emissions (i.e., dust, odors, smoke) during construction or after completion?	☐	☐	
	Are there any off-site emissions or odors that may affect your proposal?	☐	☐	
	Does the project propose measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to the air, if any?	☐	☐	
	Does the project propose measures to reduce or control indoor air pollutants (i.e., dust from renovations, paints, molds/mildew, etc.)	☐	☐	

Water Resources

	Will the project require work within 200 feet of a surface water body (i.e., year-round and intermittent streams, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? Please describe.	☐	☐	
	Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain?	☐	☐	
	Will fill and dredge material be placed in surface water or wetlands	☐	☐	
	Will fill and dredge material be removed from surface water or wetlands	☐	☐	
	Will surface water or ground water be withdrawn or require a diversion?	☐	☐	
	Will there be discharge to ground water?	☐	☐	
	Does the project propose a method of surface runoff collection? Explain.	☐	☐	
	Will runoff water flow into other waters?	☐	☐	
	Does the project propose measures to reduce or control surface water runoff impacts or impacts to ground water?	☐	☐	
	Is the project located within a Well Head Protection Area (WHPA)?	☐	☐	

Vegetation Resources

	Will any trees (deciduous or evergreen) be removed or altered as a result of the project? Provide types and amount.	☐	☐	
	Will any shrubs, plants, vine or grass areas be removed or altered?	☐	☐	
	Are there any threatened or endangered plant species known to be on or near the site? Please list.	☐	☐	

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	Does the project propose landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation?	☐ ☐	
	Does the project propose any invasive, non-native or exotic plant species?	☐ ☐	
	Does the project propose any new street trees?	☐ ☐	
	Does the project propose Integrated Pest Management as part of is landscaping management plan?	☐ ☐	
	Will the landscaping management of trees, plants, lawns or gardens on the site require fertilizer or chemical pesticide use?	☐ ☐	
Wildlife Resources			
	Have any bird species (i.e., hawk, heron, eagle, duck, geese, songbirds) been observed on or near the site?	☐ ☐	
	Have any animals (i.e., deer, bear, rabbit, possum, etc.) been observed on or near the site?	☐ ☐	
	Are there any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site	☐ ☐	
	Does the project propose measures to preserve or enhance wildlife?	☐ ☐	
Recycling, Energy and Natural Resources			
	Does the project incorporate a recycling plan? If so, please describe.	☐ ☐	
	Does the project propose the use of any alternative means of energy use (i.e., solar, wind, geothermal, etc.)?	☐ ☐	
	Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties?	☐ ☐	
	Does the project propose any energy conservation features to reduce or control energy impacts? List types.	☐ ☐	
Environmental Health			
	Are there any existing areas of contamination on site? If so, please describe.	☐ ☐	
	Are there any environmental health hazards (i.e., exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire or explosion, hazardous waste, etc.) that could occur as a result of this project?	☐ ☐	
	Will the project result in high levels of noise (i.e., traffic, construction, operation, music, etc.)? If so, indicate anticipated hours of noise.	☐ ☐	

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	Does the project propose measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards or noise impacts, if any?	☐ ☐	

Light and Glare

	Would the proposal result in any light pollution or glare? What time of day?	☐ ☐	
	Could light or glare from the finished project interfere with views?	☐ ☐	
	What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?	☐ ☐	
	Does the project propose any measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:	☐ ☐	

Historic, Cultural and Recreation Preservation

	Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local historic preservation registers known to be on or next to the site?	☐ ☐	
	Are there any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site?	☐ ☐	
	Are there any designated or informal recreational opportunities in the immediate vicinity of the site? Please list.	☐ ☐	
	Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.	☐ ☐	
	Does the project propose any measures to reduce or control impacts on historic resources and recreation uses within the vicinity, if any?	☐ ☐	

Transportation

	Is the site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?	☐ ☐	
	Is the site currently served by sidewalks? Please indicate the condition of the sidewalks.	☐ ☐	
	Is the site currently served by designated bike lanes or "Share the Road" lanes?	☐ ☐	
	Does the project propose any bicycle parking spaces?	☐ ☐	
	Does the project require a variance for the number of vehicle parking spaces being provided?	☐ ☐	

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	Does the parking area design include elements for Low Impact Development (LID) stormwater management (i.e., bioswales, porous pavement, tree plantings, etc.)	☐ ☐	
	Does the project propose any pedestrian or bicycle use improvements?	☐ ☐	
	Does the project propose measure to reduce or control transportation impacts?	☐ ☐	

Public Services and Utilities

	Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, describe.	☐ ☐	
	Does the project proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any?	☐ ☐	
	Does the project propose the installation or connection of new utilities (electric, gas, water, telephone, sewer, other)?	☐ ☐	
	Does the project proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public utilities, if any?	☐ ☐	

Planning & Approvals

Please indicate if the proposed project is compatible with the existing surrounding land uses (and projected land uses, if any). Describe any proposed measures to ensure compatibility:

List any additional governmental or agency approvals required for this project:

Additional comments:

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature

Applicant: _____   Date: ___ / ___ / ____

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