



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. It will also assist the applicant and Environmental Commission in defining the required level of environmental documentation to be prepared for the review process and to facilitate the waiving of unnecessary environmental analyses. Given the responses to this checklist, an EIS may or may not be required.

Instructions: You can fill out the form fields in this document electronically and print it out for submission. For each question, fill out the fields in grey. 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 5 of this document.

Section 1: Applicant Information

Property Information:

Name of Project Owner/Applicant:

Address:

Lot/Block:

Nearest Intersection:

Property Size:

(Use additional sheets if required)

Date of Preparation: Month Day Year

Date of Field Visit with Commission Members (if conducted):

Month Day Year

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

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

Section 2: General Project Information

Question 2.1. Place a check mark next to the following on-site natural features that may apply to the project(s) subject to this application:

- ☐ Grasslands
- ☐ Wildlife Habitat/Refuge
(☐Critical ☐ Non-Critical)
- ☐ Open Land
- ☐ Wooded Land
- ☐ Farmland
- ☐ Open Waters
- ☐ Palustrine Forest
- ☐ Wetlands
- ☐ 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 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 project. Include information about right-of-way of gas, power, or other utilities on the affected property. 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 or USACOE wetlands, Stream Encroachment, Water Quality Certification, NJPDES)? If yes, identify all local, state and federal permits. If there are none, state this and continue to the next question.

Question 2.5. Please describe any potential local controversy that may arise as a result of this project.

Question 2.6. 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 2.7. Does this project need to comply with NJDEP stormwater rules (N.J.A.C. 7:14A-25)? If not, state why.

Section 3: Natural Features

Question 3.1: Soil Erosion and Sedimentation

Will the project have any effect on soil erosion and/or sedimentation, either during or after construction?

☐ Yes ☐ No (if no, skip to question 3.2)

If present, briefly describe:

If impacts will occur, describe mitigation:

What type of documentation will be required to complete the review of this information (qualitative analysis, detailed analysis, or none required)?

Question 3.2: Unique Geologic or Topographic Features

Are there any unique geologic or topographic features present?

☐ Yes ☐ No (if no, skip to question 3.3)

If present, briefly describe:

If impacts will occur, describe mitigation. If unique geologic or topographic features are present without expected impact, explain why:

What type of documentation will be required to complete the review of this information (qualitative analysis, detailed analysis, or none required)?

Question 3.3: Streams, rivers, and watercourses

Are there streams, rivers, or other watercourses present?

☐ Yes ☐ No

(If yes, check all those that apply in the following table. If no, skip to question 3.4)

Type of watercourse (check if present)	Is there any expected impact?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Intermittent	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Perennial	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Trout Production	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Trout Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Water fisheries	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Provide a brief description *for each type of watercourse present*:

For each type of watercourse present, describe mitigation if any impacts will occur. If watercourses are present without expected impact, explain why:

What type of documentation will be required to complete the review of this information (qualitative analysis, detailed analysis, or none required)?

Question 3.4: Wetlands

Are wetlands present?

☐ Yes ☐ No

(If yes, check all those that apply in the following table. If no, skip to question 3.5)

Type of wetlands (check if present)	Is there any expected impact?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Open water	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetated	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Forested	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional value	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Provide a brief description *for each type of wetlands present*:

For each type of wetlands present, describe mitigation if any impacts will occur. If wetlands are present without expected impact, explain why:

What type of documentation will be required to complete the review of this information (qualitative analysis, detailed analysis, or none required)?

Question 3.5: Flood plains

Are flood plains present?

☐ Yes ☐ No (if no, skip to question 3.6)

If present, briefly describe:

If impacts will occur, describe mitigation. If flood plains are present without expected impact, explain why:

What type of documentation will be required to complete the review of this information (qualitative analysis, detailed analysis, or none required)?

Question 3.6: Other Surface Waters

Are other types of surface waters present?

☐ Yes ☐ No

(If yes, check all those that apply in the following table. If no, skip to question 3.7)

Type of other surface waters (check if present)	Is there any expected impact?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reservoirs	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Lakes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Ponds	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Detention Basins	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Storm Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Provide a brief description *for each type of these surface waters present*:

For each type of these surface waters present, describe mitigation if any impacts will occur. If present without expected impact, explain why:

What type of documentation will be required to complete the review of this information (qualitative analysis, detailed analysis, or none required)?

Question 3.7: Vegetation

Is vegetation present?

☐ Yes ☐ No

(If yes, check all those that apply in the following table. If no, skip to question 3.8)

Type of vegetation (check if present)	Is there any expected impact?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Land	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Grasslands	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Provide a brief description *for each type of vegetation present*:

For each type of vegetation present, describe mitigation if any impacts will occur. If present without expected impact, explain why:

What type of documentation will be required to complete the review of this information (qualitative analysis, detailed analysis, or none required)?

Question 3.8: Threatened and Endangered Plants and Animals

Are threatened and endangered plants and animals present?

☐ Yes ☐ No (if no, skip to question 3.9)

If present, briefly describe:

If impacts will occur, describe mitigation. If threatened and endangered plants and animals are present without expected impact, explain why:

What type of documentation will be required to complete the review of this information (qualitative analysis, detailed analysis, or none required)?

Question 3.9: Wildlife Refuge or Habitat Areas

Are wildlife refuge or habitat areas present?

☐ Yes ☐ No (if no, skip to question 3.10)

If present, briefly describe:

If impacts will occur, describe mitigation. If wildlife refuge or habitat areas are present without expected impact, explain why:

What type of documentation will be required to complete the review of this information (qualitative analysis, detailed analysis, or none required)?

Question 3.10: Productive Agricultural Lands

Are productive agricultural lands present?

☐ Yes ☐ No

(If yes, check all those that apply in the following table. If no, skip to question 3.11)

Type of vegetation (check if present)	Is there any expected impact?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Active Agricultural Land	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Prime/Unique Soils	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Easement	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Zoning	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> State/Local Importance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Provide a brief description *for each type of productive agricultural lands present*:

For each type of productive agricultural land present, describe mitigation if any impacts will occur. If present without expected impact, explain why:

What type of documentation will be required to complete the review of this information (qualitative analysis, detailed analysis, or none required)?

Question 3.11: Groundwater Resources

Are groundwater resources present?

☐ Yes ☐ No

(If yes, check all those that apply in the following table. If no, skip to section 4)

Type of groundwater resources (check if present)	Is there any expected impact?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Well Head Protection Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Critical Aquifer	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Spring, seeps	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Residential Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> State, county, municipal, or local/public supply wells	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Provide a brief description *for each type of groundwater resources present*:

For each type of groundwater resource present, describe mitigation if any impacts will occur. If present without expected impact, explain why:

What type of documentation will be required to complete the review of this information (qualitative analysis, detailed analysis, or none required)?

Section 4: Man-Made, Site-Specific, and Community Features

Question 4.1: National or State Landmarks

Are wildlife refuge or habitat areas present?

☐ Yes ☐ No (if no, skip to question 4.2)

If present, briefly describe:

If impacts will occur, describe mitigation. If national or state landmarks are present without expected impact, explain why:

What type of documentation will be required to complete the review of this information (qualitative analysis, detailed analysis, or none required)?

Question 4.2: Historic Sites or Structures

Are historic sites or structures present?

☐ Yes ☐ No

(If yes, check all those that apply in the following table. If no, skip to question 4.3)

Type of historic sites or structures (check if present)	Is there any expected impact?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic District	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Provide a brief description *for each type of historic site and/or structures present*:

For each type of historic site and/or structures present, describe mitigation if any impacts will occur. If present without expected impact, explain why:

What type of documentation will be required to complete the review of this information (qualitative analysis, detailed analysis, or none required)?

Question 4.3: Archaeological Sites

Are known archaeological sites present?

☐ Yes ☐ No

(If yes, check all those that apply in the following table. If no, skip to question 4.4)

Type of archaeological sites or structures (check if present)	Is there any expected impact?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic Archaeology	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-historic Archaeology	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Provide a brief description *for each type of archaeological site present*:

For each type of archaeological site present, describe mitigation if any impacts will occur. If present without expected impact, explain why:

What type of documentation will be required to complete the review of this information (qualitative analysis, detailed analysis, or none required)?

Question 4.4: Protected Open Space and Conservation Areas

Are protected open spaces or conservation areas present?

☐ Yes ☐ No (if no, skip to question 4.5)

If present, briefly describe:

If impacts will occur, describe mitigation. If protected open spaces or conservation areas are present without expected impact, explain why:

What type of documentation will be required to complete the review of this information (qualitative analysis, detailed analysis, or none required)?

Question 4.5: Parks and Recreation Facilities

Are parks or recreation facilities present?

☐ Yes ☐ No (if no, skip to question 4.6)

If present, briefly describe:

If impacts will occur, describe mitigation. If any parks or recreation facilities are present without expected impact, explain why:

What type of documentation will be required to complete the review of this information (qualitative analysis, detailed analysis, or none required)?

Question 4.6: Equestrian and other designated trails and paths

Are equestrian or other designated trails and paths present?

☐ Yes ☐ No (if no, skip to question 4.7)

If present, briefly describe:

If impacts will occur, describe mitigation. If any equestrian or other designated trails and paths are present without expected impact, explain why:

What type of documentation will be required to complete the review of this information (qualitative analysis, detailed analysis, or none required)?

Question 4.7: Hazardous waste sites

Are hazardous waste sites present?

☐ Yes ☐ No (if no, skip to question 4.8)

If present, briefly describe:

If impacts will occur, describe mitigation. If hazardous waste sites are present without expected impact, explain why:

What type of documentation will be required to complete the review of this information (qualitative analysis, detailed analysis, or none required)?

Question 4.8: Sensitive Noise and Air Receptors

Are sensitive noise and air receptors (such as churches, residential areas, hospitals, libraries, or parks) present?

☐ Yes ☐ No (if no, skip to question 4.9)

If present, briefly describe:

If impacts will occur, describe mitigation measures. If sensitive noise and air receptors are present, but there is no expected impact, explain why:

What type of documentation will be required to complete the review of this information (qualitative analysis, detailed analysis, or none required)?

Question 4.9: Special Aesthetic Quality Areas (Scenic Corridors and Scenic Waterways)

Are special aesthetic quality areas present? Pay particular attention to scenic corridors and scenic waterways as defined in the Bedminster Township Master Plan.

☐ Yes ☐ No (if no, skip to question 4.10)

If present, briefly describe:

If impacts will occur, describe mitigation. If special aesthetic quality areas are present without expected impact, explain why:

What type of documentation will be required to complete the review of this information (qualitative analysis, detailed analysis, or none required)?

Question 4.10: Community Impacts

Describe any neighborhood and community impacts that may occur as a result of this project. If none, skip to question 4.11.

If impacts will occur, describe mitigation.

What type of documentation will be required to complete the review of this information (qualitative analysis, detailed analysis, or none required)?

Question 4.11: Traffic and Circulation Impact (Pre- and Post-Construction)

Will this project have any impact on traffic and circulation, either pre-construction or post-construction?

☐ Yes ☐ No

(If yes, check all those that apply in the following table. If no, continue to section 5.)

Type of traffic and circulation impact (check if present)	Is there any expected impact?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Post-construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Provide a brief description *for each type of traffic and circulation impact present*:

For each type of traffic and circulation impact present, describe mitigation measures:

What type of documentation will be required to complete the review of this information (qualitative analysis, detailed analysis, or none required)?

Section 5: 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)

For Environmental Commission use only:

Environmental Commission decision regarding EIS waiver request:

☐ EIS Waiver Recommended
☐ EIS Waiver Not Recommended

Environmental Commission recommends further study on the following areas:

<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