

URA Sustainability Policy

The Urban Redevelopment Authority's sustainability policy is designed to help developers incorporate sustainable building practice into their projects.

Overview

URA staff, along with representatives from the Green Building Alliance (GBA), will work with the development team to provide information, set project sustainability goals, and determine strategies to meet those goals.

Development teams will make a good faith effort to make their projects as environmentally sustainable as possible. The goals, strategies and features determined by the development team, URA staff, and GBA representative will be documented in a project Sustainability Plan. The URA will monitor the project's progress in accomplishing the objectives defined in the Plan.

Step 1

PROJECT INFORMATION/ ELIGIBILITY FORM

Complete attached project information and eligibility sheet and return to your URA project manager.

Step 2

SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHEET

If a project is not planning on seeking third-party certification, the URA will send a Sustainability Worksheet. Developer shall complete the worksheet, send a copy to the URA project manager, and bring a copy to the upcoming meeting with URA project manager and GBA representative.

THIRD-PARTY VERIFICATION

If a project will be seeking third-party certification, Developer shall send the appropriate checklist to the URA project manager and bring a copy to the upcoming meeting with URA project manager and GBA representative.

Step 3

SCHEDULE SUSTAINABILITY MEETING

URA project manager will work with Developer and GBA representative to set up a Sustainability Meeting. Project designers should attend this meeting.

Step 4

SUSTAINABILITY MEETING

Developer, URA Project Manager, and GBA representative will meet to discuss project, current sustainability goals, and other opportunities.

Step 5

FORMALIZE SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

GBA will formalize recommendations of the Sustainability Meeting into a memorandum. The developer will complete a Final Sustainability Plan based on those recommendations.

The URA will use the Final Sustainability Plan to review submitted construction drawings.

PROJECT NAME: _____

Submittal Date: _____

Final Sustainable Plan
Submittal Date: _____

Part 1: Project Information/Eligibility

Project Information:

Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Company Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Design Team: _____

LEED AP on Design Team: Yes No LEED AP Name: _____

Project Address: _____ Parcel Number: _____

Neighborhood: _____

Total Site Size (Sq. Ft.) _____ Council District: _____

Project Type: _____
(If project includes multiple use types,
list each type and gross square footage of each use)

Total Building Size (Sq. Ft.) _____
(If multiple buildings list each separately.)

Estimated Schedule: _____

Do you intend to complete an energy model for your project? Yes (already started) Yes (not started yet) No

Please check which, if any, third-party certifications you intend to secure for your project:

LEED — What Rating System: _____ Please Indicate Level: _____

Energy Star Passive House

Green Enterprise Community Living Building Challenge

Other (please specify): _____

None — If not pursuing Third Party Certification, why not? _____

PROJECT NAME: _____

Submittal Date: _____

Final Sustainable Plan Submittal Date: _____



Part 1: Project Information/Eligibility

Project Eligibility:

1 Is your project receiving URA financial assistance of an amount greater than or equal to \$250,000? (Note: "financial assistance" includes loan or grant funds directly provide by the URA; TIF project funding; pass-through funds; and indirect finance benefit provide by the URA as the result of writing down land value.)

Yes No

Are you purchasing land/property from the URA?

Yes No

If yes, are development costs expected to exceed \$250,000?

Yes No

2 Is your project:

New Construction
 Rehabilitation

3 Is you building structure greater than or equal to 10,000 square feet in total area?

Yes No

Which of the following uses does your project include?

Commercial/Mixed-Use
 Multifamily Residential
 Parking
 Structure
 Surface
 Other (Please Specify)

Are you aware the City of Pittsburgh's:

LEED Density Bonus allows an additional 20% in floor area ratio and height for buildings that achieve LEED for New Construction or LEED for Core and Shell Certification?

Yes No

Upcoming benchmarking legislation concerning the sharing of utility data?

Yes No

Are you aware of the Consent Decree and a potential fee for stormwater to help Pittsburgh's compliance?

Yes No

Separate utility monitoring?

Yes No

Thank you for completing this Project Information/Eligibility Form.

If you are pursuing third-party certification please submit your certification checklist.

If you are not planning to seek third-party certification, please fill out the Sustainability Worksheet.