URA
Sustainability Policy

The Urban Redevelopment Authority's sustainability policy is designed to help developers incorporate "green" features into their projects.

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 project as environmentally sustainable as possible. The goals, strategies and features determined by 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

CONTACT INFORMATION
Complete attached eligibility and preliminary information sheet and return to your URA project contact.

Step 2

THIRD-PARTY VERIFICATION
If a project will be seeking a third-party certification, the URA will send a checklist specific to that certification. Development team shall complete the checklist, send a copy to the URA project contact and bring a copy to the upcoming meeting with URA contact and GBA representative.

If a project is not planning on seeking a third-party certification, the URA will send a general questionnaire. Development team shall complete the questionnaire, send a copy to the URA project contact and bring a copy to the upcoming meeting with URA contact and GBA representative.

Step 3

SCHEDULE SUSTAINABILITY MEETING
URA contact will work with the developer and GBA representative to set up a Sustainability Meeting. Project Designers should attend this meeting.

Step 4

SUSTAINABILITY MEETING
Development team, URA contact and GBA representative will meet to discuss project, current sustainability goals expressed by early checklist / questionnaire, 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, which the URA will use as a touchstone throughout project development.
Three (3) copies of the Sustainability Plan will be signed by each party, and each party shall keep a copy.

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"THE URA IS COMMITTED TO FOSTERING, ENCOURAGING, AND SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND GREEN BUILDING PRACTICES TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICAL AND POSSIBLE IN THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH."

Project Eligibility & Preliminary Information

1a. Is your project receiving URA financial assistance of an amount greater than or equal to $250,000? (Note: "financial assistance" includes loan or grant of funds directly provided by the URA; TIF project funding; pass-through funds; and indirect financial benefit provided by the URA as the result of writing down land value.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

1b. Is your project benefitting from the sale of land by 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 your 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

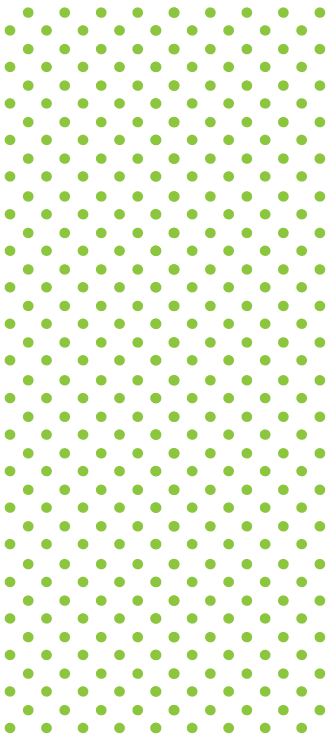☐ Parking

☐ Structure

☐ Surface

☐ Other (please specify):

_____

4. Are you aware of the density bonus available for LEED certified projects in the City of Pittsburgh?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, would you like more information on this incentive?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Project Information

Project Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Project Type: _____

Project Address: _____

Parcel Number: _____

Project Neighborhood: _____

Total Site Size (sq ft): _____

Total Building Size (sq ft): _____

Estimated Schedule: _____

Does your project include structured parking? _____

Have you started, or do you intend to start, an energy model for your project?

[ ] Yes, I have started an energy model

[ ] I intend to start an energy model later in the process

[ ] I do not at this point intend to do any energy modeling

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

[ ] LEED

    Please indicate rating system: _____

    Please indicate level: _____

    If not pursuing LEED, why not? _____

[ ] Energy Star   [ ] Passive House

[ ] Green Enterprise Community   [ ] Living Building Challenge

[ ] Other (please specify): _____