

Ramsey Borough Adopts Environmental Application Ordinance

On May 9 Ramsey Borough officials adopted an ordinance that requires all developers to fill out an "application for environmental review" checklist as part of the application procedure. Written by environmental commission members, the ordinance, "is a major step forward in letting developers know what we are looking for," explains Walter Staab, commission member.

The developer receives the checklist when he initiates the application and then returns it to the planning board which passes it on to the environmental commission. The ordinance itself states: "All plans and applications to the Borough Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Adjustment or the Building Department for site plan approval, major subdivision approval or for approval of any new use or change in use shall be referred to the Environmental Commission for review and neither the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Adjustment nor the Building Department shall take final action upon any application until the report and recommendation of the Environmental Commission is received and considered."

Below is a reprint of Ramsey Borough's environmental application checklist.

THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REVIEW

PURPOSE: This Application provides the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Ramsey with information needed to help determine, in an orderly manner, whether a project or action may be significant. The Applicant has a legal responsibility to answer truthfully and completely and will be held accountable for information provided herein. The review hereof and resolution of all questions relating hereto are required prior to the start of any site work.

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer **each item** in the space provided. This application must be submitted together with project drawings. If additional space is needed, or the addition of maps or drawings would help clarify an item, please identify each additional sheet with the appropriate item number and sign the bottom of each added document to certify its correctness. Then reference the sheet number under the item it answers herein.

APPLICANT Company / Individual: _____
 Responsible Person: _____ Title: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 SITE LOCATION Street Address: _____
 Zone: _____ Block: _____ Lot: _____

1. SITE DESCRIPTION

- 1.1 Present Use _____
- 1.2 Total acreage of project site: _____

Present	Planned	
		Wetland
		Wooded
		Water surface area
		Unvegetated (rock, earth or fill)
		Roads, buildings & other paved surfaces
		Other (indicate type) _____

- 1.3 Briefly describe & list existing **predominant** flora and fauna: _____
- 1.4 Does the site contain any species of plant or animal life that is identified as threatened or endangered?
 _____ (Yes or No) If yes:
 a) Cite source: _____
 b) Identify each species: _____
- 1.5 Predominant soil type(s) of project site:
 Well drained _____ % of site.
 Moderately well drained _____ % of site.
 Poorly drained _____ % of site.
- 1.6 Approximate percentage of site with slopes:
 0-10% slopes _____ % of site.
 10-20% slopes _____ % of site.
 21% or greater slopes _____ % of site.

1.7 Is the project site contiguous to, or does it contain, a building, site, or district listed on the State or National Registers of Historic Places or Natural Landmarks? (Yes or No) If yes, identify:

1.8 What is the depth of the water table? feet.

1.9 Is the site over or located within 300 feet of a primary, principal or sole source aquifer? (yes or No) If so, identify it:

1.10 Is the project site presently used by the community or neighborhood as an open space or recreation area? (Yes or No) If yes, explain:

1.11 Identify all streams, ponds, wetland areas and lakes within or contiguous to the project site: 1.12 Is the site served by existing public utilities? (yes or No) If yes, does sufficient capacity exist to allow connection? (Yes or No) Will improvements be necessary to allow connection? Describe necessary improvements:

1.13 Has the site ever been used for the disposal or storage of solid or hazardous wastes? (yes or No) If yes, describe:

1.14 List all hazardous, toxic, dangerous or chemical substances currently used or stored OR proposed to be used or stored on site. Describe and provide details of such substances, quantities used and stored, purpose of each, storage method and location. -

ANNUAL STORAGE , SUBSTANCE NAME QUANTITY USE METHOD LOCATION

1.15 Describe spill containment controls for substances listed in paragraph 1.14:

1.16 List waste hauler(s) name(s), address(es) and NJ ID#(s) and attach copies of existing pertinent permits. (If not available; at time of application, so state. Prior to final approval, this information must be on file.):

1.17 Enclose a recent photograph of the site. On its back identify with name, address and date taken.

/ 2, PROJECT DESCRIPTION

2.1 Description and Purpose of proposed project:

2.2 Will the project alter the patterns of behavior of animals? Example: deer. (yes or No) Explain:

2.3 Will the project cause or increase water pollution, air pollution OR noise pollution? (Yes or No) -". If yes for anyone, describe: . If no because control measure(s) will be implemented, describe control measures:

2.4 Will the project adversely affect the water table in the area? (yes or No) Explain:

2.5 Will the project increase the stability or instability of the soils or geology of the site? (Yes or No) Explain:

2.6 Will the project increase traffic? (Yes or No) If yes, quantify:

2.7 Will the project destroy or have deleterious effects on existing recreational uses? (Yes or No) Explain:

2.8 Will environmental monitoring programs be needed? (Yes or No) If yes, describe each:

2.9 List alternatives to the proposed project:

2.10 Identify problems or objections raised by individual(s), or local, state and federal agencies: 2.11 Dimensions of largest proposed structure:
Height Width Length

2.12 List species and number of each tree with a trunk diameter of 6 inches or greater as measured 1 foot from grade that is to be destroyed:
Species Number % of total @ site

2.13 Quantity and type of each natural material to be removed from the site (ie: rock, earth, etc.):

2.14 Anticipated period of construction: (mo./day/yr.) to (mo./day/yr.) 2.15 Will blasting occur during construction (yes or No)

2.16 Is surface liquid waste disposal involved (Yes or No) (a) If yes, indicate exact substance and quantity of each:

(b) Name each body of water into which the effluent will flow (immediately or eventually): 2.17 Is subsurface liquid waste disposal involved? (Yes or No) (a) If yes, indicate exact substance and quantity of each:

(b) Name each body of water into which the effluent will flow (immediately or eventually):

2.18 Will project development or completion increase or decrease the surface area of any body of water? (Yes or No) If yes, explain:

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, " , 2.1.9 Is the project or any portion located in a 100 year flood plain? (yes or No) 2.20 Will the project generate solid waste? (Yes or No) If yes:

(a) Quantity per month: tons.

(b) Will an existing solid waste facility be used? (yes or No) (c) Give name and location of facility:

(d) Will any wastes not go into a sanitary landfill (Yes or No) If yes, explain:

2.21 Will the project involve the disposal or storage of any solid waste? (Yes or No) If yes:

(a) What is the anticipated disposal site life? years

(b) List waste hauler(s) name(s), address(es) and NJ ID#(s) (If not available at time of application, so state. Prior to final approval, this information must be on file.):

2.22 List proposed pollution containment equipment:

2.23 Will the project use herbicides or pesticides? (Yes or No) If yes, identify and quantify each and describe use:

2.24 Will the project produce odors? (Yes or No) If yes, explain:

2.25 Will the project produce operating noise exceeding the local ambient noise levels? (Yes or No) - If yes, explain:

2.26 Will the project result in an increase in energy use? (Yes or No) If yes: (a) Indicate type(s);

2.27 What forms of energy conservation have been included? If none, explain conservation measures evaluated and reasons for not implementing them:

2.28 If water supply is from wells, indicate number of wells, pumping capacity and depth of aquifer for each: 2.29 Total anticipated annual average water usage per day:

2.30 Does the project involve the extension of any utility service through a body of water? (Yes or No) If yes, explain: "}

2.31 Explain how the project will alter drainage flow patterns or surface water runoff;

3. AFFIDAVIT

State of New Jersey
SS County of Bergen

Before me the subscriber personally appeared to me known, who being duly sworn according to law, does depose and say that this application contains no misrepresentation or falsification, omissions or concealment of material fact, and that the information given by me is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. 7

Sworn and subscribed before me this day of, 19 .

(NOTARY PUBLIC'S SIGNATURE) (APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE) ,

New ANJEC Recycling Project

Under a grant from the New Jersey Office of Recycling, ANJEC will be working with environmental commissions, many of whom have long experience in the field, to support municipal recycling programs. Articles will appear in the ANJEC REPORT and next spring we Will hold workshops on how commissions can effectively assist local recycling efforts.

ANJEC also will gather new information on an area where commissioners can help -recycling from commercial sources. This segment of recycling has often proved difficult for municipalities to organize. ANJEC's research will lead to publication of a manual on commercial recycling near the end of the grant period in 1991.