

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA SCORECARD

MassHousing encourages housing development that is consistent with sustainable development designs and green building practices. Prior to completing this form, please refer to the Commonwealth's Sustainable Development Principles (adopted May 2007) available at: Sustainable Development Principles

Developer Self-Assessment

(for Consistency with Sustainable Development Principles)

Redevelop First

If Rehabilitation:

Rehabilitation/Redevelopment/Improvements to Structure	No
Rehabilitation/Redevelopment/Improvements to Infrastructure	No

If New Construction:

- Contributes to revitalization of town center or neighborhood	No
- Walkable to:	
(a) transit	No
(b) downtown or village center	No
(c) school	No
(d) library	No
(e) retail, services, or employment center	No
- Located in municipally-approved growth center	No

Explanation (Required):

Optional - Demonstration of Municipal Support

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| - Letter of Support from the Chief Elected Official of the municipality * | No |
| - Housing development involves municipal funding | No |
| - Housing development involves land owned or donated by the municipality | No |

**Other acceptable evidence: Zoning variance issued by ZBA for project; Minutes from Board of Selectman meeting showing that project was discussed and approved, etc.*

Explanation (Required)

Method 2: Development meets a minimum of **five (5)** of the Commonwealth's *Sustainable Development Principles*, as shown in the next section below.

If the development involves strong **municipal support** (evidence of such support must be submitted as an attachment), the development need only meet **four (4)** of the *Sustainable Development Principles*. However, one (1) of the Principles met must be **Protect Land and Ecosystems**.

Please explain at the end of each category how the development follows the relevant *Sustainable Development Principle(s)* and explain how the development demonstrates each of the checked "X" statements listed under the *Sustainable Development Principle(s)*.

(1) Concentrate Development and Mix Uses

Support the revitalization of city and town centers and neighborhoods by promoting development that is compact, conserves land, protects historic resources, and integrates uses. Encourage remediation and reuse of existing sites, structures, and infrastructure rather than new construction in undeveloped areas. Create pedestrian friendly districts and neighborhoods that mix commercial, civic, cultural, educational, and recreational activities with open spaces and homes.

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| - Higher density than surrounding area | Yes |
| - Mixes uses or adds new uses to an existing neighborhood | Yes |
| - Includes multi-family housing | Yes |
| - Utilizes existing water/sewer infrastructure | Yes |
| - Compact and/or clustered so as to preserve undeveloped land | Yes |
| - Reuse existing sites, structured, or infrastructure | No |
| - Pedestrian friendly | No |
| - Other (discuss below) | No |

Explanation (Required)

The project is a much higher density than any surrounding or nearby residential uses and will be introducing multi-family rental housing in an affluent municipality with very little rental housing of any kind. The site will be connecting to the municipal water supply with the Applicant constructing a new connection to the Town's water main which other users will be able to benefit from.

(2) Advance Equity & Make Efficient Decisions

Promote equitable sharing of the benefits and burdens of development. Provide technical and strategic support for inclusive community planning and decision making to ensure social, economic, and environmental justice. Ensure that the interests of future generations are not compromised by today's decisions.

Promote development in accordance with smart growth and environmental stewardship.

- Concerted public participation effort (beyond the minimally required public hearings)	Yes
- Streamlined permitting process, such as 40B or 40R	Yes
- Universal Design and/or visitability	No
- Creates affordable housing in middle to upper income area and/or meets regional need	Yes
- Creates affordable housing in high poverty area	No
- Promotes diversity and social equity and improves the neighborhood	No
- Includes environmental cleanup and/or neighborhood improvement in an Environmental Justice Community	No
- Other (discuss below)	No

Explanation (Required)

The Applicant spent the better part of eight months, and many public hearings, working directly with the Town, including the Board of Selectmen on all technical elements of this proposal. Some suggestions and comments received at those public meetings have been reflected in the submitted plans. The Applicant will be filing an Application for a Comprehensive Permit under Chapter 40B. Manchester by the Sea is one of the more affluent municipalities in Massachusetts with scarce rental housing.

(3) Protect Land and Ecosystems

Protect and restore environmentally sensitive lands, natural resources, agricultural lands, critical habitats, wetlands and water resources, and cultural and historic landscapes. Increase the quantity, quality and accessibility of open spaces and recreational opportunities.

- Creation or preservation of open space or passive recreational facilities	Yes
- Protection of sensitive land, including prime agricultural land, critical habitats, and wetlands	No
- Environmental remediation or clean up	No
- Responds to state or federal mandate (e.g., clean drinking water, drainage, etc.)	No
- Eliminates or reduces neighborhood blight	No
- Addresses public health and safety risk	No
- Cultural or Historic landscape/existing neighborhood enhancement	No
- Other (discuss below)	No

Explanation (Required)

The Applicant has informally agreed to a conservation restriction on land controlled by the Applicant but not necessary for the development.

(4) Use Natural Resources Wisely

Construct and promote developments, buildings, and infrastructure that conserve natural resources by reducing waste and pollution through efficient use of land, energy, water and materials.

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| - Uses alternative technologies for water and/or wastewater treatment | Yes |
| - Uses low impact development (LID) for other innovative techniques | Yes |
| - Other (discuss below) | No |

Explanation (Required)

The Applicant has agreed to not use any municipal water to irrigate the property. The Applicant will design the building to be fully compliant with local and state energy codes and the International Building Code including: high efficiency lighting fixtures and HVAC systems, low-flow plumbing fixtures, and energy-star appliances. The project will also feature dark-sky compliant exterior lighting.

(5) Expand Housing Opportunities

Support the construction and rehabilitation of homes to meet the needs of people of all abilities, income levels and household types. Build homes near jobs, transit, and where services are available. Foster the development of housing, particularly multifamily and single-family homes, in a way that is compatible with a community's character and vision and with providing new housing choices for people of all means.

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| - Includes rental units, including for low/mod households | Yes |
| - Includes homeownership units, including for low/mod households | No |
| - Includes housing options for special needs and disabled population | Yes |
| - Expands the term of affordability | No |
| - Homes are near jobs, transit and other services | No |
| - Other (discuss below) | No |

Explanation (Required)

The Applicant is proposing rental housing in an affluent municipality with no material supply of rental housing. Moreover, as all living space will be single level and elevator accessible, the proposed nature of the residences are particularly attractive to any population with mobility impairments.

(6) Provide Transportation Choice

Maintain and expand transportation options that maximize mobility, reduce congestion, conserve fuel and improve air quality. Prioritize rail, bus, boat, rapid and surface transit, shared-vehicle and shared-ride services, bicycling and walking. Invest strategically in existing and new passenger and freight transportation infrastructure that supports sound economic development consistent with smart growth objectives.

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| - Walkable to public transportation | No |
| - Reduces dependence on private automobiles (e.g., provides previously unavailable shared transportation, such as Zip Car or shuttle buses) | No |
| - Increased bike and ped access | No |
| - For rural areas, located in close proximity (i.e., approximately one mile) to a transportation corridor that provides access to employment centers, retail/commercial centers, civic or cultural destinations | Yes |
| - Other (discuss below) | No |

Explanation (Required)

The proposed project is only several hundred feet from an on-ramp to Route 128. It is also approximately 1.8 miles to the MBTA commuter rail.

(7) Increase Job and Business Opportunities

Attract businesses and jobs to locations near housing, infrastructure, and transportation options. Promote economic development in industry clusters. Expand access to education, training and entrepreneurial opportunities. Support growth of local businesses, including sustainable natural resource-based businesses, such as agriculture, forestry, clean energy technology and fisheries.

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| - Permanent Jobs | Yes |
| - Permanent jobs for low- or moderate- income persons | Yes |
| - Jobs near housing, service or transit | No |
| - Housing near an employment center | No |
| - Expand access to education, training or entrepreneurial opportunities | No |
| - Support local business | No |
| - Support natural resource-based businesses (i.e., farming, forestry, or aquaculture) | No |
| - Re-uses or recycles materials from a local or regional industry's waste stream | No |
| - Support manufacture of resource-efficient materials, such as recycled or low-toxicity materials | No |
| - Support businesses that utilize locally produced resources such as locally harvested wood or agricultural products | No |
| - Other (discuss below) | No |

Explanation (Required)

The proposed project will feature full-time property management and necessary maintenance and support staff across all technical trades (plumbing, electrical, landscaping, maintenance).

(8) Promote Clean Energy

Maximize energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities. Support energy conservation strategies, local clean power generation, distributed generation technologies, and innovative industries. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and consumption of fossil fuels.

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| - Energy Star or Equivalent* | Yes |
| - Uses renewable energy source, recycled and/or non-/low-toxic materials, exceeds the state energy code, is configured to optimize solar access, and/or otherwise results in was reduction and conservation of resources | Yes |
| - Other (discuss below) | No |

*All units are required by MassHousing to be Energy Star Efficient. Please include in your explanation a description of how the development will meet Energy Star criteria.

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(9) Plan Regionally

Support the development and implementation of local and regional, state and interstate plans that have broad public support and are consistent with these principles. Foster development projects, land and water conservation, transportation and housing that have a regional or multi-community benefit. Consider the long term costs and benefits to the Commonwealth.

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| - Consistent with a municipally supported regional plan | Yes |
| - Addresses barriers identified in a Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing | Yes |
| - Measureable public benefit beyond the applicant community | No |
| - Other (discuss below) | No |

Explanation (Required)

The proposal meets many of the goals and objectives identified in the Town's own Planned Production Plan and "Manchester Master Plan".

More specifically:

- "Rental housing is the top priority"