WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
HIGHLANDS CHECKLIST ORDINANCE DETERMINATION
NJ HIGHLANDS COUNCIL CHECKLIST ORDINANCE

Before any application may proceed to a public hearing, the reviewing Board must deem an application complete. This form is used to determine whether your application may be deemed complete in accordance with the Highlands Council Checklist Ordinance.

Separate Washington Township Checklists are used by the Board to determine whether your application may be deemed administratively and technically complete, pursuant to Washington Township Subdivision and Site Plan Checklists. This form is only used to determine whether the application may be deemed complete in accordance with the NJ Highlands Council Checklist Ordinance, the requirements for which are found in the Washington Township ordinance at §§111-59-65.

Date:____________________

Applicant’s Name:__________________________________________________________

Block_______ Lot__________

Address:_______________________________________________________________

Check One: _____Highlands PLANNING Area       _____Highlands PRESERVATION Area

Application Number ______________________

Please Indicate the Following:

Exclusions

Any improvement listed in the Highlands Checklist Ordinance as an “Exclusion” (see Section 111-61) is not subject to the Ordinance and therefore does not require submission of a Highlands Council Consistency Determination as a condition of completeness. Please complete the following section:

1. The Application consists of a project/improvement that is excluded from the provisions of the Highlands Checklist Ordinance.   _____Yes   _____No

2. The applicable exclusion(s) is/are: _______________________________________________
________________________________________

Highlands Act Exemptions

Any proposed activity, improvement, or development project listed as an exemption in the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq., “Highlands Act”) is not subject to the submission requirements of the Highlands Checklist Ordinance (see Section 111-62). Evidence of a formal exemption determination must be provided by submission of either a Highlands Applicability Determination (HAD) issued by the NJDEP or a Highlands Exemption Determination issued by the
Highlands Council. Determinations are issued by the NJDEP for projects located in the Highlands Preservation Area and by the Highlands Council for those within the Highlands Planning Area. Exemptions are listed on the attached sheet entitled “Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act Exemptions and Waivers,” pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:38-2.2(a) 1-17.

Please indicate the following:

1. The Application is accompanied by a Highlands Applicability Determination (HAD) issued by the NJDEP indicating that the proposed project is exempt from the Highlands Act.  _____Yes  _____No

2. The Application is accompanied by a Highlands Exemption Determination issued by the Highlands Council indicating that the proposed project is exempt from the Highlands Act.  _____Yes  _____No

If the answer to either question 1 or 2, above, is “yes,” the Applicant has satisfactorily demonstrated that the Application is exempt from the Highlands Act and is therefore not subject to the Highlands Checklist Ordinance. In such instances, the Application may be deemed complete without submission of a Highlands Council Consistency Determination.

3. The applicable exemption(s) is/are:  

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Waivers

Under specific circumstances, the Applicant may be entitled to a waiver from the Highlands Checklist Ordinance, in which case the application may be deemed complete without submission of a Highlands Council Consistency Determination. Pursuant to Section 111-63 of the Highlands Checklist Ordinance, these include the following:

A. The activity, improvement or development proposed by the subject Application for Development has not yet been formally determined to be exempt from the Highlands Act, but eligibility for an exemption has been sufficiently established by the Applicant; and

B. The activity, improvement or development proposed in the Application for Development will neither encroach upon a Highlands Resource or Highlands Resource Area, nor be of detrimental impact to any Highlands resource or Highlands Resource Area as these are identified and delineated in the Highlands Regional Master Plan. The Applicant’s professional(s) responsible for preparation of the Applicant’s plan shall establish compliance of the above through a formal certification specifically addressing the Highlands Resources and Resource Areas and related policies and objectives as identified in Chapter 4 of the Highlands Regional Master Plan.

1. The Applicant is eligible for a waiver.  _____Yes  _____No

2. If applicable, the waiver is hereby granted under standard _____ (A, above) _____ (B, above) of the Highlands Checklist Ordinance.

   a. For a waiver pursuant to A above, the applicable exemption(s) is/are:
b. For a waiver pursuant to B above, the items submitted and the rationale for approval are:

I hereby certify that the information provided above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if any of the foregoing statements are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Name of Applicant/Authorized Representative | Signature of Applicant/Representative
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