



Home Investment Partnerships and National Housing Trust Fund: Environmental Review

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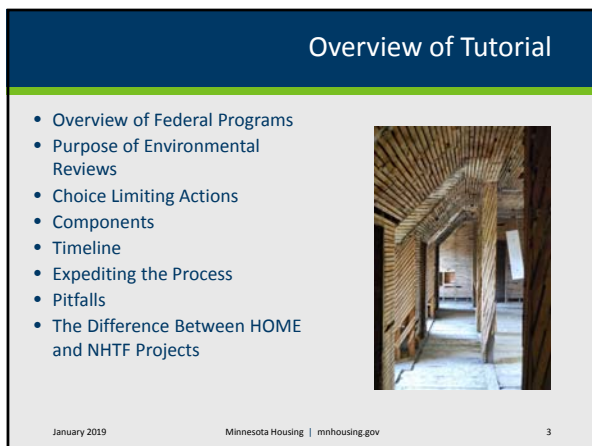


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Our Mission


Housing is the foundation for success, so we collaborate with individuals, communities and partners to create, preserve and finance affordable housing.

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Overview of Federal Programs

Home Investment Partnerships (HOME)


- Production or preservation of rental housing affordable and available to low-income households
- 24 CFR Part 92

National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)

- Production or preservation of rental housing affordable and available to extremely low-income households
- 24 CFR Part 93

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Purpose of Environmental Reviews



- An environmental review is the process of reviewing a project and its potential environmental impacts to determine whether it complies with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and related laws and authorities.
- An environmental review must be performed before any funds, regardless of source, are committed to a project.


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Choice Limiting Actions

- A choice limiting action includes any physical activity including acquisition, rehabilitation, and construction, as well as contracting for or committing to any of these actions.
- Undertaking any of these actions prior to completion of the environmental review will cause your project to lose federal funding.
- If you are in doubt about what you can or cannot do, contact your assigned federal programs team member and check BEFORE taking any action.
- Examples of Choice Limiting Actions
 - Signing contracts, including architect contracts, general contractor contracts, attorney contracts, purchase contracts
 - Spending money to purchase supplies and materials
 - Construction or rehabilitation beyond normal, routine property maintenance

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Environmental Review Components



- Historic preservation
- Floodplain management
- Noise abatement and control
- Site contamination

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Environmental Review Timeline

Soon after the project launch meeting, your federal programs team member will begin the environmental review process.

- Phase I
- Noise Analysis Questionnaire
- Figure 19 (if applicable)

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Expediting the Environmental Review Process



- Submit your Phase I as early as possible.
- Be responsive to correspondence from your federal programs team member.

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Environmental Review Pitfalls



- Phase I
- Historic preservation
- Noise
- Flood zone

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The Difference Between HOME and NHTF


- Federal laws and authorities are the same
- NHTF does not require publishing or a public comment period

HOME	NHTF
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phase I required• Noise Analysis• SHPO determination• Review completed; published and 30-day comment period• HUD releases funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phase I required• Noise Analysis• SHPO determination• Review completed; no publishing or comment period• No release of funds; review is complete after federal programs team member signs off on review

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Next Steps

- Complete due diligence items that are listed in the Portal
- Watch other tutorials as needed
- Stay connected with your federal programs team lead



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Thank You!

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