

Environmental Justice (CEST and EA)

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Determine if the project creates adverse environmental impacts upon a low-income or minority community. If it does, engage the community in meaningful participation about mitigating the impacts or move the project.	Executive Order 12898	
References		
https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/environmental-justice		

HUD strongly encourages starting the Environmental Justice analysis only after all other laws and authorities, including Environmental Assessment factors if necessary, have been completed.

1. Were any adverse environmental impacts identified in any other compliance review portion of this project's total environmental review?

☐ Yes → *Continue to Question 2.*

☒ No → *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.*

2. Were these adverse environmental impacts disproportionately high for low-income and/or minority communities?

☐ Yes

Explain:

→ *Continue to Question 3. Provide any supporting documentation.*

☐ No

Explain:

→ *Continue to the Worksheet Summary and provide any supporting documentation.*

3. All adverse impacts should be mitigated. Explain in detail the proposed measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.

☐ Mitigation as follows will be implemented:

→ Continue to Question 4.

☐ No mitigation is necessary.

Explain why mitigation will not be made here:

→ Continue to Question 4.

4. Describe how the affected low-income or minority community was engaged or meaningfully involved in the decision on what mitigation actions, if any, will be taken.

→ Continue to the Worksheet Summary and provide any supporting documentation.

Worksheet Summary

Compliance Determination

Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

The project has no adverse environmental impacts upon a low-income or minority community.

- There is no significant minority community present in Lewistown; The EJ Screen Report shows only 4% people of color in a half mile radius and 6% within a mile radius. The project will affirmatively market the homes to people of color, people with disabilities, indigenous people, and all protected classes.
- There is no concentration of low-income housing in the area – within a half mile radius there are no subsidized housing properties (one exists just outside the radius) and no public housing identified.
- There is no concentration of low-income people in the area – within a half mile radius, 41% are identified as low-income, with 39% low-income within a mile radius.
- There are no significant environmental hazards in the area – the EJ Screen Report shows that all environmental indicators are either lower than the state or just slightly higher (Ozone) except RMP proximity, which is higher due to the downtown location and the primary offices of the local cable and internet located a few blocks from the property.

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

☐ Yes

☒ No