This overlay provides clarifications and instructions for the technical requirements for the NYC Build It Back Rebuild projects required to certify through the Enterprise Green Communities Criteria, which are overseen by the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD).

To achieve Enterprise Green Communities Certification, all projects must achieve compliance with the Criteria's mandatory measures and achieve 35 additional points. This overlay requires that projects achieve respective points in the measures required by the HPD as outlined in the checklist below.

- Together, the mandatory criteria along with the HPD required criteria represent the minimum threshold for a project financed by HPD, and represent 25 points.
- Projects must implement at least 10 additional points to comply with Enterprise's certification threshold.
- Projects can elect to go beyond this minimum set of criteria to meet the development goals of the project by selecting additional optional points beyond measures required by HPD.

This checklist summarizes the Enterprise Green Communities Criteria and HPD's modifications and clarifications related to the NYC Build it Back Rebuild Program. Except as indicated below, projects should refer to the full 2011 Enterprise Green Communities Criteria for detailed guidance.
1: INTEGRATIVE DESIGN

1.1a Green Development Plan: Integrative Design Meeting(s)
Conduct one or more integrative design meetings and submit a Green Development Plan or equivalent documentation.

1.1b Green Development Plan: Criteria Documentation
Create design and construction documentation to include information on implementation of appropriate Enterprise Green Communities Criteria.

1.2a Universal Design (New Construction only)
Design a minimum of 15% of the dwelling units (no fewer than one) in accordance with ICC/ANSI A117.1, Type A, Fully Accessible guidelines.

1.2b Universal Design (Substantial and Moderate Rehab only)
Design a minimum of 10% of the dwelling units (no fewer than one) in accordance with ICC/ANSI A117.1, Type A, Fully Accessible guidelines [2 points] and, for an additional point, the remainder of the ground-floor units and elevator-reachable units should have accessible unit entrances.

HPD Build It Back Overlay:
This criterion is not applicable to the NYC Build It Back Rebuild Program

2: LOCATION + NEIGHBORHOOD FABRIC

2.1 Sensitive Site Protection
Do not locate new development, including buildings, built structures, roads, or other parking areas, on portions of sites that meet any of the following provisions:
• Land within 100 feet of wetlands, including isolated wetlands or streams
• Land on slope greater than 15%
• Land with prime soils, unique soils, or soils of state significance
• Public parkland
• Land that is specifically identified as habitat for any species on federal or state threatened or endangered lists
• Land with elevation at or below the 100-year floodplain

HPD Build It Back Overlay:
This criterion is not applicable to the NYC Build It Back Rebuild Program
2.2 Connections to Existing Development and Infrastructure
(New Construction only, except for projects located on rural tribal lands, in colonias communities, or in communities of population less than 10,000)
Locate project on a site with access to existing roads, water, sewers, and other infrastructure within or contiguous to existing development. Connect the project to the pedestrian grid.

HPD Build it Back Overlay
This criterion is not applicable to the NYC Build It Back Rebuild Program

2.3 Compact Development
Design and build the project to a density of at least:

- **Urban/Small Cities**: 10 dwelling units per acre, or at least 75% of surrounding net residential density, whichever is greater
- **Suburban/Mid-Size Towns**: 7 dwelling units per acre, or at least 75% of surrounding net residential density, whichever is greater
- **Rural/Tribal/Small Towns**: 5 units per acre for detached or semi-detached housing; 10 units per acre for townhomes; 15 units per acre for apartments

HPD Build it Back Overlay
This criterion is not applicable to the NYC Build It Back Rebuild Program

2.4 Compact Development
Design and build the project to a density of at least:

- **Urban/Small Cities**: 15 dwelling units per acre, or at least 75% of surrounding net residential density, whichever is greater [5 points]
- **Suburban/Mid-Size Towns**: 10 dwelling units per acre, or at least 75% of surrounding net residential density, whichever is greater [6 points]
- **Rural/Tribal/Small Towns**: 7.5 units per acre for detached or semi-detached housing; 12 units per acre for townhomes; 20 units per acre for apartments [6 points]

HPD Build it Back Overlay:
Some HPD NYC Build It Back Rebuild projects will meet this requirement and would therefore be eligible for these points.

To determine the project density requirement, use the Center for Neighborhood Technology website: http://apps.cnt.org/residential-density/#. Then refer to the full Criteria document for guidance to calculate project net density.

2.5 Proximity to Services
Locate the project within:

- **Urban/Small Cities**: a 0.25-mile walk distance of at least two OR a 0.5-mile walk distance of at least four of the list of facilities
- **Suburban/Mid-Size Towns**: a 0.5-mile walk distance of at least three OR a 1-mile walk distance of at least six of the list of facilities
- **Rural/Tribal/Small Towns**: two miles of at least two of the list of facilities

HPD Build it Back Overlay:
This criterion is not applicable to the NYC Build It Back Rebuild Program

**2.6 Preservation of and Access to Open Space: Rural/Tribal/Small Towns Only**
Set aside a minimum of 10% of the total project acreage as open space for use by residents **OR** locate project within a 0.25-mile walk distance of dedicated public open space that is a minimum of 0.75 acres

**HPD Build it Back Overlay:**
This criterion is not applicable to the NYC Build It Back Rebuild Program

**2.7 Preservation of and Access to Open Space**
Set aside a percentage of the total project acreage as open space for use by residents: 20% **[1 point]**; 30% **[2 points]**; and 40% + written statement of preservation/conservation policy for set-aside land **[3 points]**

**2.8 Access to Public Transportation**
Locate the project within:
- **Urban/Small Cities:** a 0.5-mile walk distance of combined transit services (bus, rail, and ferry) constituting 76 or more transit rides per weekday and 32 or more transit rides on the weekend
- **Suburban/Mid-Size Towns:** a 0.5-mile walk distance of combined transit services (bus, rail, and ferry) constituting 60 or more transit rides per weekday and some type of weekend ride option
- **Rural/Tribal/Small Towns:** 5-mile distance of either a vehicle share program, a dial-a-ride program, an employer van pool, or public–private regional transportation

**2.9 Walkable Neighborhoods: Connections to Surrounding Neighborhood—Rural/Tribal/Small Towns**
Connect the project to public spaces, open spaces, and adjacent development by providing at least three separate connections from the project to sidewalks or pathways in surrounding neighborhoods and natural areas.

**2.10 Smart Site Location: Passive Solar Heating/Cooling**
Demonstrate a building with a passive solar design, orientation, and shading that meet specified guidelines. **Select one:**
- **Single building—New Construction** **[7 points max]**
- **Multiple buildings—New Construction** **[7 points max]**
- **Moderate or Substantial Rehab** **[7 points max]**

**HPD Build it Back Overlay:**
Recommended where possible

**2.11 Brownfield or Adaptive Reuse Site**
Locate the project on a brownfield or adaptive reuse site. **Select either:** adaptive reuse site **[2 points]** or brownfield remediation **[2 points]**

**2.12 Access to Fresh, Local Foods**
Pursue one of three options to provide residents and staff with access to fresh, local foods, including neighborhood farms and gardens; community-supported
agriculture; proximity to farmers market.

2.13 LEED for Neighborhood Development Certification
Locate the project in a Stage 2 Pre-Certified LEED for Neighborhood Development plan or a Stage 3 LEED for Neighborhood Development Certified Neighborhood Development.

3: SITE IMPROVEMENTS

3.1 Environmental Remediation
Conduct an environmental site assessment to determine whether any hazardous materials are present on site.

HPD Build it Back Overlay:
NYC Build it Back will conduct a Tier 1 and 2 Environmental Assessments for each property.

3.2 Erosion and Sedimentation Control (Except for infill sites with buildable area smaller than one acre)

3.3 Low-Impact Development (New Construction only)
Projects located on greenfields must meet the list of low-impact development criteria.

3.4 Landscaping
Provide new plants (including trees, shrubs, and ground cover) such that at least 50% of area available for landscaping is planted with native or adaptive species, all new plants are appropriate to the site’s soil and microclimate, and none of the new plants is an invasive species.

3.5 Efficient Irrigation and WaterReuse
If irrigation is utilized, install an efficient irrigation or water reuse system.

3.6 Surface Stormwater Management
Retain, infiltrate, and/or harvest stormwater on site. Select only one: partial stormwater retention [2 points] or full stormwater retention [6 points]

SUBTOTAL POINTS
4: WATER CONSERVATION

4.1 Water-Conserving Fixtures
Install or retrofit water-conserving fixtures in all units and any common facilities with the following specifications: Toilets—1.28 gpf; Urinals—0.5 gpf; Showerheads—2.0 gpm; Kitchen faucets—2.0 gpm; Bathroom faucets—1.5 gpm

HPD Build it Back Overlay:
NYC Build it Back homes will automatically meet this criteria as they are required to meet the specifications listed in 4.2 Advanced Water-Conserving Appliances and Fixtures

4.2 Advanced Water-Conserving Appliances and Fixtures

HPD Required
Install water-conserving fixtures in all units and any common facilities with the following specifications:
- Toilets – 1.2 gpf
- Showerheads – 1.5 gpm
- Kitchen faucets – 1.5 gpm
- Bathroom faucets – 0.5 gpm

HPD Build it Back Overlay:
Any toilet specified must have a minimum rating of 750g from the Maximum Performance (MaP) Testing program.

4.3 Water Reuse
Harvest, treat, and reuse rainwater and/or greywater to meet a portion of the project’s water needs.
- 10% reuse [1 point]
- 20% reuse [2 points]
- 30% reuse [3 points]
- 40% reuse [4 points]

5: ENERGY EFFICIENCY

5.1a Building Performance Standard: Single family and Multifamily (three stories or fewer) (New Construction only)
Certify the project under ENERGY STAR New Homes.

HPD Build it Back Overlay
NYC Build it Back Rebuild Projects are required to certify through ENERGY STAR for New Homes Version 3.
5.1b Building Performance Standard: Multifamily (four stories or more) *(New Construction only)*
Demonstrate compliance with EPA’s Multifamily High-Rise program (MFHR) using either the prescriptive or the performance pathway.

**HPD Build it Back Overlay**
This criterion is not applicable to the NYC Build It Back Rebuild Program

5.1c Building Performance Standard: Single Family and Multifamily (three stories or fewer) *(Substantial and Moderate Rehab only)*
Demonstrate that the final energy performance of the building is equivalent to a Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Index of 85.

**HPD Build it Back Overlay**
This criterion is not applicable to the NYC Build It Back Rebuild Program

5.1d Building Performance Standard: Multifamily (four stories or more) *(Substantial and Moderate Rehab only)*
Demonstrate that the final energy performance of the building is equivalent to ASHRAE 90.1-2007.

**HPD Build it Back Overlay**
This criterion is not applicable to the NYC Build It Back Rebuild Program

5.2 Additional Reductions in Energy Use
Improve whole-building energy performance by percentage increment above baseline building performance standard for additional points.

5.3 Sizing of Heating and Cooling Equipment and Ducts
Size heating and cooling equipment in accordance with the Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA) Manuals, Parts J, S, and D, or ASHRAE handbooks.

5.4 ENERGY STAR Appliances
If providing appliances, install ENERGY STAR–labeled clothes washers, dishwashers, and refrigerators.

5.5a Efficient Lighting: Interior Units
Install efficient interior lighting, appropriate for project type, either ENERGY STAR Advanced Lighting Package (ALP) or lighting specified in EPA’s MFHR program.

**HPD Build it Back Overlay:**
Projects may use fixtures that are not ENERGY STAR qualified by demonstrating equivalent energy performance.

Technical specifications to demonstrate ENERGY STAR equivalency are
5.5b Efficient Lighting: Common Areas and Emergency Lighting  
*(All Multifamily projects)*
Install efficient lighting in common areas and for emergency lighting, appropriate for project type. For multifamily projects with three stories or fewer, install ENERGY STAR–labeled fixtures, LEDs, T8 fixtures with electronic ballasts or better, or equivalent. For multifamily projects with four stories or more, install lighting specified in EPA’s MFHR program.

**HPD Build it Back Overlay:**
Projects may use fixtures that are not ENERGY STAR labeled by demonstrating equivalent energy performance. For all multifamily projects, regardless of stories, install ENERGY STAR–labeled fixtures, LEDs, T8 fixtures with electronic ballasts or better, or equivalent.

Technical specifications to demonstrate ENERGY STAR equivalency are located on the ENERGY STAR website at:  

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5.5c Efficient Lighting: Exterior
Install efficient exterior lighting, appropriate for project type: either ENERGY STAR compact fluorescents or LEDs, or lighting specified in EPA’s MFHR program.

**HPD Build it Back Overlay:**
Exterior lights must be full cut-off, Dark Sky approved fixtures, or project must document intent to eliminate light trespass through design.

5.6a Electricity Meter *(New Construction and Substantial Rehab only)*
Install individual or sub-metered electric meters in all dwelling units.

5.6b Electricity Meter *(Moderate Rehab only)*
Install individual or sub-metered electric meters in all dwelling units.

**HPD Build it Back Overlay**
This criteria is not applicable to the NYC Build It Back Rebuild Program

5.7a Renewable Energy
Install photovoltaic (PV) panels, wind turbines, or other electric-generating renewable energy source to provide a specified percentage of the project’s estimated energy demand.

5.7b Photovoltaic/Solar Hot Water Ready
Site, design, engineer, and/or plumb the development to accommodate installation of photovoltaic (PV) or solar hot water system in the future.

**HPD Build it Back Overlay:**
Recommended where possible.
5.8 Advanced Metering Infrastructure
Site, design, engineer, and wire the development to accommodate installation of smart meters and/or be able to interface with smart grid systems in the future.

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**6: MATERIALS BENEFICIAL TO THE ENVIRONMENT**

6.1 Low/No VOC Paints and Primers
All interior paints and primers must be less than or equal to the following VOC levels: Flats—50 g/L; Non-flats—50 g/L; Floor—100 g/L

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6.2 Low/No VOC Adhesives and Sealants
All adhesives must comply with Rule 1168 of the South Coast Air Quality Management District. All caulks and sealants must comply with regulation 8, rule 51, of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

**HPD Build it Back Overlay:**
This requirement applies only to interior caulks and sealants, where 'interior' is defined to be anything on the inside of the weather barrier.

6.3 Construction Waste Management
Commit to following a waste management plan that reduces non-hazardous construction and demolition waste by at least 25% by weight through recycling, salvaging, or diversion strategies.

**HPD Build it Back Overlay:**
All HPD projects meet this requirement as of right based on NYC average construction waste diversion rates.

6.4 Construction Waste Management: Optional
Determine percentage of waste diversion and earn all points below that threshold:
- 35% waste diversion [1 point]
- 45% waste diversion [1 point]
- 55% waste diversion [1 point]
- 65% waste diversion [1 point]
- 75% waste diversion [1 point]

**HPD Build it Back Overlay:**
Projects are required to implement at least 55% (3 points) waste diversion. Projects must calculate specific strategy to meet the diversion rates - points will not be awarded based on NYC average diversion rates.

6.5 Recycling Storage for Multifamily Project
Provide one or more easily accessible, permanent areas for the collection and storage of materials for recycling.

6.6 Recycled Content Material
Incorporate building materials that are composed of at least 25% post-
consumer recycled content or at least 50% post-industrial recycled content.
Select from the following:
- Framing materials [1 point]
- Exterior materials: siding, masonry, roofing [1 point]
- Concrete/cement and aggregate [1 point]
- Drywall/interior sheathing [1 point]
- Flooring materials [1 point]

**HPD Build it Back Overlay:**
Projects are required to earn at least 2 points in this measure.

Select any or all of these options:
- Framing materials [1 point]
- Exterior materials: siding, masonry, roofing [1 point]
- Concrete/cement and aggregate [1 point]
- Drywall/interior sheathing [1 point]
- Flooring materials [1 point]

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**6.7 Regional Material Selection**
Use products that were extracted, processed, and manufactured within 500 miles of the home or building for a minimum of 50% of the building material value (based on cost). Select any or all of these options:
- Framing materials [1 point]
- Exterior materials: siding, masonry, roofing [1 point]
- Concrete/cement and aggregate [1 point]
- Drywall/interior sheathing [1 point]
- Flooring materials [1 point]

Projects are required to earn at least 2 points in this measure.

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**6.8 Certified, Salvaged, and Engineered Wood Products**
Commit to using wood products and materials of at least 25% that are (by cost): FSC-certified, salvaged products, or engineered framing materials without urea-formaldehyde binders.

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**6.9a Reduced Heat-Island Effect: Roofing**
Use Energy Star–compliant roofing or install a “green” (vegetated) roof for at least 50% of the roof area. Select only one: cool roof [3 points] or green roof [1 point]

**HPD Build it Back Overlay:**
Projects are urged to consider cool roofing options.

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**6.9b Reduced Heat-Island Effect: Paving**
HPD Required
Use light-colored, high-albedo materials and/or an open-grid pavement, with a minimum solar reflectance of 0.3, over at least 50% of the site’s hardscaped area.

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**7: HEALTHY LIVING ENVIRONMENT**

**7.1 Composite Wood Products that Emit Low/No Formaldehyde**
All composite wood products must be certified compliant with California 93120. If using a composite wood product that does not comply with California 93120, all exposed edges and sides must be sealed with low-VOC sealants.
7.2 Environmentally Preferable Flooring
Do not install carpets in entryways, laundry rooms, bathrooms, kitchens/kitchenettes, utility rooms, and all rooms of ground-connected floors. Any carpet products used must meet the Carpet and Rug Institute’s Green Label or Green Label Plus certification for carpet, pad, and carpet adhesives. Any hard surface flooring products used must be either ceramic tile, unfinished hardwood floors, OR in compliance with the Scientific Certification System’s FloorScore program criteria.

**HPD Build it Back Overlay:**
Hard surface flooring products may be pre-finished environmentally preferable materials, such as bamboo.

7.3 Environmentally Preferable Flooring: Alternative Sources
Use non-vinyl, non-carpet floor coverings in all rooms of building.

7.4a Exhaust Fans: Bathroom *(New Construction and Substantial Rehab only)*
Install Energy Star–labeled bathroom fans that exhaust to the outdoors, are connected to a light switch, and are equipped with a humidistat sensor, timer, or other control (e.g., occupancy sensor, delay off switch, ventilation controller).

**HPD Build it Back Overlay:**
Projects with mechanical exhaust ventilation must specify properly sealed ductwork and Constant Airflow Regulators are recommended.

7.4b Exhaust Fans: Bathroom *(Moderate Rehab only)*
Install Energy Star–labeled bathroom fans that exhaust to the outdoors, are connected to a light switch, and are equipped with a humidistat sensor, timer, or other control (e.g., occupancy sensor, delay off switch, ventilation controller).

**HPD Build it Back Overlay**
This criterion is not applicable to the NYC Build It Back Rebuild Program

7.5a Exhaust Fans: Kitchen *(New Construction and Substantial Rehab only)*
Install power-vented fans or range hoods that exhaust to the exterior at the appropriate cfm rate, per ASHRAE 62.2, or install a central ventilation system with rooftop fans that meet efficiency criteria:

7.5b Exhaust Fans: Kitchen *(Moderate Rehab only)*
Install power-vented fans or range hoods that exhaust to the exterior at the appropriate cfm rate, per ASHRAE 62.2, or install a central ventilation system with rooftop fans that meet efficiency criteria.

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<td>Specify power-vented or closed-combustion equipment when installing new space and water-heating equipment in New Construction and any Substantial and Moderate Rehab projects.</td>
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<td>Provide adequate drainage for water heaters that includes drains or catch pans with drains piped to the exterior of the dwelling.</td>
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<td>In bathrooms, kitchens, and laundry rooms, use materials that have durable, cleanable surfaces.</td>
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<td>7.9c Mold Prevention: Tub and Shower Enclosures</td>
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<td>For New Construction in EPA Zone 1 and 2 areas, install passive radon-resistant features below the slab. For Substantial Rehab projects in those Zones, test for the presence of radon and mitigate if elevated levels exist.</td>
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<td>Provide drainage of water away from windows, walls, and foundations by</td>
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implementing list of techniques.

7.13 Garage Isolation
Follow list of criteria for projects with garages, including: provide a continuous air barrier between the conditioned (living) space and any garage space to prevent the migration of any contaminants into the living space, and install a CO alarm inside the house in the room with a door to the garage and outside all sleeping areas.

7.14 Integrated Pest Management
Seal all wall, floor, and joint penetrations with low-VOC caulking or other appropriate sealing methods to prevent pest entry.

7.15 Lead-Safe Work Practices (Moderate and Substantial Rehab only)
For properties built before 1978, use lead-safe work practices consistent with the EPA’s Renovation, Repair, and Painting Regulation and applicable HUD requirements.

HPD Build it Back Overlay
This criterion is not applicable to the NYC Build It Back Rebuild Program

7.16 Smoke-Free Building
Implement and enforce a no smoking policy in all common, individual living areas, and with a 25-foot perimeter around the exterior of all residential buildings.

8: OPERATIONS + MAINTENANCE

8.1 Building Maintenance Manual (All Multifamily Projects)
Provide a building maintenance manual that addresses maintenance schedules and other specific instructions related to the building’s green features.

HPD Build it Back Overlay
This criterion is not applicable to the NYC Build It Back Rebuild Program

8.2 Resident Manual
Provide a guide for homeowners and renters that explain the intent, benefits, use, and maintenance of green building features.

8.3 Resident and Property Manager Orientation
Provide a comprehensive walk-through and orientation for residents and property managers using the appropriate building maintenance or resident’s manual.
8.4 Project Data Collection and Monitoring System

Collect and monitor project performance data on energy, water, and, if possible, healthy living environments for a minimum of five years.

**HPD Build it Back Overlay**

All homes are required to submit utility release forms after construction completion. All projects must establish accounts with an Enterprise approved energy benchmarking and monitoring software for a minimum of 5 years after construction completion.