

Memorandum of Understanding between the Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County and the Hillsborough County Department of Economic Development for Priority Economic Development Projects

Whereas, the Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County (EPC) is one of several agencies involved in the Hillsborough County review and approval of site development plans and is separately involved in the regulation of activities that cause or contribute to pollution in Hillsborough County;

Whereas, the Hillsborough County Economic Development Department (HCED) as one of its functions is tasked with deeming certain development projects as Priority Economic Developments defined as projects identified by HCED and associated County municipalities that prepare and position the area for economic investment, higher wage job creation, attraction and retention in targeted industry as follows:

- Corporate Headquarters
- Financial and Shared Services
- Life Sciences
- Defense and Security
- Manufacturing

Whereas, a common goal of EPC and HCED is efficient and effective permitting for partners and applicants when proposing Priority Economic Developments projects;

Whereas, expedited reviews of Priority Economic Developments are often important for the viability of the projects;

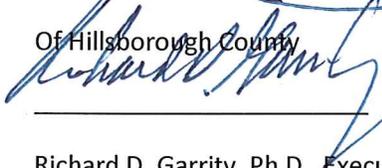
NOW THEREFORE, EPC and HCED agree to better coordinate communication and review on these Priority Economic Developments as follows:

1. The HCED will proactively solicit site environmental information from the EPC as potential sites are identified. EPC will research the site for any environmental factors obtainable from EPC records that may limit the development potential of the site. Within 10 working days EPC will provide a written report of this screening.
2. Once a project is determined to be a Priority Economic Development, the HCED will communicate that designation to EPC. HCED will strongly encourage the project representatives to contact the EPC to schedule a pre-application meeting with the EPC Priority Permitting Committee to discuss environmental conditions of the site and environmental permitting requirements. The EPC will schedule such a pre-application meeting within 10 working days of the applicant's request.
3. EPC will prioritize their review of the Priority Economic Development site as applications are received.

This Agreement will take effect upon the signature of the Executive Director of the EPC and the HCED Assistant County Administrator for Economic Prosperity.

Environmental Protection Commission

Of Hillsborough County

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