

ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

High Tunnel Checklist

Definition

High Tunnel

1. Used for the production, processing, keeping, storing, sale or shelter of an agricultural commodity as defined in section 2 of the act of December 19, 1974 [P.L. 973, No. 319 - ***Agricultural commodity***--Any of the following: (i) Agricultural, apicultural, aquacultural, horticultural, floricultural, silvicultural, viticultural and dairy products. (ii) Pasture. (iii) Livestock and the products thereof. (iv) Ranch-raised furbearing animals and the products thereof. (v) Poultry and the products of poultry. (vi) Products commonly raised or produced on farms which are intended for human consumption or are transported or intended to be transported in commerce, (vii) Processed or manufactured products of products commonly raised or produced on farms which are intended for human consumption or are transported or intended to be transported in commerce, (viii) Compost.], known as the Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974, or for the storage of agricultural equipment or supplies.

Does your proposed building meet the definition of a high tunnel as defined above?

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Is Construction consistent with **all** the following:

- Has a metal, wood or plastic frame.
- When covered, has a plastic, woven textile or other flexible covering.
- Has a floor made of soil, crushed stone, matting, pavers or a floating concrete slab.

Does your proposed building meet **all** the criteria listed in #2 above?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Exemption from Stormwater Manager Eligibility

High tunnels shall be exempted from the stormwater management provisions if:

1. The high tunnel or its flooring does not result in an impervious area exceeding 25% of all structures located on the owner's total contiguous land area; **and**
2. The high tunnel meets **one** of the following:
 - The high tunnel is located at least 100 feet from any perennial stream or watercourse, public road or neighboring property line. ☐
 - The high tunnel is located at least 35 feet from any perennial stream or watercourse, public road or neighboring property line and located on land with a slope not greater than 7%. ☐
 - The tunnel is supported with a buffer or diversion system that does not directly drain into a stream or other watercourse by managing storm water runoff in a manner consistent with requirements of this act. ☐

Does your proposed building meet the requirement in #1 **and** at least one requirement listed under #2 above (if so, put a check mark in the box next to all that apply)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Applicant Name & Address: _____

Applicant phone number and/or email address _____