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Enterprise Green Communities is accepting the LEED for Homes Multifamily Midrise Alternative Compliance Path as an alternative pathway to certifying under the ENERGY STAR Multifamily High-Rise Program per Criterion 5.1b. The LEED Alternative pathway is intended to be a replacement of the EPA Multifamily High Rise (MFHR) Testing and Verification protocols. Project design is still dictated by the EPA Multifamily High Rise (MFHR) performance or prescriptive program parameters.

Submission Guidelines 5.1b Building Performance Standard: Alternative Compliance Pathway *New Construction Projects; Four Stories or More*

Step I: Prebuild

Project teams should follow either the Multifamily High Rise (MFHR) prescriptive path design details or perform modeling per the MFHR performance path to demonstrate that the project will perform at least 15% better than ASHRAE 90.1-2007 per Appendix G.

Supplemental Documents to submit at Step I: Prebuild

1. If following the **MFHR performance path** the project will need to submit a Preliminary [Energy Performance Report Form](#) completed by an Energy professional demonstrating the project is designed to the standards of the ENERGY STAR MFHR performance pathway to perform at least 15% better than ASHRAE 90.1-2007
2. If following the **MFHR prescriptive path**, submit a letter documenting the intended compliance with the ENERGY STAR MFHR prescriptive path.

Throughout Construction

For verification of the above measures, follow the [LEED for Homes Multifamily Midrise Alternative Compliance Path](#).

Step II: Postbuild

Supplemental Documents to submit at Step: II Postbuild

1. Final Energy Performance Report

- If following the **MFHR performance path**, submit a revised post-construction to demonstrate the project has achieved a performance level at least 15% better than ASHRAE 90.1-2007.

- If following the **MFHR prescriptive path** letter verifying that they did incorporate all of the ENERGY STAR MFHR prescriptive path requirements

2. LEED for Homes Multifamily Midrise Alternative Compliance Path Letter: A letter confirming that the LEED for Homes Multifamily Midrise Alternative Compliance Path protocols were followed signed by a representative of the project team. Applicable to all projects.

3. LEED for Homes Multi-Family Mid-Rise Thermal Enclosure Inspection Checklist: A completed copy of the *LEED for Homes Multi-Family Mid-Rise Thermal Enclosure Inspection Checklist*. Applicable to all projects.

Note: If following the 5.1b Building Performance Standard: Alternative Compliance Pathway no certificate is possible, as the project is not certifying to LEED or to ENERGY STAR MFHR, but we believe these pre/post construction documents can be effective in documenting the desired levels of building performance.