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Phase I Environmental Assessment

Prior to the construction or purchase of a new church facility, a Phase One Environmental Assessment may be required in order to obtain permits or financing. The Phase One Environmental is a preliminary assessment of the land and buildings to determine if there is any evidence of environmental hazards that require further investigation. The Phase One is primarily a visual “walk-over” inspection and a review of records.

The “walk-over” is performed by a licensed testing agency in accordance with ASTM (American Society for Testing Materials) practices. The inspector will walk the site and enter existing buildings looking for potential contamination and/or hazardous practices that could adversely impact the environment. The “walk-over” will include a cursory evaluation of potential wetlands and a search for signs of buried storage tanks, dumping, chemical spills, asbestos, and other potential concerns. Materials testing will probably not be done in a Phase One Assessment.

The “record review” will include a review of available public records to determine past land usage. The current and past property owners will be interviewed if available. EPA, local health department, and other environmental agency databases pertaining to the area will be studied. The inspector will search for any reports of chemical spills or leaking underground storage tanks in the area. Landfills and waste treatment facilities in the area will also be noted. Based on the findings the inspector can recommend further specific testing and investigation.

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