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Excelling in Service | *Austin, Texas*

The City of Austin Development Services Department has begun the rollout of ePlan Review, a highly anticipated web-based process where development plans can be submitted, paid for, reviewed and approved electronically.

The City of Austin has implemented ProjectDox for Land Use, Commercial and Residential Building Reviews – streamlining its plan review processes while improving overall service delivery to the City’s customers. Commenting on the City’s investment in ProjectDox, Greg Guernsey, Director of the Planning and Development Review Department said,

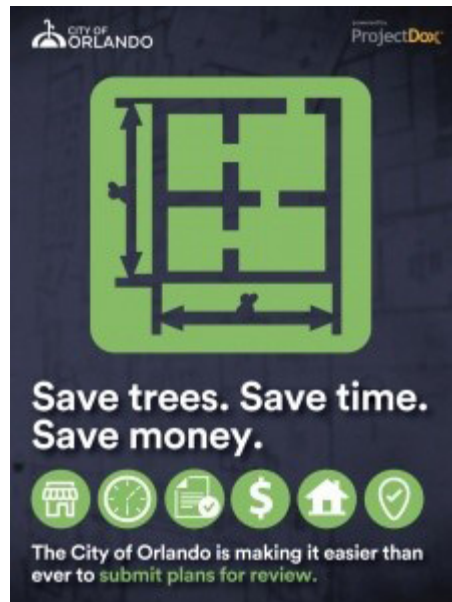
“The Austin development community is excited about this partnership! Electronic Plan Review (EPR) will improve communication and collaboration between city staff and its customers.

Additionally, EPR is good for the environment because it reduces paper submittals and decreases the carbon footprint by greatly reducing the need for office visits. Our customers will be more productive because they will have the ability to conduct business from their office or home.”



Simply put, ePlan Review will save customers substantial time, money and resources.

Offering Best in Class | *Orlando, Florida*



The City of Orlando has recently completed the fastest implementation to date of ProjectDox! Using the ProjectDox Best-in-Class Workflow for Planning, the City brought the electronic plan review solution live in under six weeks.

The City Planning Division inspires and facilitates the development of a diverse and sustainable community to make Orlando more livable for its citizens, businesses and visitors.

The City plans to implement the ProjectDox Best-in-Class Workflow for Building as the next phase.



The local development community is excited. “You spend a lot of time waiting in the queue,” said Orlando architect Eric Morgan, “I think it means that we’re coming into the 21st century.”

Technology Trailblazers | *Mississauga, Ontario*

ProjectDox and OAS have recently been brought online in the City of Mississauga, ON. Mississauga is the sixth largest and most populous city in Canada, residing in the center of the Greater Toronto Area.

Over 60 of the Fortune 500 companies base their Global or Canadian Head Offices in Mississauga and economic growth has thrived in recent decades. The City has attracted a multicultural population which is projected to reach over 800,000 by 2031.

According to the City’s Economic Growth Strategy, investment in the physical and social infrastructure becomes essential to accommodate the increased pressures this growth will place on the City’s physical and built environment.



Mississauga will be the first municipality in Canada to offer a full end-to-end online ePlans service channel for residents, businesses and the development community. The process positions the City for future technology.

“ePlans helps address some of the biggest lags in a paper-based process – document delivery, reconciliation and routing.”

Driving Development with ProjectDox®

Accelerating Economic Growth and Development | *Fairfax County, Virginia*

Fairfax County's new electronic zoning application submission system is already exceeding expectations for staff review speed, say planners who announced that the first application has been submitted and accepted using the new system.

Novus Property Holdings was the first developer to complete the applications acceptance process electronically under the county's new pilot system called ePlans. The developer proposes to rezone a 5.3-acre site to build a new apartment building. Planners were able to respond to the proposal with deficiency comments within four days of its submission, moving even faster than anticipated using the new ePlans system – the current goal being 10 days.

“After working with Fairfax County for nearly a decade and submitting hundreds of plans through the paper process, Bohler’s Development Services Group has found the new ePlans system to be not only intuitive and easy to use, but extremely efficient,” said Brian Clifford, a planning manager on the Novus development team. “Having the ability to upload plans and review staff responses electronically has streamlined the submission and acceptance.”

ePlans allows the County to ditch the inefficiencies—for both developers and planners—resulting from paper-based submissions for major zoning proposals. Fairfax is testing out this new system as part of a broader strategy to rev up its economy. Through its Strategic Plan for Economic Success, the County is actively improving the speed, consistency and predictability of its development review process.

“ePlans dramatically cut staff review time and sped up the application acceptance process thereby allowing us to move forward to the public hearing process in a much shorter time frame,” said Sara V. Mariska, an attorney with Walsh Colucci Lubeley & Walsh PC, on the Novus team.



“The online application reduces the amount of paper typically needed for a submission and allowed us to meet our deadline and exceed our client’s expectations.”

Enticing Business Key to Thriving Economy | *Howard County, Maryland*

Howard County is centrally-located between Baltimore and Washington, D.C. and is continually ranked among the most affluent, advanced and educated communities in the United States. Howard's thriving and vibrant economy makes it the first choice for smart businesses looking to start or expand in the Mid-Atlantic.

Howard County also offers more than 70 million square feet of commercial space, providing businesses with the perfect location to do business. Not only does Howard County's economic development program entice new businesses, it nurtures its business community – driving jobs and revenues.

“The local business initiative promotes the growth and success of local businesses and increases the percentage of county procurement dollars flowing to local businesses.”
- Allan H. Kittleman, Howard County Executive.

Howard County has used ProjectDox for over eight years as a tool for plan submission, review, approval and tracking using a paperless online system that allows parallel collaboration between agencies to review and markup plans, share comments and more easily identify potential conflicts and issues. It also incorporates tools to increase the effectiveness of the review process and reduce review cycle time. The use of ProjectDox is intended to result in a better product with less effort and time.

According to Jeff Bronow, Chief of the Research Division for Howard County Planning and Zoning, ProjectDox has been a critical time saver, “It creates a lot of efficiency and really enhances communication, and through that process the review times have been shortened.”

Bronow also credits ProjectDox for the environmental benefits - saving huge amounts of paper and storage.



“It’s a huge paper saver, obviously. Our report today shows we’ve saved over 4 million pages, that’s an average of about 1800 pages per day. It creates these efficiencies, it’s just a really good way to review plans.”

“ePlans is already exceeding efficiency expectations by 60%”