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In Memoriam

We regret the loss of Mr. Reza Amirhakimi in January 2019, after a long illness. Reza was a tenured and valued member of ESI, having joined ESI's membership in 1993, and was a DPE in Fairfax County. We extend our condolences to his family and friends.



ZONING ORDINANCE MODERNIZATION (ZMOD) PROJECT

Fairfax County embarked on a project, beginning in October 2018, to modernize the County's 1970s era Zoning Ordinance. The draft industrial land use zoning regulations were initially presented as a pilot section of the seven proposed land use classifications during a series of outreach meetings. A public

meeting was held on January 8, 2019, at the Government Center to present the recently released second series of use categories for public, institutional and community land uses.

The proposed new format of the Zoning Ordinance will make it more user friendly, improve mobile device accessibility, and will use language that is easily understandable. Use tables group use classifications under one of the seven broad categories that include Agriculture; Commercial; Public, Institutional, and Community; Residential; Accessory; and Temporary were introduced and will provide for consistency and ease of understanding and implementation. Hyperlinks to definitions and use standards are a feature that is included in the tables. In the coming months, drafts of the remaining use classifications will be posted on the County's website for public review. Presentations to the Board's Development Process Committee and public outreach meetings will occur with the release of each new draft.

Aaron Vinson is serving as the ESI member representative on the effort and will communicate, through ESI to our members, to solicit feedback throughout the process.

SHARING LARGE FILES WITH FAIRFAX COUNTY

When ESI member firms want to share large files (exceeding 5mb in size) with the county, please contact the project's site reviewer in SDID for instructions. The plan reviewer will email a link to a **ShareFile** where the submitting engineer can upload large files.



APPOINTED FAIRFAX COUNTY DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Rachel O’Dwyer Flynn was appointed by the Board of Supervisors on January 22, 2019 as the Fairfax County Deputy County Executive for Planning and Development, effective February 4.

“Flynn will oversee the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, the Department of Transportation, the Park Authority, the Department of Code Compliance, Land Development Services and a future agency that will combine the Department of Planning and Zoning and the Office of Community Revitalization,” states a recent news posting on the Fairfax County webpage. To view the article, please visit:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicaffairs/rachel-odwyer-flynn-appointed-deputy-county-executive>

Upon his recent retirement from Fairfax County as the Deputy County Executive for Planning and Development, after serving in that capacity for 20 years, Rob Stalzer began his new role as the City Manager of the City of Fairfax. We wish Rob much success in his new role and commend the City of Fairfax on selecting a very capable leader.

STORMWATER STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE FORMING IN FAIRFAX

Fairfax County officials would like to explore if there could be better, simpler and more effective approaches to managing stormwater runoff. As aggressive development and redevelopment continue, more areas are experiencing localized flooding. Additionally, most of Fairfax County’s streams are already designated as impaired from the effects of increased flow. Consequently, the county wishes to examine whether current stormwater management (SWM) practices are doing enough, or doing the right things, to manage stormwater runoff.

Fairfax plans to convene a stakeholder group to examine these questions and more. ESI member firms are encouraged to participate in an investigative committee that will explore different ways of addressing SWM within the county. If interested in participating please email your interest to Bruce McGranahan, Director of Site Development and Inspections, at:

Bruce.McGranahan@FairfaxCounty.gov



LOUDOUN COUNTY DPE PLAN SUBMISSION PILOT

In partnership with senior Loudoun County leadership, and after a series of discussions with ESI staff and industry on how to streamline review of DPE plans submitted to Loudoun County for approval, ESI began a pilot pre-submission (First Submission Review) process for DPE plans submitted to ESI on November 1, 2018. To view the new pilot policy, please go to:

<http://esinova.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Loudoun-DPE-Streamlined-Processing-Pilot-Nov-1-2018.pdf>



FAIRFAX PFM-FLEX APPROVED BY BOS

Fairfax County reached a milestone in its journey to achieve greater flexibility and clarity in the development review process. On December 4, 2018, the Board of Supervisors adopted amendments to Chapter 101 (Subdivision Provisions) and Chapter 122 (Tree Conservation Ordinance) of The Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia, and to the Public Facilities Manual (PFM).

The PFM changes are a result of the “PFM Flex Project,” a Fairfax First initiative to improve the speed, consistency and predictability of the County’s land development review process, which incorporated months of stakeholder input and staff review. Several ESI members worked tirelessly on the many changes needed to achieve the goals of the project, which contributed greatly toward the success of the project.

The amendments are now in effect. For more information, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov and search “PFM Flex.”

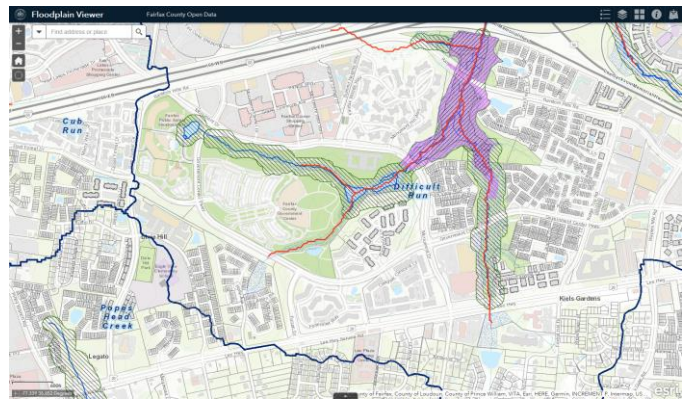


ESI STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL TEAMS

At their December 2018 meeting, the ESI Board of Directors approved the 2018 ESI Strategic Plan and immediately kicked off the formation of six new Goal Teams. The teams will focus on areas of great importance to ESI, in order to further ESI and the services provided to our members. The six Goal Teams are centered on the strategic goal areas:

- Learning
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Plan Services
- Financial Responsibility
- Partnerships and Alliances

Your involvement on any aspect of this committee work is welcome and will allow you to become more familiar with ESI and its members, as well as help shape ESI and our services into the future. Those interested in participating should contact Jeff Blackford or Ella Broughton at (703) 263-2232. Team leaders are forming their teams now, so don’t wait!



PLAN2BUILD AND GIS-BASED FLOODPLAIN REVIEW

A new GIS-based Floodplain Viewer is now available for use! This application centralizes floodplain information for LDS’s customers and staff.

Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/Plan2Build, Fairfax County’s new customer-centric website all about the planning and development process in the County. Scroll down to the “Research Maps & Tools” section to access the Floodplain Viewer.



ESI EDUCATION SYSTEM A/V UPGRADES

ESI recently completed several small upgrades and refinements to our audio-visual system in our Chantilly classroom in order to continue to both improve your classroom experience as well as better support our teachers. We hope you enjoy these new improvements and look forward to seeing you in class soon. Land Development Engineering (LDE) Semester 1 will begin February 5 and runs through May. Professional Development (PD) classes are underway. Sign up now for your three annual electives!

PLAN REVIEW STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER 2017 TO NOVEMBER 2018

Fairfax County

	2017 Dec	2018 Jan	2018 Feb	2018 March	2018 April	2018 May	2018 June	2018 July	2018 Aug	2018 Sept	2018 Oct	2018 Nov	2018 12Mth Avg
Total # of Major Plans Reviewed	14	9	9	22	11	11	13	15	11	16	18	13	13.5
% of Total Submitted Plans Acceptable	86%	88%	100%	85%	66%	100%	77%	93%	100%	88%	89%	85%	89%
Total # of DPE Plans Submitted	14	9	8	21	10	9	11	13	8	14	16	8	11.8
% of First Submission Plans Acceptable	90%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	78%	80%	75%	93%
% of Second Submission Plans Acceptable	75%	80%	100%	90%	100%	100%	100%	86%	100%	100%	100%	100%	74%
Total # of Non-DPE Plans Submitted	N/A*	N/A*	1	1*	2	2	2	2	N/A*	2	2	4	1.8
% of First Submission Plans Acceptable	N/A*	N/A*	100%	N/A*	N/A*	0%	50%	100%	N/A*	100%	N/A*	100%	78%
% of Second Submission Plans Acceptable	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	100%	100%	100%	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	100%	100%	100%
Total # of DPE Plans to Bond	8	4	1	10	3	6	2	5	3	3	7	5	4.8
Total # of non-DPE Plans to Bond	2	2	4	2	4	2	2	3	5	2	2	4	2.8
Avg # Days for DPE Plans to Reach Bond	230	284	250	210	234	333	451	255	170	222	288	258	265
Avg # Days for non-DPE Plans to Reach Bond	314	480	295	503	416	343	269	371	242	247	66	348	301
Avg # of Submissions for DPE Plans to Reach Bond	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	1.8	2.0	1.6	2.1	2.2	1.9
Avg # of Submissions for non-DPE Plans to Reach Bond	2.5	3.0	2.3	3.0	2.3	2.5	2.0	3.5	2.2	2.0	1.5	2.3	2.4

N/A* = No Plans

EVENTS

February

2/12	Loudoun Committee Meeting	4:00pm
2/18	President's Day	ESI Closed
2/20	Executive Board Meeting	11:30am
2/27	Fairfax Committee Meeting	8:30am

March

3/6	Leesburg Committee Meeting	9:00am
3/12	Alexandria Committee Meeting	1:00pm
3/20	Full Board Meeting	11:30am
3/27	Fairfax Committee Meeting	8:30am

