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ESI REVIEW FEE UPDATES

In our 1st Quarter 2022 Insite newsletter, we announced that new ESI MSR applications, with updated fees, would be available for use on May 1, 2022. Unfortunately it became necessary to delay those updates as we clarified and addressed a further detail before implementation. The new fees will now go live on July 1 and will be posted to the ESI website, along with updated auto-calculating applications for each jurisdiction. If you have any questions on the new fees, please call our Chantilly office at (703) 263-2232.



PLEASE PLAN AHEAD: FAIRFAX COUNTY LAND USE SYSTEMS UNAVAILABLE BETWEEN OCTOBER 21 AND OCTOBER 31

Fairfax County is converting all of its land use permitting, plan review and inspections systems to the new Planning and Land Use System (**PLUS**) this fall.

During the transition, all online application and review systems, including PLUS and the legacy systems (such as FIDO, ProjectDox and PAWS) will be **unavailable for 10 days**. PLUS will replace all legacy systems beginning October 31, 2022, for a more efficient and modernized permitting and review system.

The outage is tentatively set to begin Friday, October 21 at 4:30 p.m. All systems are expected to be available again on Monday, October 31.

Your help is requested to ensure the process goes as smoothly as possible for all projects in Fairfax County. Please keep the following in mind as October 21 approaches:

Before the Outage:

- Depending on the type of application you are pursuing, please consider starting your application in sufficient time so the outage does not delay your project. Specific details will be available on agency web pages.
- Or delay your permit process, if it's possible, so you are starting your project in the PLUS system after October 31.

During the Outage (October 21-October 31):

- This transition will require a 10-day shutdown.
- PLUS will be unavailable.
- You will not be able to apply for permits or upload plans during this time.
- The legacy systems, including ProjectDox, FIDO and PAWS, will be in a read-only mode.
- LDS Building Division staff are evaluating the ability to accommodate certain inspections.
- Continuity plans will be in place to address emergency situations for land use related transactions.
- This system outage will not impact Fairfax staff availability to answer questions via email, telephone, virtual meetings or in person. Please check agency webpages for contact information.

Land Development Services

Department of Planning and Development

Fire & Rescue Department, Office of the Fire Marshal

Health Department, Environmental Health

Department of Code Compliance

After the Outage (October 31)

For a couple weeks after the replacement, data from legacy systems (such as ProjectDox, FIDO and PAWS) will still be migrating. Processing applications, plans and permits could be delayed.

After the final conversion (Release 4), [PLUS](#) will be the central platform for Fairfax County customers to complete their zoning, building, permitting or other land development processes, including creating and submitting applications, paying fees and tracking application status.

PLUS Release 4 converts the remaining land development related records to PLUS including all site-related records:

- Land Development Services: residential building permits and plans, residential site-related plans, commercial building permits and plans, commercial site-related plans, residential solar permits, water quality impact assessment revisions
- Enforcement: sign violations, code compliance complaints and fire complaint records
- Environmental Health: water supply system permit process, soil submission packets and health enforcement

- Fire and Rescue: storage tanks, underground lines and sprinkler systems
- Planning and Development: sign permits, zoning ordinance amendments, Site Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA), nominations and food truck operation permits

What's new?

• Webinar Wednesdays

Fairfax County PLUS staff will answer all your questions about PLUS in live bi-weekly webinars. Webinar Wednesday sessions will be 30 or 45 minutes long. Sessions will focus on specific PLUS topics. For more information about Webinar Wednesdays, visit our webpage for calendar events at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/plan2build/plus. Videos are available to watch afterwards on Fairfax's [Go to Webinar PLUS channel](#).

- **PLUS YouTube Channel** – Training videos for PLUS can be found on the Fairfax YouTube Channel [Fairfax County PLUS - YouTube](#).
- **PLUS email Subscriptions** – Users can subscribe to email subscriptions to receive PLUS notifications on training opportunities, scheduled maintenance outages, etc. See the “Stay Connected” link on the [What is PLUS page](#).

More details will be available as Fairfax County progresses toward the launch date.



SUE WOLFORD RETIRES

ESI extends our best wishes to Sue Wolford, VP of Pennoni, as she retires and begins the next chapter of her life. Sue has been a tireless and diligent supporter of ESI for many years having served as an officer on the Board of Directors since 2008, Chairman in 2011, taught several elective classes and facilitated the very successful, annual ESI focus group since 2015. Many of the classes that she developed and taught included timely topics pertaining to hearing what people are really saying, as well as working with and managing a multigenerational organization.

FAIRFAX COUNTY PLAN REVIEW STATISTICS FOR MAR 2021 TO FEB 2022

	2021 Mar	2021 Apr	2021 May	2021 June	2021 July	2021 Aug	2021 Sep	2021 Oct	2021 Nov	2021 Dec	2022 Jan	2022 Feb	12 Mo. Avg.
Total # of Major Plans Reviewed	14	12	12	17	11	14	7	5	13	10	12	8	11.3
% of Total Submitted Plans Acceptable	67%	83%	67%	88%	64%	72%	57%	80%	85%	60%	67%	63%	71%
Total # of DPE Plans Submitted	11	9	8	12	11	13	7	4	10	9	8	7	9.1
% of First Submission Plans Acceptable	40%	50%	57%	80%	50%	57%	60%	75%	80%	63%	60%	40%	59%
% of Second Submission Plans Acceptable	89%	90%	100%	86%	80%	83%	50%	N/A*	100%	N/A*	100%	100%	88%
Total # of non-DPE Plans Submitted	3	2	1	5	N/A*	1	N/A*	1	3	1	4	1	2.2
% of First Submission Plans Acceptable	N/A*	N/A*	100%	100%	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	100%	N/A*	100%
% of Second Submission Plans Acceptable	50%	100%	100%	100%	N/A*	100%	N/A*	100%	100%	100%	68%	100%	92%
Total # of DPE Plans to Bond	3	7	N/A*	2	1	5	4	3	2	2	2	4	3.2
Total # of non-DPE Plans to Bond	3	3	2	7	2	4	4	2	2	1	1	N/A*	2.8
Avg # Days for DPE Plans to Reach Bond	362	244	N/A*	403	501	349	280	268	327	198	178	533	304
Avg # Days for non-DPE Plans to Reach Bond	419	412	317	418	426	473	327	575	486	901	677	N/A*	453
Avg # of Submissions for DPE Plans to Reach Bond **	2.3	2.4	N/A*	3.0	4.0	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.5	2.5	2.5	3.8	2.8
Avg # of Submissions for non-DPE Plans to Reach Bond **	4.0	3.0	3.5	3.4	4.0	4.0	3.3	3.5	3.5	4.0	4.0	N/A*	3.4

N/A* = No Plans

** Avg # of Submissions to Bond includes Signature Set submissions.



EVENTS

July

- 7/20 ESI Executive Board Meeting 11:30 am
- 7/27 ESI Fairfax Committee Meeting 8:30 am

August

- 8/9 ESI Loudoun Committee Meeting 3:00 pm
- 8/17 ESI Executive Board Meeting 11:30 am
- 8/24 ESI Fairfax Committee Meeting 8:30 am

September

- 9/6 ESI Alexandria Committee Meeting 1:00 pm
- 9/7 ESI Leesburg Committee Meeting 9:00 am
- 9/21 ESI Board of Directors Meeting 11:30 am
- 9/28 ESI Fairfax Committee Meeting 8:30 am

Please note: All meetings during the pandemic will be held virtually until further notice, unless otherwise advised.