

Middlesex County Electronic Development Review (ePlan)

Users Guide for Site Plan and Subdivision Applicants

Part 1



Instructional on how to perform routine tasks within the ePlan system, specific to Middlesex County procedures

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Applicant Guide

This document is a reference guide to assist Applicants. It is not intended to replace training or provide in-depth instruction.

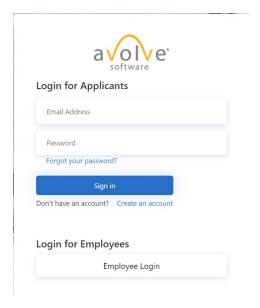
The guide contains instructions on how to submit a Subdivision or Site Plan Application in the ePlan system. Applications are submitted via the ePlan portal.

Link

https://middlesex-nj-us.avolvecloud.com/Portal

ProjectDox Registration

To use the ePlan system Applicants must register by creating an account prior to creating a Site Plan or Subdivision Application.



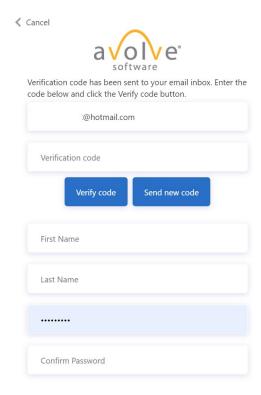
Click the Create an account link.



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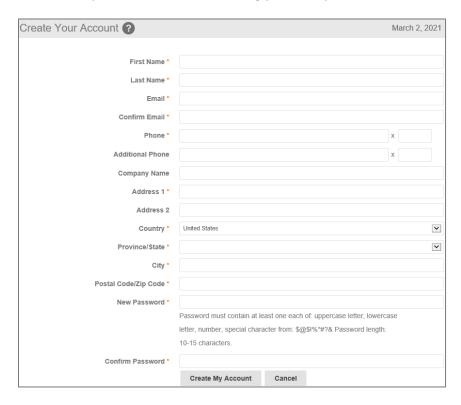
Fill in the requiredinformation, including your new password. Click Send verification code.





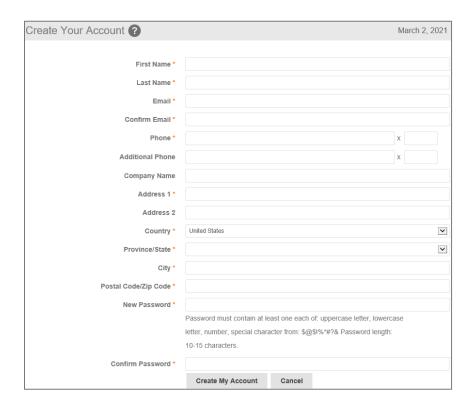
Initial Login to ProjectDox

Fill in the required information, including your new password. Click Create My Account.



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Key Concepts You Need to Know

Workflow: Sequential set of tasks and activities starting from Upload and Submit to downloading the approved plans.

Task: An assignment in the workflow process.

eForm: Online electronic form designed to capture, validate, and submit data.

Accepting a Task: Accepting a task is an important part of the electronic plan review process. Accepting a task provides access to that task's eForm. The user who accepts the task is responsible for completing the associated actions, including uploading files and making necessary corrections requested by the jurisdiction.

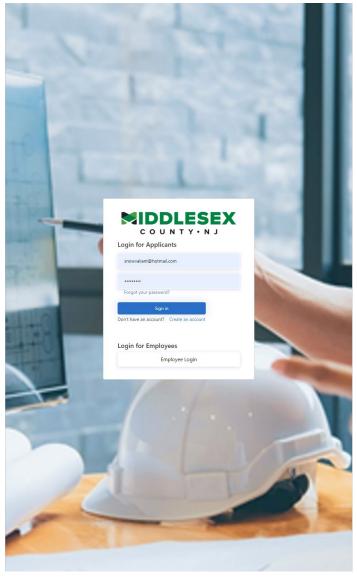
Completing a Task: The completion of a task confirms the fulfillment of the requested actions. Completing a task is the only way the County will receive notification that you are finished. Once a task is complete no further work may be done until another task is received and accepted.



Accessing the Site Plan and Subdivision Application Screen

Access the Application screen by logging into the ePlan portal at https://middlesex-nj-us.avolvecloud.com/Portal

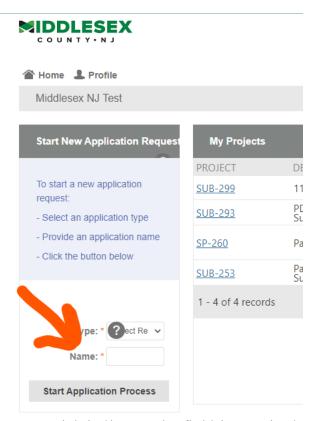
To create a new Site Plan or Subdivision applicants must be registered and have a login user name and password..





Creating the Application

Select a value for the Application Type from the dropdown list to create a new Site Plan or Subdivision Application. Provide a name for the application. Press the "Start Application Process" button to begin and proceed to the Terms And Conditions.



NOTE: An asterisk indicates the field is required.

Fields to be Completed:

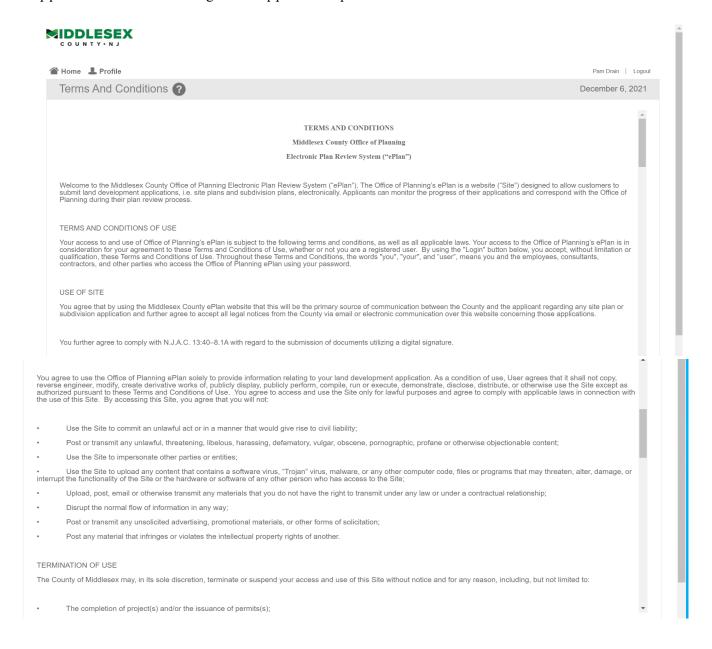
Type* - This field is used to select the type of application. From the dropdown list select Site Plan Application Form or Subdivision Application Form.

Name* - Create a short unique title for your application using keywords in the plan title such as project name, description, or type of application.



Accepting the Terms And Conditions

Review the Terms And Conditions (T&C). At the bottom of the T&C check the box indicating you have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions. Press the "Accept & Start My Application" button to begin the application process.





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- Failure to pay any fees due in connection with your use of this Site; or
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APPLICATION REVIEW

Submission of an application and uploading documents should not be construed as acceptance of the filed documents. Payment of ALL applicable fees initiates the plan review

Applicant may not claim a relationship with or speak for any business, association, or other organization for which you are not authorized to claim such a relationship. Submissions must include a letter of authorization from the responsible party if the applicant is not the property owner

Electronically submitted files will be accessible to all appropriate County of Middlesex departments and participating agencies for review. Unless protected by law, submitted documents will be publicly available for viewing, and may be subject to disclosure under the Open Public Records Act.

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- Governing Law. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey.
- The County of Middlesex shall have the right to perform weekly maintenance on the Site any time without prior notification to User.

✓ I have read, understand, and agree to the above terms and conditions

Accept & Start My Application Back To My Home Page



Application

The application screen appears as shown below.

NOTE: An asterisk indicates the field is required.

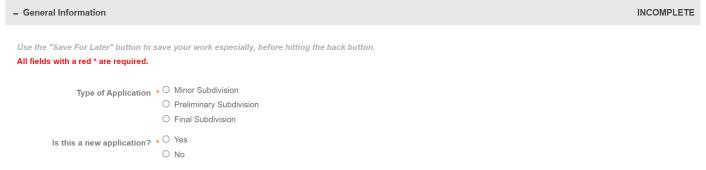


General Information Section

Type of Application – Select the Application Type

Is this a new application? - Indicate Yes for new applications or No for a resubmission of an existing application.

For Subdivision Applications, you have 3 options listed for the Type of Application.



For Site Plan Application, only the Site Plan option exists.



Respond to the question "Is this a new application." If you answer No, you will be prompted to enter the County file number for the existing application.



Applicant Contact Information Section

Copy Information from profile – Selecting this checkbox transcribes the information from the applicants profile to this section.

First Name * - Enter the First Name of the applicant

Last Name * - Enter the Last Name of the applicant

Company * - Enter the Company Name of the applicant

Phone * - Enter the Phone Number of the applicant

Email * - Enter the Email of the applicant

Address 1 * - Enter the 1st Line of the Address info of the applicant

Address 2 * - Enter the 2nd Line of the Address info of the applicant

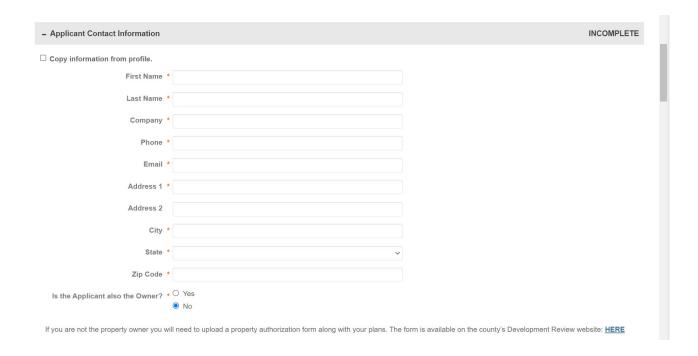
City * - Enter the 2nd Line of the Address info of the applicant

State * - Enter the 2nd Line of the Address info of the applicant

Zip Code * - Enter the 2nd Line of the Address info of the applicant

Is the Applicant also the Owner? - Selecting this radio button indicates the Applicant is the Property Owner.

NOTE: If the Applicant is not the Property Owner, the Applicant must upload a property authorization as described. (A link to the form is provided in the application.)





Owner Contact Information Section

First Name * - Enter the First Name of the owner

Last Name * - Enter the Last Name of the owner

Company * - Enter the Company Name of the owner

Phone * - Enter the Phone Number of the owner

Email * - Enter the Email of the owner

Address 1 * - Enter the 1st Line of the Address info of the owner

Address 2 * - Enter the 2nd Line of the Address info of the owner

City * - Enter the 2nd Line of the Address info of the owner

State * - Enter the 2nd Line of the Address info of the owner

Zip Code * - Enter the 2nd Line of the Address info of the owner

- Owner Contact Information	INCOMPLETE
First Name *	
Last Name *	
Company *	
Phone *	
Email *	
Address 1 *	
Address 2	
City *	
State *	V
Zip Code *	



Attorney Contact Information Section

First Name * - Enter the First Name of the attorney

Last Name * - Enter the Last Name of the attorney

Company * - Enter the Company Name of the attorney

Phone * - Enter the Phone Number of the attorney

Email * - Enter the Email of the attorney

Address 1 * - Enter the 1st Line of the Address info of the attorney

Address 2 * - Enter the 2nd Line of the Address info of the attorney

City * - Enter the 2nd Line of the Address info of the attorney

State * - Enter the 2nd Line of the Address info of the attorney

Zip Code * - Enter the 2nd Line of the Address info of the attorney

- Attorney Information (optional)	
First Name	
Last Name	
Company	
Phone	
Email	
Address 1	
Address 2	
City	
State	V
Zip Code	

Engineer Contact Information Section

First Name * - Enter the First Name of the engineer

Last Name * - Enter the Last Name of the engineer

Company * - Enter the Company Name of the engineer

Phone * - Enter the Phone Number of the engineer

Email * - Enter the Email of the engineer

Address 1 * - Enter the 1st Line of the Address info of the engineer

Address 2 * - Enter the 2nd Line of the Address info of the engineer

City * - Enter the 2nd Line of the Address info of the engineer

State * - Enter the 2nd Line of the Address info of the engineer

Zip Code * - Enter the 2nd Line of the Address info of the engineer



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Site Information

Municipality * - Select a Municipality for the Property from the dropdown list

Block and Lot Number * - Select a block number for the Property based on the Municipality from the dropdown list. (The form accepts multiple blocks, lots and municipalities)

Search Button - Click the Search Button to see the list of lot numbers for the block number selected.



Add Selected Button – After selecting a lot number row hitting the Add Selected Button will move the block and lot number to the entry box.

Remove Button - Pressing the Remove Button removes entries from the selection list.

Remove All All- Pressing Remove All Button removes all entries from the selection list

Address * - Enter the Address info for the site (provide street and street number even for vacant parcels.)

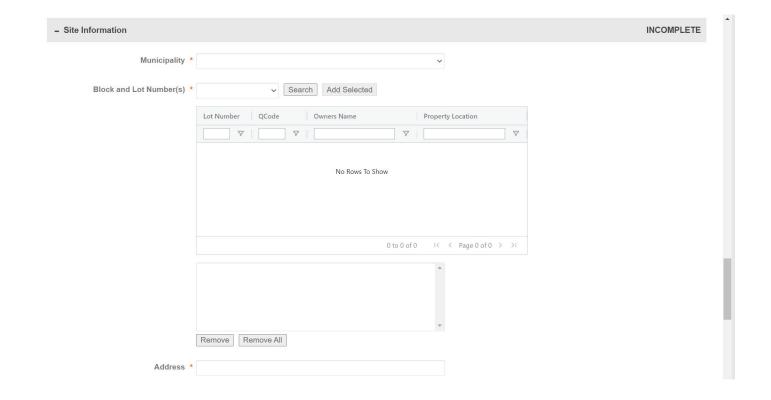
Acreage of Entire Tract * - Enter the acreage to the hundredth acre

Current Use * - Select a value from the dropdown list

Proposed Use * - Select a value from the dropdown list

Parking Spaces *- Identify the number of proposed parking spaces

Proposed New Lots * - Enter the number of proposed new lots





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Exempt Subdivision

Does the subdivision contain less than four lots?* - Select No or Yes

Does the subdivision contain less than two acres or less?* - Select No or Yes

Does the subdivision include two hundred feet of frontage or less on or abutting a County

Road?* - Select No or Yes | No radio button

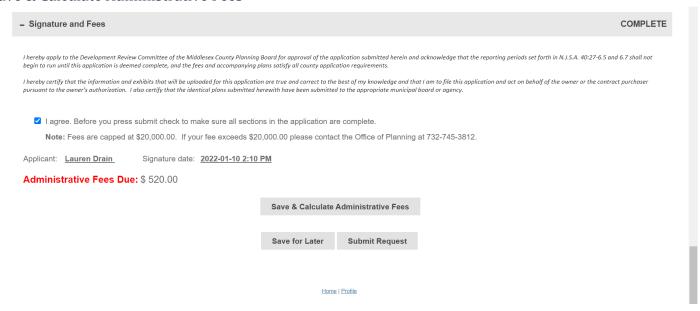


Signatures and Fees

I agree - Selecting this checkbox indicates you agree with verbiage above and provides your electronic signature.

Button Action

Save & Calculate Administrative Fees





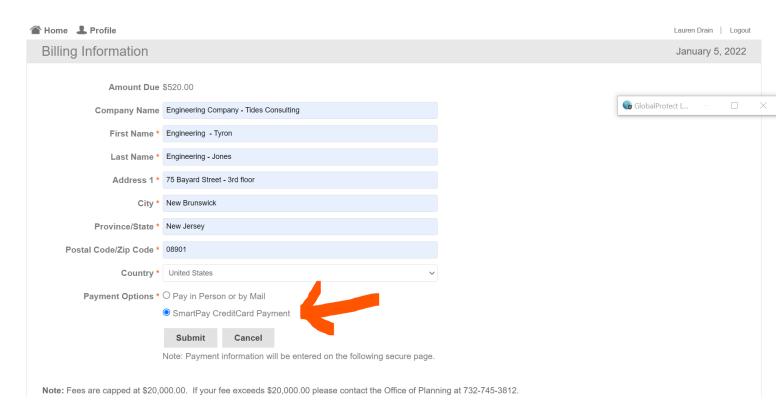
Submit Request

If nothing happens, one of the above sections is probably missing required information. Scroll through each section and look for any "Incompletes" on the right side of the form.

You may pay online using a credit card by selecting the SmartPay CreditCard Payment radio button.

Pressing the Submit Request button presents the following screen:







Submit

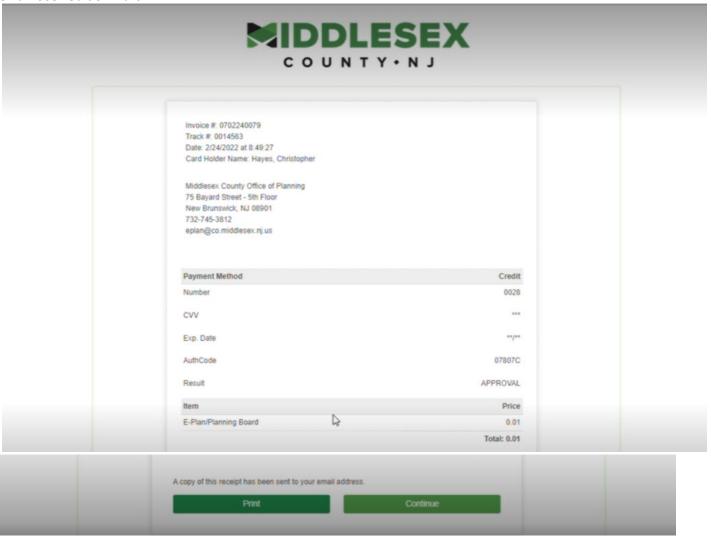
Pressing the Submit button with the Payment Option radio button set to on presents the following screen



Middlesex County Planning Board Amount*				
520.00				
NOTE: Please do not click "Submit" mu	Itiple times to avoid du	plicate payments.		
Cardholder Name*	First Name		Last Name	
Credit Card*	EXP Date	CVV	ZIP	
Card Number	MM/YY	CVV	08901	
Address 20 characters limit				
Address				
I'm not a robot				
IMPORTANT - If you are using a Credit C match the payment to your registration.		n, please enter card ho	older name below. This information wil	I be used to

Enter the requested information then press the Submit button.





Press the Print button to Print the invoice or select the Continue button to proceed.

After Pressing the Continue button, the following screen which will appear for several seconds



THANK YOU



Thank you for registering and paying for the Middlesex County Planning Board. You will receive an email confirmation shortly. If the email confirmation does not appear in your inbox, please check your spam folder. If you do not receive your email confirmation, please call 732-745-3812.

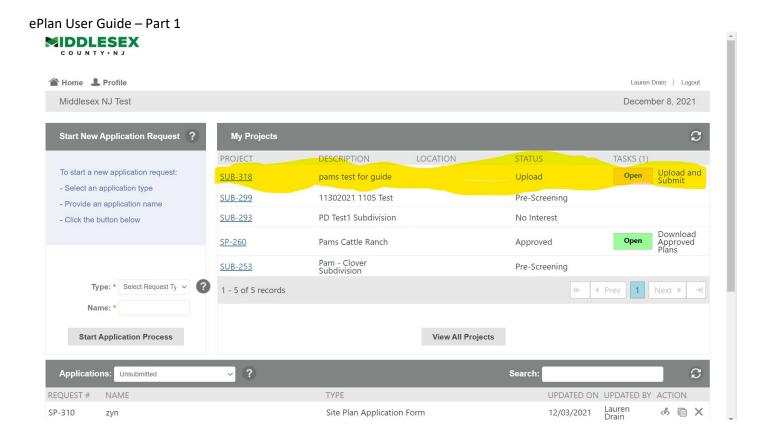
Continue

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You can press the Continue button or after several seconds you are returned to the following Dashboard Page where you will see the project in the My Project view with a Task of Upload and Submit.

If you select pay in person or by mail, submit a check to the Middlesex County Office of Planning. Checks must be made payable to the "Middlesex County Treasurer." (An e-check option will be available in the near future.)

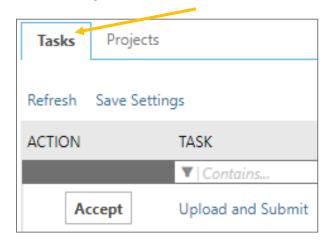




Upload and Submit

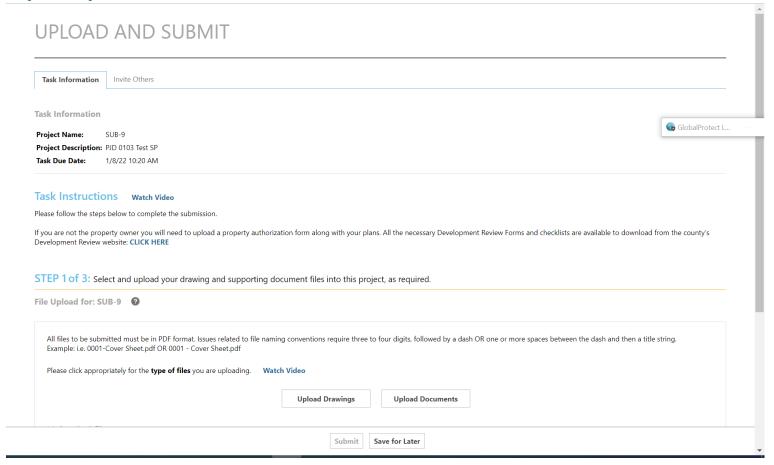
You will receive an email (Figure 1) with a link to start your Upload and Submit task. Click **Start Task** within the email to open the ProjectDox login screen in your browser. Once logged in, your task eForm will open.

You can also accept the task and open the eForm by clicking on **Accept** or clicking on the Upload and Submit link on the Home Page Tasks tab.





Step 1: To Upload, select the desired folder.



Click Browse for **Files** or drag files into the upload window. Click **Start Upload**. This step may be repeated to add additional files. NOTE: Documents and drawings (plans) must be labeled properly using the County's file naming convention indicated in the form. All plans must be uploaded one sheet at a time.

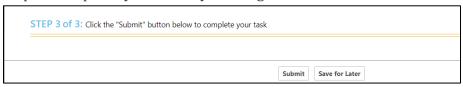




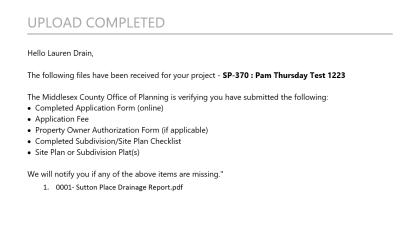
Step 2: Confirm all files have been uploaded.



Step 3: Complete your task by clicking Submit.



Receipt of your upload will be confirmed by email.

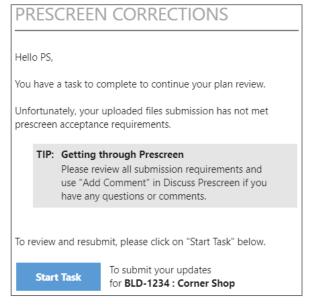


Do not reply to this email - it is system-generated. If you need technical assistance, please contact the

Prescreen Corrections Required

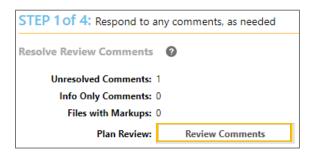
Middlesex County Office of Planning

If corrections are needed, you will receive an email notification for the Prescreen Corrections task. Click **Start Task** from your email or login to ProjectDox and accept the task.

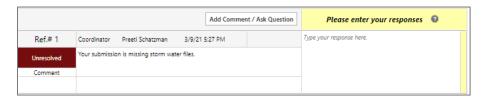




Step 1: Respond to comments provided by the County. A summary of the comments will be listed. Click **Review Comments**.



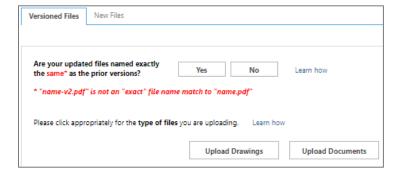
Review and respond to the comments.



After making the requested corrections, type your response in the text field box. To ask the County a question click **Add Comment/Ask Question**. A response may be required to all comments.

Step 2: Upload New or Versioned Files.

- If you are uploading New Files, select the New Files tab and follow the same procedures as the initial upload
- If there are versioned files, select the file naming option (Yes or No)
 - o If Yes, follow the same procedures as initial upload
 - If No, select the new file that will be a new version of the existing file. ProjectDox will rename the file
 upon upload with the same name as prior version





Step 3 and 4: Confirm all requirements have been met and click Submit.



Note: If all review comments require a response and they have not been provided, you will see the following notification and will not be able to complete your task until required responses have been entered.



The Prescreen Corrections task can be repeated as many times as **necessary** until all corrections have been submitted. You will receive an email when your Prescreen review is accepted and the Completeness review begins.

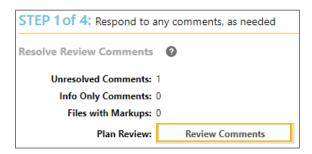
Completeness Corrections

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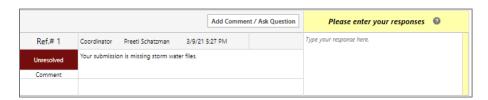




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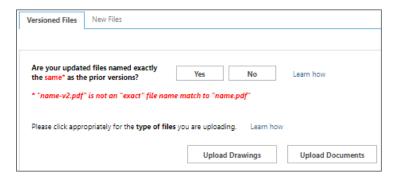
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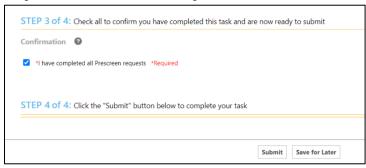
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The Completeness Corrections task can be repeated as many times as **necessary** until all corrections have been submitted. You will receive an email when yourCompleteness Corrections is accepted and review is beginning.

Technical Review for Applications

Once your application is deemed complete, County reviewers will prepare staff recommendations and schedule your application for a Development Review Committee (DRC) meeting. You will receive an email notification of the scheduled DRC meeting date and instructions for viewing the staff recommendations prior to the meeting.

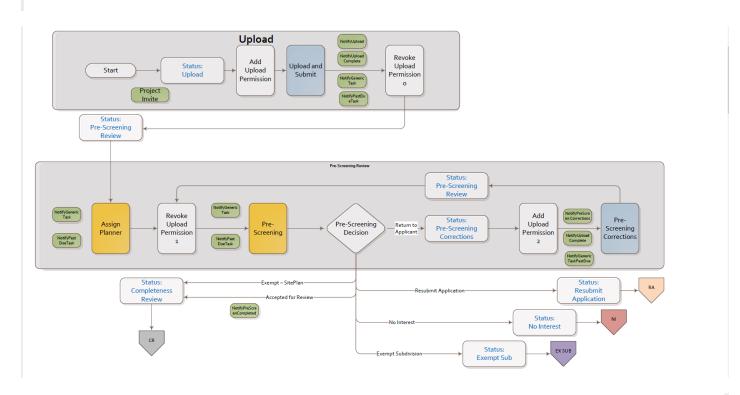
This Technical Review task and the remaining tasks of the ePlan development review process will be discussed in detail in Part 2 of the Users Guide. Part 2 will be released in late March, prior to the April DRC meeting.

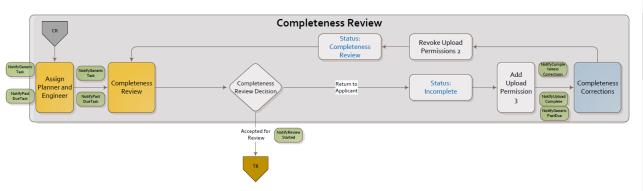


Appendix

Workflow Diagram

Subdivision and Site Plan Workflow January 6,2022 Legend Applicant Task Notification Trigger Status Update







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