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## ESI GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCH MEETING

You are cordially invited to attend ESI’s General Membership Lunch Meeting on June 19 at 11:30 am. Please RSVP to Ella Broughton no later than June 7 by calling 703-263-2232 or by sending an e-mail to [ebroughton@esinova.org](mailto:ebroughton@esinova.org). Checks are payable to ESI, and all reservations are nonrefundable. Due to limited seating for the luncheon, reservations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis.

### PLEASE JOIN US!!

You are invited to join ESI’s Focus Group Workshop (P521-19) when we meet on Wednesday, June 12, from 9:00 am—1:00 pm to develop ESI’s academic curriculum for 2020. Participation in this important component of our education program will fulfill one elective requirement for the current academic year and provide 4 PDHs! Lunch will be provided. Enroll in this Workshop through our LMS training site, [lms.esinova.org](http://lms.esinova.org), or give us a call at 703-263-2232.



## CONSULTANTS FOR PEER REVIEW NEEDED!

Both Loudoun County and Fairfax County need consultants for peer review. If you still need to obtain your required 2019 DPE credits, now is a great time to sign up online. There are plenty of openings, and our Senior Staff Engineers can use your assistance! Instructions for signing up for peer review can be found on the front page of ESI’s website.



## SEAN PEIFFER RECEIVES VIRGINIA LAND SURVEYOR LICENSE

We are pleased to announce that Sean Peiffer, of our ESI staff, received his Virginia Land Surveyor License in February. Sean serves in our ESI Herrity office conducting preliminary reviews of Fairfax Infill plan submissions in addition to supporting our MSR peer review process. Please extend your congratulations to Sean on this milestone achievement in his professional career.



## PAVEMENT DESIGNS FOR ESI MEMBER FIRMS' FAIRFAX PLANS

ESI's Herrity staff have been designated authority by the Director of LDS to review and approve pavement designs specifically for ESI member-firm plan submissions. Under this program, ESI member firms may submit street pavement design up to 1,000 vehicles per day to ESI for an expedited review process. By doing so, members enjoy a very shortened response time (typically a matter of days), in lieu of LDS's normal processing times. To receive this review, members are required to submit a payment of \$400 to ESI directly, of which ESI then compensates LDS for their permitting fees. Payment and application (available on ESI's website) should accompany submission of the MSR review plan.

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## TECHNICAL BULLETIN BY THE FAIRFAX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FCDOT) REGARDING TRAFFIC ANALYSIS ON ZONING PROPOSALS

To facilitate a comprehensive review of zoning applications that fall below the daily trip generation thresholds established by the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Fairfax County Department of Transportation has established a policy requiring the submission of an Operational Analysis for all such zoning applications (rezoning, special exceptions, special permits and amendments to the same) for sites that generate 2,500 or more but less than 5,000 vehicles per day, or that generate 250 vehicles per hour or more on adjacent street(s). The Technical Bulletin released on February 14, 2019, provides the details of this policy. Read the entire Technical Bulletin here:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/landdevelopment/sites/landdevelopment/files/assets/documents/19-03-0a-determination-requests.pdf>

## FAIRFAX ePLANS LAUNCH

On Wednesday, March 20, 2019, Fairfax County launched their ePlan review for site plans and minor site plans. Earlier this year, ePlans launched with two building plan types: new commercial structures and commercial interior alterations.

The [ePlans website](#) offers great resources to guide you through submitting a site ePlan or minor site ePlan:

- [Getting Started](#)
- [Uploading Files for Site-Related Plans](#)
- [Track Your Plan](#)
- [Responding to Comments and Resubmitting](#)
- [Getting to Approval: Signature Set](#)
- [Interactive Graphic for New Review Process for Major Site Plans](#)
- [Site ePlans FAQs](#)
- [What Has Changed for Site-Related Plans with ePlans?](#)
- [Update to Site-Related Plan Fees](#)

The county will also offer one-on-one help for customers who are ready to submit ePlans on Wednesdays from 8 to 10 a.m. in March and April of 2019. Just come to the customer service waiting area on the second floor of the Herrity Building, Suite 230, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA. Customers should bring a laptop with digital files ready for upload.

For questions about the ePlans process:

- 703-222-0801, #2, TTY 711

[LDSePlans@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:LDSePlans@fairfaxcounty.gov)

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## ESI CHECKLISTS CHANGE PERIODICALLY: CHECK BEFORE YOU SUBMIT!

ESI and Fairfax staff have been working diligently over the past few months to update the ESI checklists. As a reminder, all checklists used for MSR reviews are located on the ESI website in the respective jurisdictional folder. In order to avoid using an outdated checklist, which can create unnecessary delays in the submission review process, please print a fresh checklist from the respective ESI jurisdictional website folder before you submit.



## OUTSTANDING ESI INSTRUCTORS FIRST QUARTER

Please join ESI in congratulating those instructors in the first quarter who fulfilled their teaching commitments with excellence. The following instructors gave presentations that were rated “outstanding” by the majority of their students—a truly outstanding accomplishment!

### Professional Development Classes

- Jim Succop, ECS Mid-Atlantic, LLC, Environmental Site Assessments
- Kim Moshlak, Helios HR, Developing Effective Leaders
- Susan Wolford, Pennoni, Managing the Millennial Alongside their Grandparents
- Mark Hassinger, Hassinger/Armm Associates, Project Financing & Alternative Delivery Methods
- Mike Rolband, WSSI, Preventing Project Delay—Natural & Cultural Resource Constraints
- Tom Nelson, Fairfax County Subdivision Process, Part I

### Land Development Engineering Classes

- Andrew Painter, Walsh Colucci Lubeley & Walsh PC, Rise of a Region
- John Farrell (McCandlish & Lillard), Robert Wulff, Mark Liberati (Pennoni), Fred Costello, Panel Discussion on Roles and Responsibilities of Key Players in Land Development
- Dave Dwornik, Kerry Skinner (christopher consultants), Geometric Site Layout I and II



## REMAINING CLASSES IN 2019

We are now well into our 2019 Professional Development Program and have offered about half of the 21 classes scheduled for the current academic year. Our goal is to provide enriching options to meet your annual requirement of three electives to maintain your DPE status and/or keep your professional state licensing current.

Your participation in taking those few extra minutes to jot down class suggestions for next year on the evaluation sheets is critical not only to our Focus Group but to keeping the curriculum fresh and relevant. The value of your input cannot be overemphasized, as we are dependent upon your input and feedback from each class to meet your education needs.

Remember that ESI’s Professional Development classes are scheduled only through the first week of June this year. After that, each Make-Up class will incur a \$75 administrative fee to help defray the additional time and expense to produce the classes. Thank you for your continuing support and making sure your electives are met for the 2019 academic year!

For a list of the remaining classes, please visit and enroll through our learning management system at [lms.esinova.org](http://lms.esinova.org) or view all education programs in our 2019 academic catalog on our website at <http://www.esinova.org/education>.





## **IN CASE YOU HAVE NOTICED OUR PROGRESS**

In an on-going effort to improve our ability to serve our valuable members, firms and partners, ESI has been developing and implementing improvements to many aspects of our organization, services, policy and support systems over the past few years. While some of this work has been behind the scenes to better enable us to serve more effectively and efficiently, many other aspects may be directly visible to you as you interface with ESI and staff.

Here is a broad overview of some of this work:

**Office and Classroom Environment**—ESI relocated to our present location in 2017 to provide a sustainable and consistently professional environment for our staff to both serve you and for your comfort when visiting us.

**Education Program Improvements**—ESI strives to continually improve our class offerings by providing timely and professionally enjoyable topics. Our new Education Committee provided valuable insight last year that resulted in further improvement to the LDE class series. Additionally, the annual June Education Focus Group meeting has proven to provide great insight into burgeoning trends and issues as well as our members' priorities for training. Armed with ideas for typically over 100 classes, ESI then works to identify professionals to craft and teach about thirty new classes beginning the following January in addition to our two-semester LDE, Fundamentals and Policy and Procedures classes. Feedback over the past couple of years has been very positive on the diverse content that has been offered. Concurrently, ESI has made substantial improvements to our audio-visual systems, and we now have capability to record select classes in HD. We believe this capability has

already enhanced our program and will further enable ESI to identify other educational delivery opportunities in the future.

**Enhancements to Online Systems**—On most daily interactions, ESI's members can and should seek information and services via ESI's website and on-line services (including class catalogues, sign-ups, member education history) as well as critical information pertaining to plan preparation, submission and timely jurisdiction updates. To improve this capability, ESI has launched a new cloud-based professional website that also enables a one-stop class signup. Prior to this, members needed to work through multiple systems to find the service needed. Additionally, with our prior systems, ESI staff had to manually transfer data from one system to another in order to accomplish the administrative aspects of our business. By updating our online systems with capabilities to interface directly with our newly designed and implemented cloud-based administrative databases, our services can be delivered with greater expediency and accuracy.

**Leading into the Future**—ESI's Board of Directors requested and subsequently participated in a Strategic Visioning and Planning process to discuss and envision ESI's future. The results of that and subsequent work resulted in the ESI 2019 Strategic Plan to help guide and chart the Board and ESI staff toward a sustainable future serving both our members and partners. Some aspects of those strategies involved further expanding our educational opportunities, creating a multi-year financial projection and budgeting process, enhancing online services that ESI could provide, as well as reviewing possibilities for rebranding, methods to enhance communication, teamwork and member networking opportunities.

PLAN REVIEW STATISTICS FOR MARCH 2018 TO FEBRUARY 2019

Fairfax County

	2018 March	2018 April	2018 May	2018 June	2018 July	2018 Aug	2018 Sept	2018 Oct	2018 Nov	2018 Dec	2019 Jan	2019 Feb	2019 Avg
Total # of Major Plans Reviewed	22	11	11	13	15	11	16	18	13	15	13	9	14.0
% of Total Submitted Plans Acceptable	85%	66%	100%	77%	93%	100%	88%	89%	85%	86%	88%	100%	91%
Total # of DPE Plans Submitted	21	10	9	11	13	8	14	16	8	12	12	8	11.8
% of First Submission Plans Acceptable	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	78%	80%	75%	80%	87%	100%	95%
% of Second Submission Plans Acceptable	90%	100%	100%	100%	86%	100%	100%	100%	100%	84%	100%	100%	97%
Total # of Non-DPE Plans Submitted	1*	1*	2	2	2	N/A*	2	2	4	3	1	1	1.8
% of First Submission Plans Acceptable	N/A*	N/A*	0%	50%	100%	N/A*	100%	N/A*	100%	100%	N/A*	N/A*	84%
% of Second Submission Plans Acceptable	100%	100%	100%	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	100%	100%	0%	100%	100%	78%
Total # of DPE Plans to Bond	10	3	6	2	5	3	3	7	5	1	2	6	4.4
Total # of non-DPE Plans to Bond	2	4	2	2	3	5	2	2	4	4	0	1	2.8
Avg # Days for DPE Plans to Reach Bond	210	234	333	451	255	170	222	288	258	173	418	290	265
Avg # Days for non-DPE Plans to Reach Bond	503	416	343	269	371	242	247	66	348	313	0	765	307
Avg # of Submissions for DPE Plans to Reach Bond	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	1.8	2.0	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9
Avg # of Submissions for non-DPE Plans to Reach Bond	3.0	2.3	2.5	2.0	3.5	2.2	2.0	1.5	2.3	2.5	0.0	3.0	2.2

N/A\* = No Plans

**EVENTS**

**April**

4/17	Executive Board Meeting	11:30am
4/24	Fairfax Committee Meeting	8:30am

**May**

5/1	Leesburg Committee Meeting	9:00am
5/14	Loudoun Committee Meeting	4:00pm
5/15	Executive Board Meeting	11:30am
5/22	Fairfax Committee Meeting	8:30am
5/27	Memorial Day	ESI Closed

**June**

6/4	Alexandria Committee Meeting	1:00pm
6/12	ESI Focus Group Workshop	9:00am
6/19	Full Board Meeting	10:00am
6/19	General Membership Meeting	11:30am
6/21	Fairfax Awards Ceremony	9:00am
6/26	Fairfax Committee Meeting	8:30am

