EXTERIOR PLANNING



ENGINEERING

PERSPECTIVE



Today's Presenters







Andy Petersen Senior Project Manager apetersen@ruekert-mielke.com Ruekert & Mielke, Inc.



About Ruekert & Mielke, Inc.

ENGINEERING SERVICES





Environmental

















Green Infrastructure























SETTING UP THE SCENE

Andy Petersen, P.E.





Setting the scene

Need to build on a new site or expand on your existing site?

Need a process to determine the following:

- Find Possible Location(s)
- ► Due Diligence
 - Feasibility
 - Compliance
 - Funding
- Property Acquisition
- Design & Construction





SELECTING THE BEST SITE

Andy Petersen, P.E.









Goal is to Build What You Want



Identify Constraints



Develop a Feasible Project Plan



What Are the Goals?

- Expansion or new build?
- Suitable Site?
- Meet District Educational Needs?
- Funding?





Key Subjects

- Location & Accessibility
- Size of Parcel & Zoning
- Demographics & Population Growth
- Environmental Assessment
- Historical Land Use
- Transportation & Utility Infrastructure
- Drainage
- Regulatory Compliance
- Community & Stakeholder Input
- Costs and Funding
- Future Expansion & Flexibility



What subject is <u>Most</u> <u>Important?</u>

- ► They all are!
- Does this site meet our goals?

Where do we start?

- Depends on perspective
- Engineer's perspective







SITE OVERVIEW

Kaley Simonis





Where You Can & Can't Build

- There are multiple constraints to review prior to final site selection
- A few with the most drastic implications are usually 'hidden' in plain view





Where You Can & Can't Build

- Building & Paving Setbacks
- Existing Easements
- Environmental Constraints
- Wetland Setbacks
- Waterway Setbacks
- Airport Height Restrictions
- Zoning Restrictions/Overlays





ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Kaley Simonis





Environmental Reviews





Endangered Species

- Start with preliminary desktop analysis: WDNR NHI & USFWS IPaC
- Can result in construction timing implications
- If managed early during planning, you can minimize project implications
- Substantial timing issues if it is prime habitat for a species





Endangered Species





Culturally Significant, Archaeological, or Historic Resources

- Wisconsin maintains a 'confidential' database of known archaeologically sensitive resources
 - A data records request can be performed, or reaching out to a consultant with access will allow you to perform a desktop review
- There is also a public viewer for Nationally Registered Historic Places
- These typically can't stop you from performing your project, just require mitigation (ex. relocating known burials, performing a Phase I Archaeological Survey, etc...)





Potential Contamination

- Phase I Environmental Site Assessment is performed during the Financing phase of the project
- If contamination is found, additional coordination with the NR700 team is required
 - Once you are designated as the "Generator" the contamination is YOUR problem



Wetlands

- WDNR maintains the Surface Water Data Viewer
- If a field visit is required, Delineations are only performed during the growing season
- Lack of vegetation/previously drained farms don't alter the presence of a wetland
- No more than 10,000 sq. ft. of temporary + permanent disturbance can occur under the General Permit
- State and Federal authorization



Local Specialties

To facilitate our clients, we have relationships with Archaeological Firms to move burial sites or Mussel specialists to perform relocations

We understand that school districts are on a tight timeline, and we want to provide the most comprehensive turn-key service available to meet those deadlines



Regulatory Compliance Timelines



To set up a project that doesn't have hiccups, performing a preliminary environmental screening sets up a more accurate permit timeline



Knowing that species aren't present ahead of time will allow you to slide through the Endangered Resources Review needs



Knowing contamination is within a specific part of the parcel, that area can be avoided



Avoiding wetland and waterway disturbance minimizes oversight and regulatory burden



US Army Corps of Engineers_o





What Do Environmental Assessments Provide?



Lowers Unexpected Costs Lowers Risk

Meets Expected Timeline



Set a Realistic Schedule

Building in a 15-20% buffer in your timeline for agency review & correspondence will help you meet your deadline



PROJECT IMPLICATIONS IN ACTION

Kaley Simonis











TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES, DRAINAGE

Andy Petersen, P.E.







Utilities



Drainage



Storm Water Requirements

- Big impact on overall design and site cost.
- Work with municipalities to meet their MS4 permit requirements.
- Municipal rules (local and/or adopted regional)
- Additional requirements

Ruekert · Mielke

Subject to more restrictions due to existing flooding issues within the area



REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Andy Petersen, P.E.





Communication



Early Discussion is Best



Concept Review Meeting



Post Submittal Edits or Construction Changes



Understanding Expectations

Understand the Municipality's Process

- R/M conducts reviews for several communities
- Local or regional requirements?
- Level of detail
- Submittals at 60%, 90%, or 100%?
- Timing needed to receive and address comments



Development Agreements

May be Needed for Public Infrastructure Improvements

- May have separate plan requirements
- May involve TIF funding

- May require additional permits
- May extend permitting timelines
- May increase cost for additional design/construction oversight



SUMMARY

Andy Petersen, P.E.













Collect information upfront

Surprises are generally not a good thing Spending \$ up front can improve scheduling and save \$\$\$ later



Questions?







Andy Petersen Senior Project Manager apetersen@ruekert-mielke.com Ruekert & Mielke, Inc.

