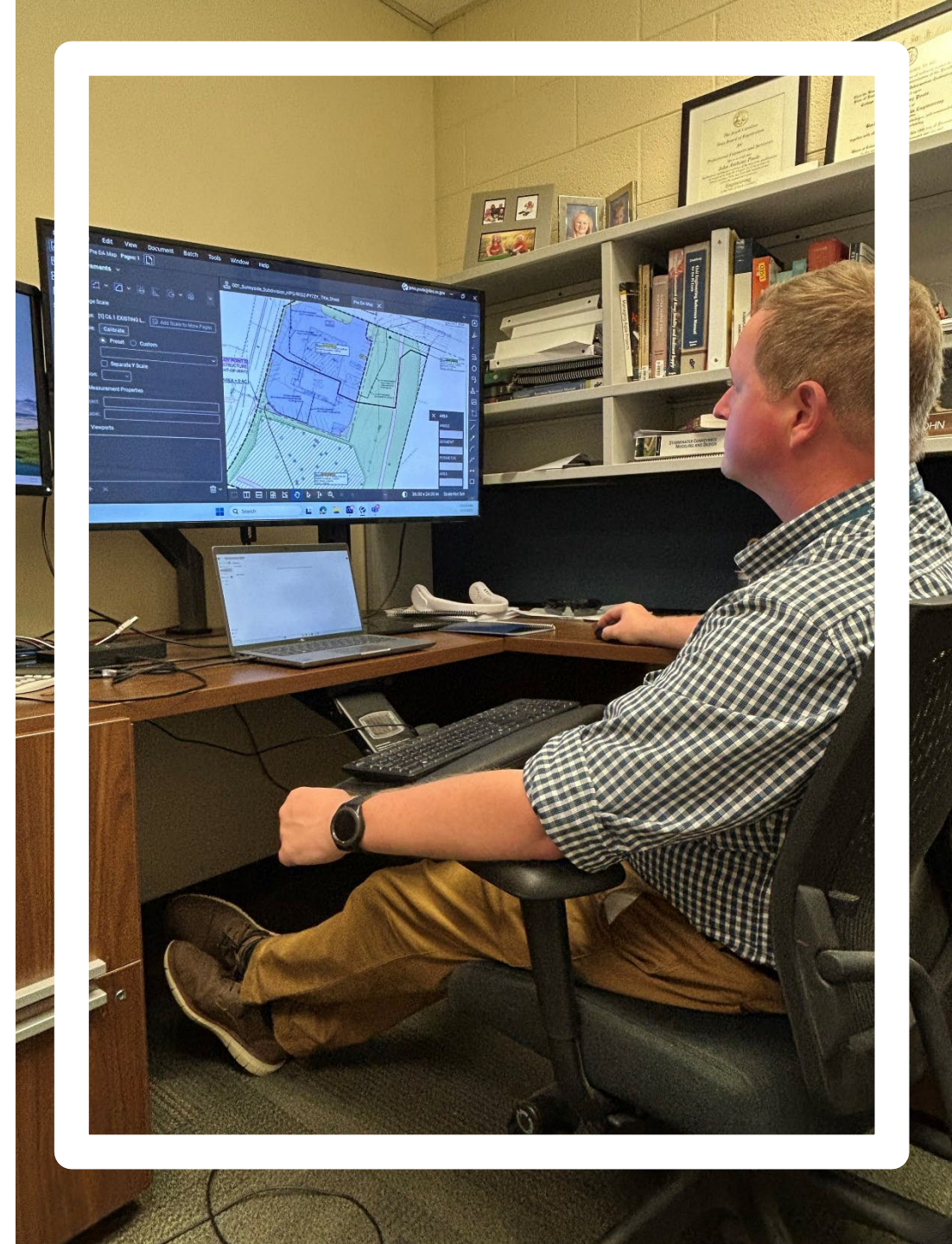
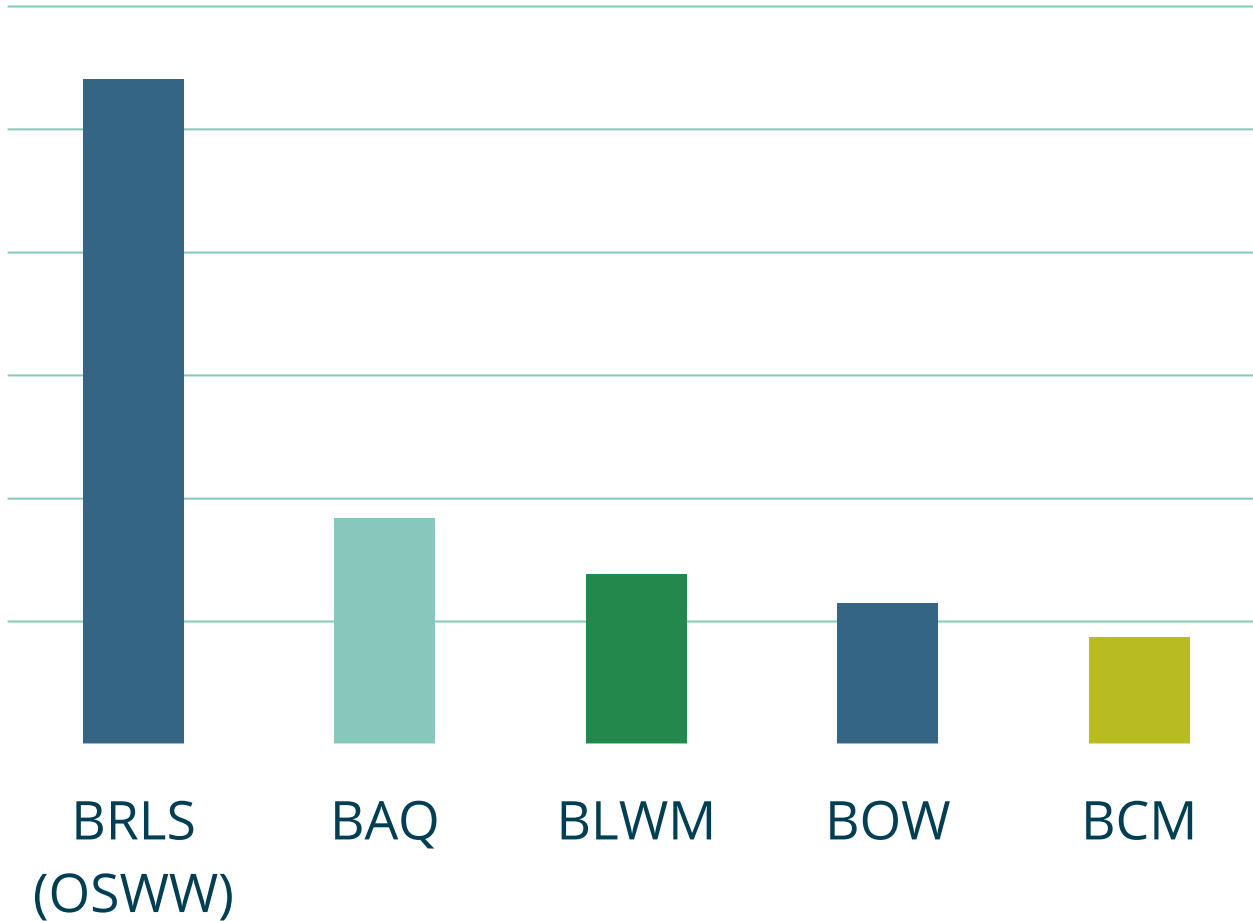


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SCDES processes more than 53,000 permit applications a year



Today's Objectives

Our Goal

SCDES Strategies

Best Practices

Your Ideas

Science • Service • Sustainability



Our Goal



Energy Infrastructure
Projects

Decision
within 6
months
of receipt

All other
Submissions

Decision
within 90
days of
receipt



SC Energy Security Act

- Developing new energy infrastructure capable of meeting the energy needs of South Carolina's residents and supporting economic development
- Expedited permitting timeframes of Energy Infrastructure Projects (EIP) for SCES, state agencies, and local governments.



Energy Infrastructure Project

A project entailing the construction, placement, authorization, or removal of energy infrastructure including, but not limited to, electric transmission and generation assets, natural gas transmission assets, and all associated or appurtenant infrastructure and activities, including communications and distribution infrastructure.



Energy

- DES Permitting Focus
 - 6-month timeframe
 - Dedicated positions in stormwater, air, wastewater, CZC for processing
 - Pre- application meetings required



Off- Ramps for Submissions

- Template Agreement
- Project-Specific Milestones when submission can't be processed within 90 days/ 6 months (Energy)
- Signed by RP and Agency Director
- Tracked in E-Permitting



SCDES Strategies



What SCDES is Doing

- “Deep Dives”
 - Evaluating Process, People, Procedures
 - Identify Needs
 - Implement Identified Improvements

	On-Site Wastewater
	Coastal Zone Consistency Certification
	
	Coastal Stormwater
	NPDES Wastewater
	Stormwater Permitting

What SCDES is Doing

- Establishing Agency norms for use of ePermitting
- ePermitting Senior Consultants in each Bureau
- Industry-specific Subject Matter Experts (Energy, Air, CZC)
- Engaging Key Stakeholder Groups
- Mapping timelines for Projects with multiple applications to identify areas to streamline

Field Experience



Best Practices for Environmental Professionals

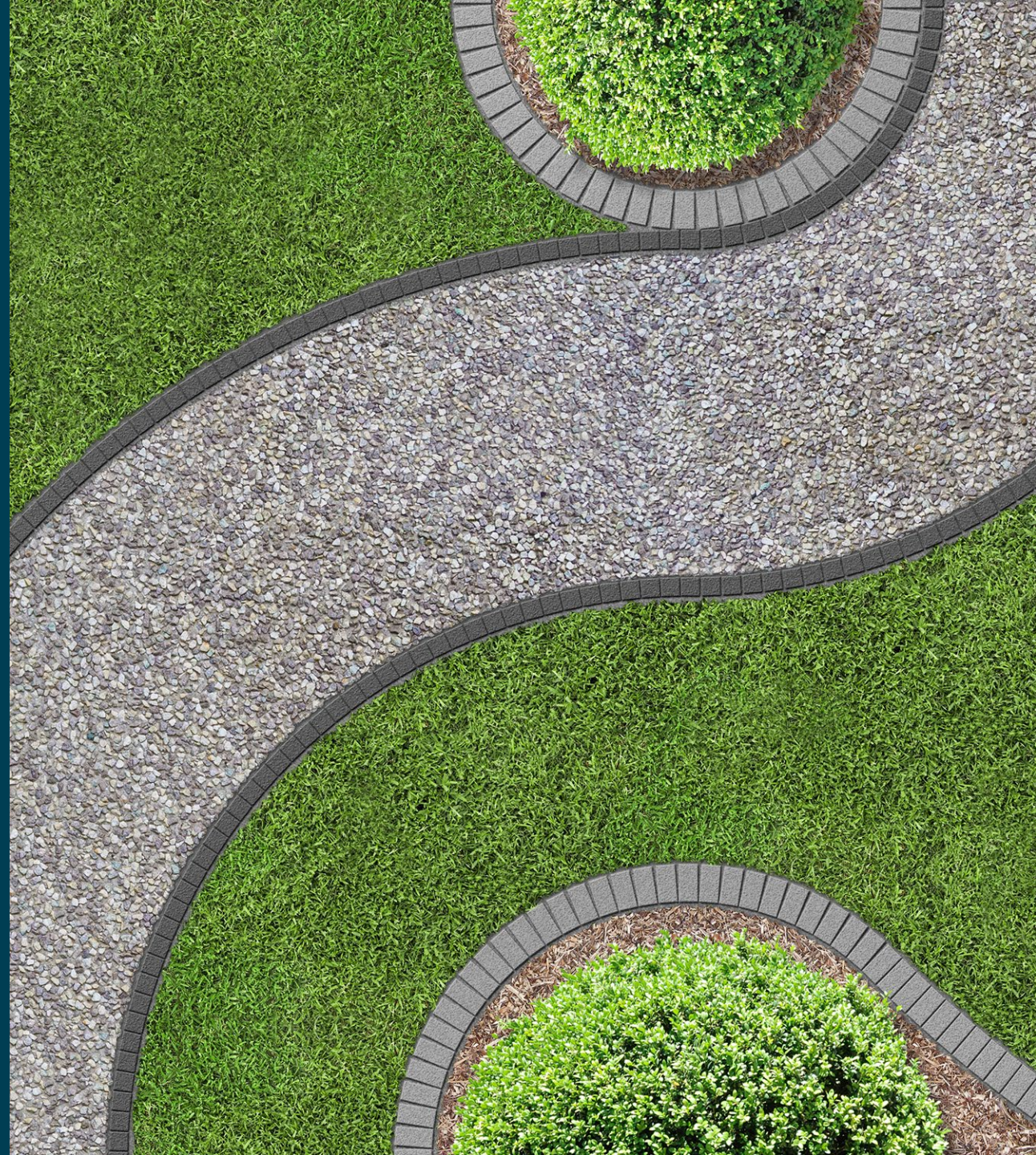


Pathway to Successful Application Submission

Review the latest guidance and submission process

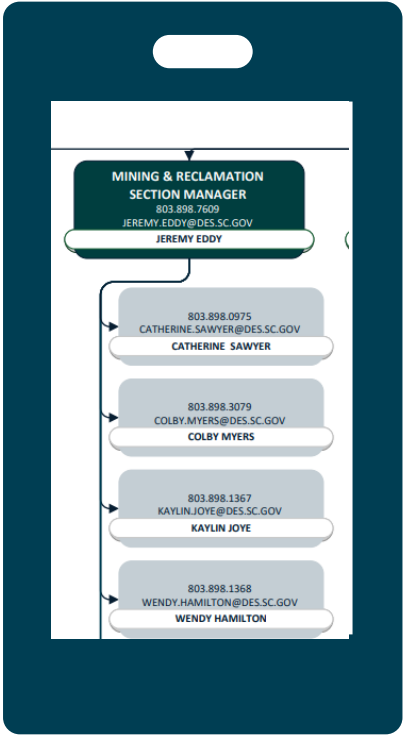
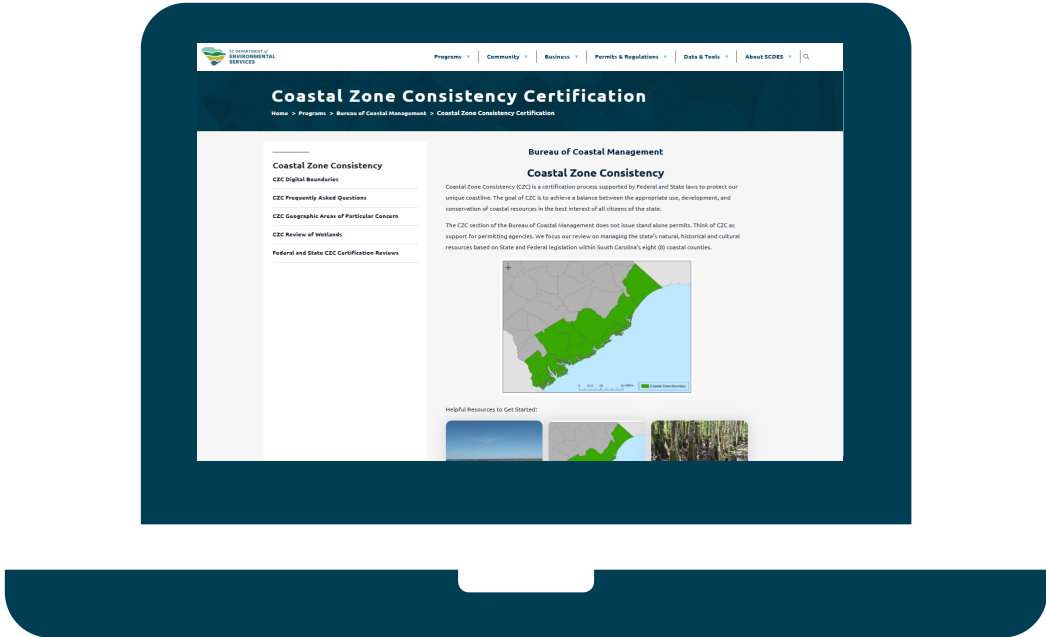
Request a pre-application meeting

Perform a final self-review of the application and any supporting documentation

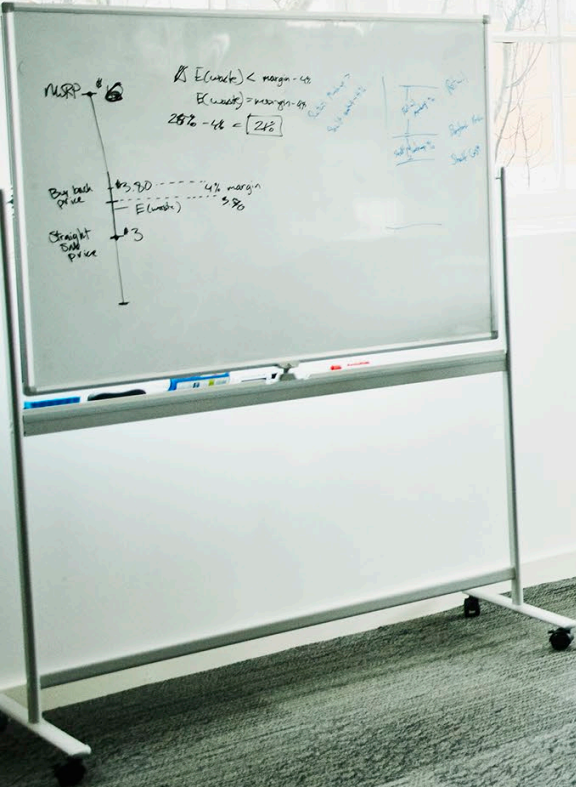


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Reach Out



Pre-Application Meetings



- Discuss elements of site, design
- Gain understanding of project timeline goals
- Meet your reviewer

Pre-Application Meetings

Air

- Construction Permit-Prevention of Significant Deterioration Class 1 Area
- Construction Permit-Prevention of Significant Deterioration Non-Class 1 Area
- Construction Permit-112(g)
- Synthetic Minor

Coastal

- Joint Critical Area Permit

Regional

- Oil & Gas Terminal Facilities

Pre-Application Meetings

Land & Waste Management

- Solid Waste Class 1 Landfills
- Solid Waste Class 2 Landfills
- Solid Waste Class 3 Landfills
- Mine Operating Permit
- Mine General Permit
- Underground Storage Tank Permit to Install (coastal counties only)
- RCRA Hazardous Waste Management Facilities

Pre-Application Meetings

Water

- Land Application
- Navigable Water Individual Permits
- NPDES Wastewater Individual
- Dam Safety Permits

Stormwater

- Expedited Review Program Projects
- Projects seeking detention or other waiver
- Projects seeking to reduce the construction site buffer
- Coastal projects, located outside of an MS4 area, proposing to disturb 50 acres or more
- Non-coastal, located outside of an MS4 area, proposing to disturb 100 acres

Pre-Application Meeting Request

1

Reach out to
Program

2

Permit
Central

3

ePermitting
Service
Request

Pre-Application Meeting Request Form

VERSION 1.0

INSTRUCTIONS



SC DEPARTMENT of
**ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES**

We invite you to use this Service Request to schedule a Pre-Application Meeting with one or more of the SCDES Environmental Permitting Programs, including those for the South Carolina Energy Security Act.



Begin Form Entry



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1 Where can I find more information about the Energy Security Act and how it may pertain to my proposed project?
- 1 Where can I find more information related to SCDES permitting processes?

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ADDITIONAL LINKS

South Carolina Department of Environmental Services
Website
SCDES Permit Central
SC Energy Security Act

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Your Ideas





**What strategies
have you found
successful in
streamlining permit
reviews?**



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