

Frequently Asked Questions

How much do I pay the peer reviewer for their services?

Fees are negotiated between the applicant and the Peer Reviewer.

Am I still responsible for standard permit fees if I retain a peer reviewer?

Yes, all standard DeKalb County permit fees apply.

What types of projects are eligible for expedited plan review?

The program is limited to commercial projects.

I live in a city within DeKalb County. Am I eligible for this program?

Residents of the cities Brookhaven, Decatur, Atlanta, and Dunwoody are not eligible for the program because those municipalities perform their own fire and building reviews.

How long will DeKalb County Development Services need to complete my plan review?

DeKalb County Development Services guarantees a 10 business day turnaround on plan reviews submitted through the expedited program.

How do I choose a peer reviewer for my project?

A list of certified peer reviewers is available at PlanningDeKalb.net/expeditedplans

What scope of work is the peer reviewer responsible for?

Each Peer Reviewer is certified by DeKalb County to review specific disciplines. The applicant and the Peer Reviewer will negotiate which of those disciplines will be reviewed for that project. Each project must be reviewed for the following disciplines:

- Structural Building
- Non-Structural Building
- Fire and Life Safety
- Accessibility

Why should I retain the services of a peer reviewer?

A peer reviewer is familiar with Development Services processes and can ensure that your plans are complete and in compliance with all requires prior to submittal. Additionally, this program

will guarantee you a ten business day turnaround for all county reviews, including Watershed Management, Zoning, Structural, and Fire.

Are my plans automatically approved if I retain a peer reviewer?

No, it is still possible that deficiencies will be found during the County's review process.

What happens if DeKalb County Development Services finds deficiencies in my plans?

County staff will contact the customer who will then resubmit to the Peer Reviewer.

Am I still guaranteed a 10-day turnaround on resubmittals to the County?

Yes.

How do I become an approved Peer Reviewer?

The process by which architects and structural engineers may become certified peer reviewers is detailed at PlanningDeKalb.net/expeditedplans