

# Land Development Project Kickoff Checklist

## You found a property; you have a vision – what’s next?

Before you start the land development process, here are a few things you should look into first.

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### Understand the site

It is important to know what existing features may restrict your development potential.

- Identify natural features (steep slopes, wetlands, floodplains).
- Identify manmade features (historic structures, physical encroachments from neighbors).
- Obtain a title report to see restrictions, existing easements, and covenants.
- Know the permitted use for the site and if your proposed use will require a zoning approval.
- Understand if utilities such as water and sewer serve the site.  
*It is important to know from the start if there are existing utilities, and if not, the expense to extend them.*

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### Assemble a team of experts

While having the right site is important, having the right team can also make the difference between success and failure.

- Consult a land planner and civil engineer to help you identify the best use of your property.  
*They will also help you identify all opportunities and any constraints for the use you envision.*
- Obtain a boundary/ALTA survey.  
*Find out if a recent survey of the property exists. If not, you’ll need to obtain one from a Professional Land Surveyor.*
- Engage a land use attorney to advocate on your behalf.
- Work with your team to outline the land development and permitting process.  
*What federal, state, and local entities will require you to obtain a permit? What is the typical timeline for each?*

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