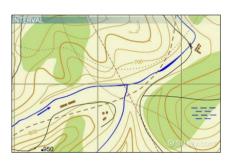


# **Typical Development Process**

A basic overview of the steps involved in the identification, due diligence, evaluation, acquisition and development of real estate



















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### **Development Process - Gantt Chart**

This Gantt Chart shows an approximation of the sequencing of major steps in the development process. The length of time to complete each item can vary significantly with the type and scale of project. (8 months shown)

#	ltem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Site Search / Due Diligence								
2	Site Identification					The Site	Search / Due I	Diligence	
3	Site Requirements					phase	can be much	longer	
4	Price Range								
5	Broker Engagement								
6	Preliminary Feasibility								
7	Political receptivity								
8	Market Analysis - Preliminary								
9	Location Analysis								
10	Contracting								
11	Letter of Intent (LOI)								
12	Due Diligence Period								
13	Due Diligence								
14	Level I Environmental								
15	<b>Environmental Mitigation</b>								
16	Deed Restrictions Search								
17	Easement Restrictions								
18	Survey								
19	Topography								
20	Drainage-Floodplain-Floodway								
21	Water Distribution								
22	Sanitary Sewer								
23	Streets / Access								
24	Adequate Truck Routes								
25	Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA)								
26	TxDOT Restrictions / Access								
27	ROW Dedications								
28	Rail Access								
29	Soils Analysis								
30	Utilities: Gas, electric, Internet								
31	Existing Zoning								
32	Future Land Use Plan (FLUP)								
33	Development Process								
34	Financial Analysis / Feasibility								
35	Cost Identification								
36	Preliminary Engineering Costs								
37	Incentive negotiations								
38	Funding Source Identification								
39	Market Analysis - Detailed								
40	Fee Identification								
41	Pro-Forma Financial Plan								
42	Go / No-Go Decision								

43 44 45	Entitlements					6		8
	Entitiements				Entitlement	ts are sometin	nes required	
45	Staff Review					omeone will c	-	
-	Pre-Submittal Mtgs w Staff					property.		
46	Development Review Com.							
47	Zoning Change							
48	Property Owner Notices							
49	P&Z Hearing				This can	be considerab	oly longer	
50	CC Hearing(s)				depending	on the freque	ncy of mtgs	<u> </u>
51 <b>I</b>	Preliminary Plat							
52	Property Owner Notices							
53	Preliminary engineering plans							
54	P&Z Hearing							<u> </u>
55	CC Hearing							<u> </u>
56 I	Final Plat							<u> </u>
57	P&Z Action							
58 9	Site Plan Approval							
59	P&Z Hearing							
60	CC Hearing							
61	Plan Review / Permitting							·
62	Building Construction Plans							
63	Pre-Submittal w Staff							·
64	Plan Preparation							
65	Submittal / Staff review							·
66	Permit Issued							
67 <b>I</b>	Public Works Construction Plans							
68	Pre-Submittal w Staff							
69	Preparation							
70	Submittal / Staff review							
71	Developer's Agreement - CC							
72	Notice to Proceed							
73	Land Acquisition / Closing							
74	Purchase							
75	Contract Development							
76	Title Work							
77	Closing							·
78	Construction							
79 <b>I</b>	Mobilization							
	Clearing & Grubbing		1					
81	Earth Disturbance Permit		1					
82	Erosion Control							
83	Tree Preservation							
	Site Grading							
	Public Works Construction							
86	Utilities (Water / Sewer)							
87	Drainage / Streets / Driveways							
_	Site Development							
89	Utility services		Constructi	on processes o	an he much			
90	Hardscape			n what's show				
91	Building			olexity / scale				
92	Landscape							
	Certificate of Occupancy				1			

## **Development Process - Item Descriptions**

#	Item	Description	Notes
1			
2	Site Identification	Site Search / Due Diligence	
3	Site Requirements	Create a list of all site requirements, in	Knock-out factors are typically those that
		prioritized order, with "knock-out" factors	you cannot change much (location, topo,
		identified	drainage)
4	Price Range	How much are you willing to pay in total,	
		and per acre or square foot	
5	Broker Engagement	Hiring a broker to search for an identify	Would typically require a commission
		sites, contact owner / representative,	
		begin negotiations	
	Preliminary Feasibility	Items typically not requiring paid consultar	
7	Political receptivity	Meetings with Mayor, Councilmembers,	Also good way to establish a relationship
		P&Z Chair	with community leaders
8	Market Analysis - Preliminary	Quick look at occupancy rates,	
		competition, market growth	
9	Location Analysis	Supply / distribution analysis, road / rail	
- 10		availability, preliminary workforce	
	Contracting		
11	Letter of Intent (LOI)	A letter describing the intent of both	
12	Dua Diliana Basiad	selling and purchasing parties	In alcoholish to a state of the state of
12	Due Diligence Period	Include a period of time for you to	Include right to extend if needed
		perform your due diligence w/o them	Often this can require the purchase of an
13	Due Diligence	marketing the property	"Option"
14	Level I Environmental	Fairly high-level analysis, identifies need	A 'must have' before purchasing
14	Leveri Liivii Oiliileittai	for Level II analysis or potential issues,	TCEQ can help with Level I
		archeological, endangered species, etc.	TCEQ can help with Level I
15	Environmental Mitigation	Has there been any mitigation in past, any	This is not the actual mitigation, just an
13	Environmental Mitigation	required to move forward	
16	Deed Restrictions Search	Any deed restrictions that might prohibit	understanding of what has been done
10	Deed Restrictions Search	the desired use	
17	Easement Restrictions	Identify any easements that may restrict	
	Lasement Restrictions	the development of the land	
18	Survey		ALTA / ACSM stands for American Land
-	<b>-</b> ,	survey which is very detailed and	Title Association / American Congress on
		comprehensive	Surveying and Mapping
19	Topography	Evaluate extent of slopes, drainage	, 0 - 111 0
		patterns, extent of grading needed	
20	Drainage-Floodplain-Floodway	Evaluate the extent that floodplain	Use FEMA / FIRM maps
		reduces useable acreage, drainage	
		patterns through the property, etc.	
21	Water Distribution	Does it currently exist, right size, if not,	
		what does it take to get it there	
22	Sanitary Sewer	Does it currently exist, right size, if not,	Contact City regarding capacity, long-term
		what does it take to get it there	plan
23	Streets / Access	Are there restrictions to drive locations,	
		proximity to intersections, on/off ramps	
24	Adequate Truck Routes	Are there designated truck routes, are they accessible from this site	

#	Item	Description	Notes
25	Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA)	Frequently a TIA is required by a City if	
		there is likely negative impacts resulting	
		from a development	
26	TxDOT Restrictions / Access	Are adjacent roadways TxDOT, are there	Ask local TxDOT engineer
		access restrictions for driveways	Usually shown on ROW maps
27	ROW Dedications	Does Master Thoroughfare Plan (MTP)	Determine extent of required ROW
		show increased width on adjacent roads	dedication
28	Rail Access	Is rail in close proximity, is access allowed	Discuss with Area Rail Manager
		/ desired	
29	Soils Analysis	Is the soil stable, depth to bedrock, water	Can refer to USGS maps preliminarily
		table	
30	Utilities: Gas, electric, Internet	Does it currently exist, right size, if not,	Get utility providers to summarize
		what does it take to get it there	availability and costs to provide
31	Existing Zoning	Is it currently zoned appropriately	Ask Planning Dept. to confirm required
			zoning based on your desired use
32	Future Land Use Plan (FLUP)	Is the desired future land use support a	FLUP shows the long-term desired land
		rezoning to the required zoning	uses for all land in a City
33	Development Process	How long is the full process, application	Typically the City Planning Dept. will have
		costs, political whims	a good overview of this
34	Financial Analysis / Feasibility		
35	Cost Identification	Identify all non-engineering costs	e.g. Marketing, financing,
36	Preliminary Engineering Costs	Estimate all public works costs	Water, sewer, streets, drainage
37	Incentive negotiations	Determine availability of incentives	Typically developer would request this as
			part of their feasibility
38	Funding Source Identification	Determine source of funds for project	Banks, grants, reserves, etc.
39	Market Analysis - Detailed	Identify competing properties, costs,	
		absorption rates, fine tune product design	
40	Fee identification	City Entitlement fees, environmental	Incentives may include reductions to
		permits, consultant costs, etc.	some fees
41	Pro-Forma Financial Plan	Financial analysis of all costs and revenues	
		over a time period	
42	Go / No-Go Decision	Decision to proceed or drop project	
43		Entitlements	
44	Staff Review		
45	Pre-Submittal Mtgs w Staff	Informal meeting, typically w Planning	Explains submittal, checklists, etc.
46	Development Review Com.	A mtg of all departments to review the	Always consult with Fire Marshall re
47		development before formal submittal	access, hydrants, fire lanes, etc.
47	Zoning Change	Typically average within 2001	
48	Property Owner Notices	Typically everyone within 200'	Outro and a semination of the service of the servic
49	P&Z Hearing	Public consideration by P&Z	Owners sometimes requiring purchase
E0	CC Hooring(s)	Dublic consideration by Course!	before finalizing zoning
50 51	CC Hearing(s)	Public consideration by Council	Typically two separate hearings
51 52	Preliminary Plat	Typically overvens within 2001	
	Property Owner Notices	Typically everyone within 200'	
53 54	Preliminary engineering plans	Prelim. water, sewer, streets, drainage	
55	P&Z Hearing	Public consideration by P&Z	
56	CC Hearing Final Plat	Public consideration by Council	
57	P&Z Action	Final approval by P&Z	May have to go to CC also
58			
59	Site Plan Approval P&Z Hearing	This step may not be required depending of Public consideration by P&Z	in City requirements
60	CC Hearing	Public consideration by P&Z  Public consideration by Council	
- 00	CC HEATING	i abile consideration by council	

#	ltem	Description	Notes		
61	Plan Review / Permitting				
62	<b>Building Construction Plans</b>				
63	Pre-Submittal w Staff	Informal meeting w Building Inspector	Understand codes, submittal reqmts		
64	Plan Preparation	Architectural plans prepared			
65	Submittal / Staff review	Formal submittal, fees, review	Can take longer if sent to third party		
66	Permit Issued	Permission to move forward	Can sometimes get 'staged' permitting to		
			allow quicker start		
67	<b>Public Works Construction Plans</b>				
68	Pre-Submittal w Staff	Informal mtg to understand reqmts			
69	Preparation	Civil Engineer to prepare plans			
70	Submittal / Staff review	Submit for compliance with engineering			
		standards			
71	Developer's Agreement - CC	Bonding, insurance, cost participation	Usually reqd prior to construction		
72	Notice to Proceed	Permission to move forward			
73		Land Acquisition / Closing			
74	Purchase				
75	Contract Development	Finalize contract for purchase			
76	Title Work	Title company research and closing			
		document preparation			
77	Closing	Comsumates the sale of property			
78		Construction			
79	Mobilization	Bringing all equipment to the site			
80	Clearing & Grubbing				
81	Earth Disturbance Permit	Allows clean up, tree removal			
82	Erosion Control	Plan, install perimeter erosion control			
83	Tree Preservation	Protection of trees to be saved			
	Site Grading	Grading in accordance with grading plan p	repared by Civil Engineers		
	Public Works Construction				
86	Utilities (Water / Sewer)	Underground utilities typically are first			
87	Drainage / Streets / Driveways	Culverts, streets, drives	Provides access to property		
88	Site Development				
89	Utility services	Brings utilities from public ROW or			
		easements to the buildings			
90	Hardscape	Sidewalks, drives, parking,	Make sure Fire Marshall is engaged		
91	Building	Vertical construction			
92	Landscape	Irrigation, landscape, sod			
93	ertificate of Occupancy Issuance of a C.O. allows occupancy of any buildings				