

# “Site Construction & Design Changes Live with ArcPad” Introduction

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- I have been designing and working with construction with ArcPad for 11 years.

# Presentation Objectives

A man in a brown jacket and blue jeans stands in a grassy field, looking at a tablet. In the background, there are rolling hills, a utility pole, and a building.

- Why “Live Field Construction”™ ?
- Process to see Plans Live in the Field
- The Live Construction Process
- Seeing the Live Design.
- Field Change example “Derbyshire Development”
- Live As-Builds' Field to Office

# “Live Field Construction” (LFC)<sup>TM</sup>

- Developed to meet the needs and goals of fast paced projects
- It is a Dynamic Process matching Field Conditions, not a snapshot
- Protects environmentally sensitive natural features

# Natural Features and the Live Experience



**Trees Saved**



**Views**



**Access Routing**

# How Would You Like To?

- See your design projected on the site in one day after the final design is issued!
- Have an on-site meeting with the development team and propose field changes to the design as you see it on site.
- Avoid field issues that effect your project.
- Track construction progress, then forward to the designer and owner.

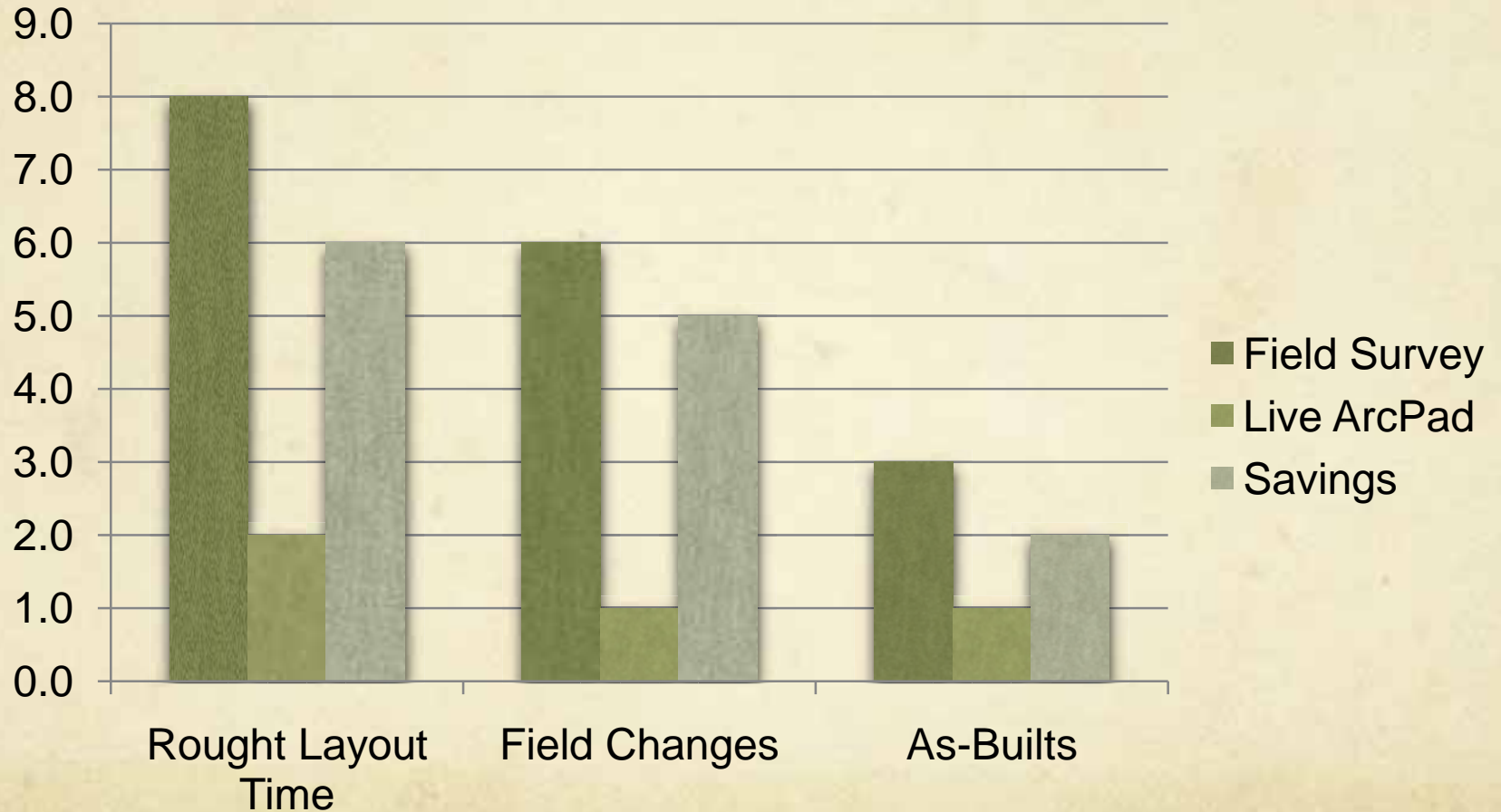
# Why Construct Live?

- The project construction team can visualize the final design at the start of the process
- Saves time and associated cost
- Changes are made during the on-site Live Process

# Example

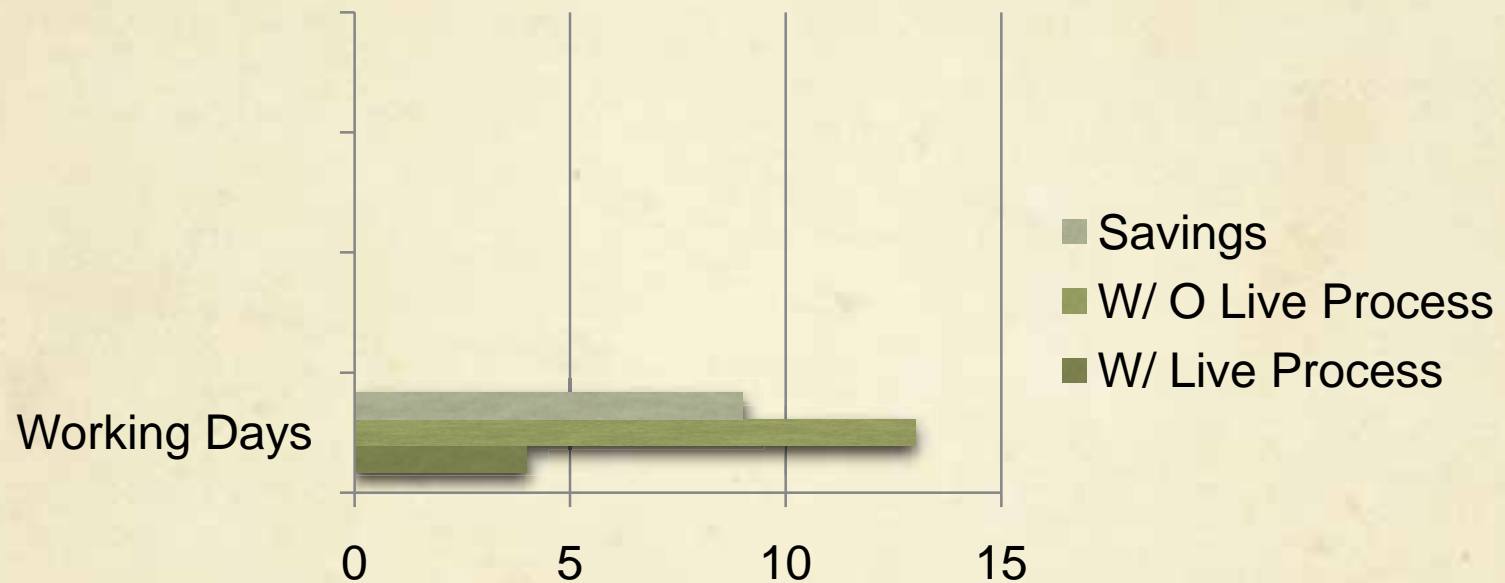
- Based on :
  - One mile (5280 LF) of road in a rural mountainous terrain
  - Serving 50 lots
- Show time and cost savings with Live Design Process Field Time for Survey is \$750/day and GPS Tec is \$500/day
- Show total project savings for 40 miles of road and 1000 lots

# Time (Days) Savings Example for One Mile Mountain Road

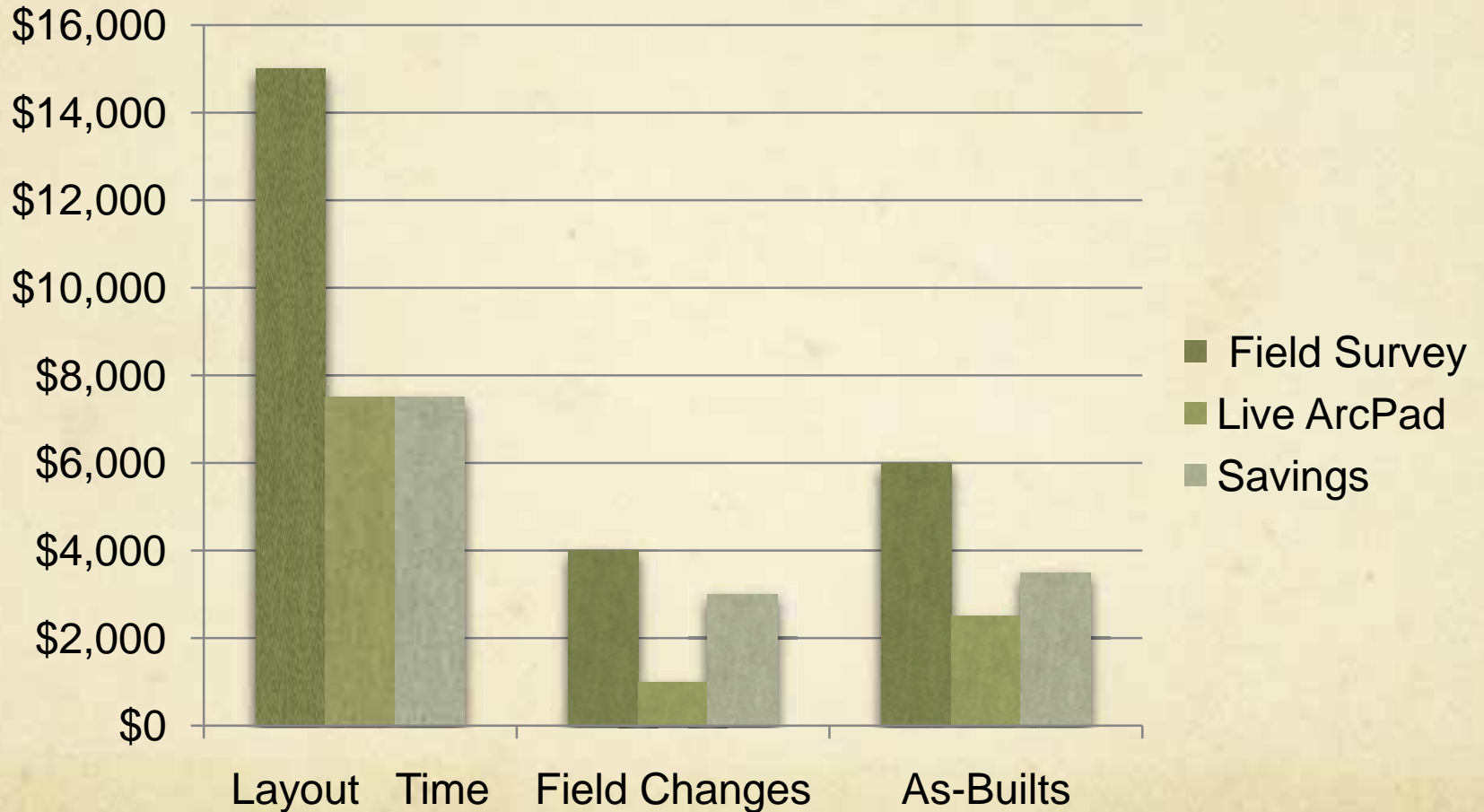




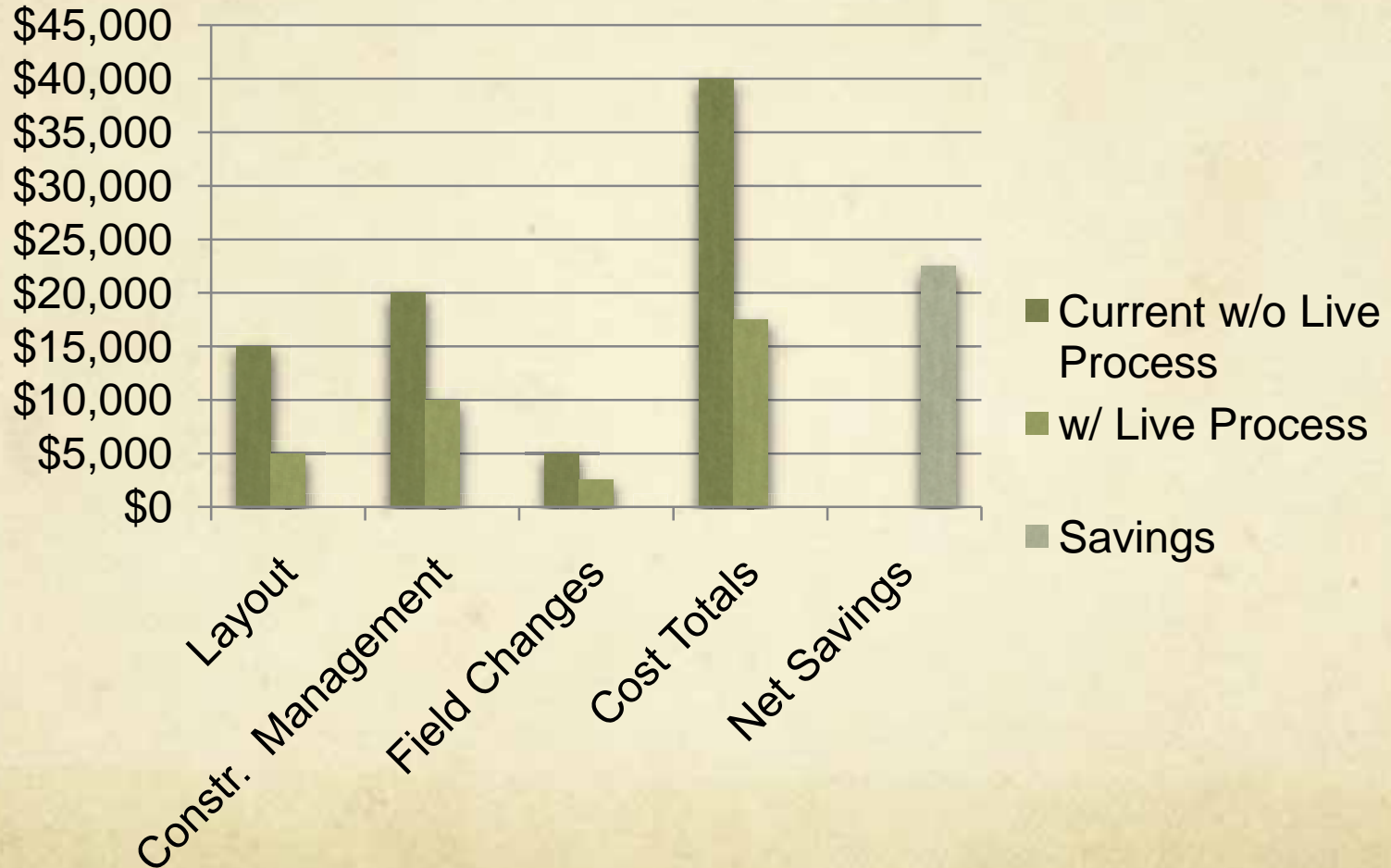
# Summary of Time Savings for One Mile of Mountain Road



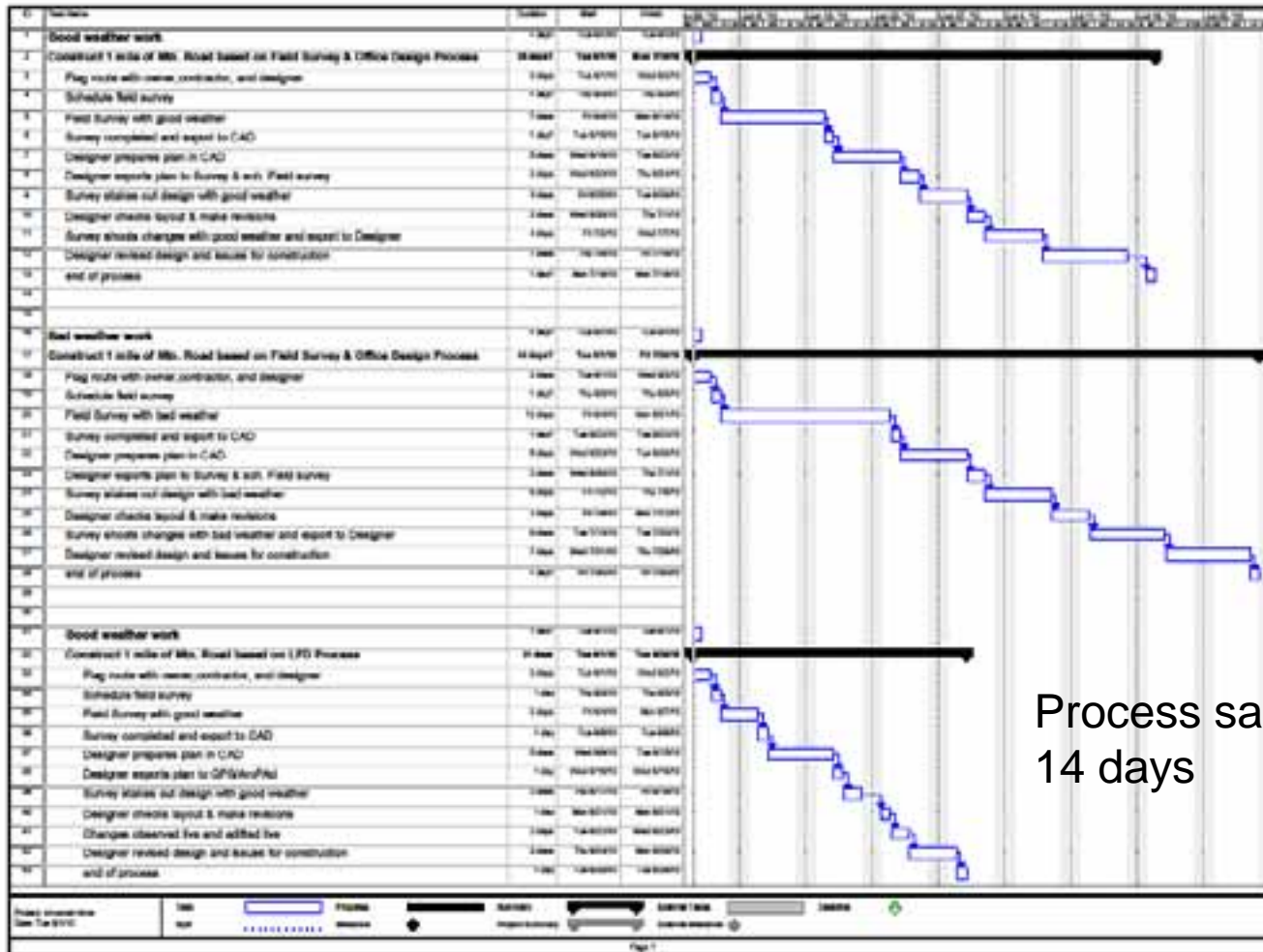
# Cost Savings Example for One Mile of Mountain Road



# Summary Cost Savings on One Mile of Mountain Road



# Project Gantt Chart



Process saves  
14 days

# Summary of Example

- Based on one mile (5280 LF) of road in a rural mountainous terrain
- Savings is \$10,900 and thirteen (13) days
- The total project savings for this development with 40 miles of road is:
  - **\$436,000 Saved**
  - **520 days of field time Saved.**



# “Live Field Processes”

Site Construction  
Live Start to Finish

By Civil Design Team, LLC

# Old and New

Design Drawings



Survey Staking



GPS On Site





# The Live Process

Live Field Design <sup>TM</sup> is the interaction of the designer with the site , the project team, and the surrounding environment.



# What Will I Need to Get This Done?

- 1) Trained GeoDesigner <sup>TM</sup> with at ArcPad and a Graphic GPS.
- 2) Project design drawing exported to ArcPad
- 3) Other GIS maps and data
- 4) Surveys and plats for reference
- 5) View Live in Field with Construction Team
- 6) Record changes and work progress

# Software & Equipment

## ArcPad



## Field PDA or Computer



Cost Range: 3 meter accuracy - \$1300 to \$2000

Cost Range: 30 cm accuracy - \$4000 to \$6000

# New Equipment

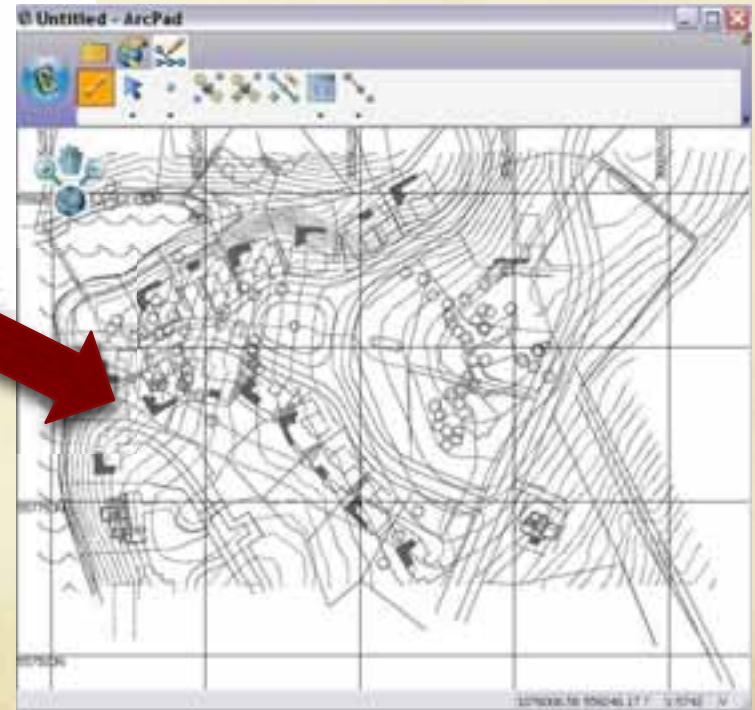
Tablet PC



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# Seeing the Design Live



# Field Staking

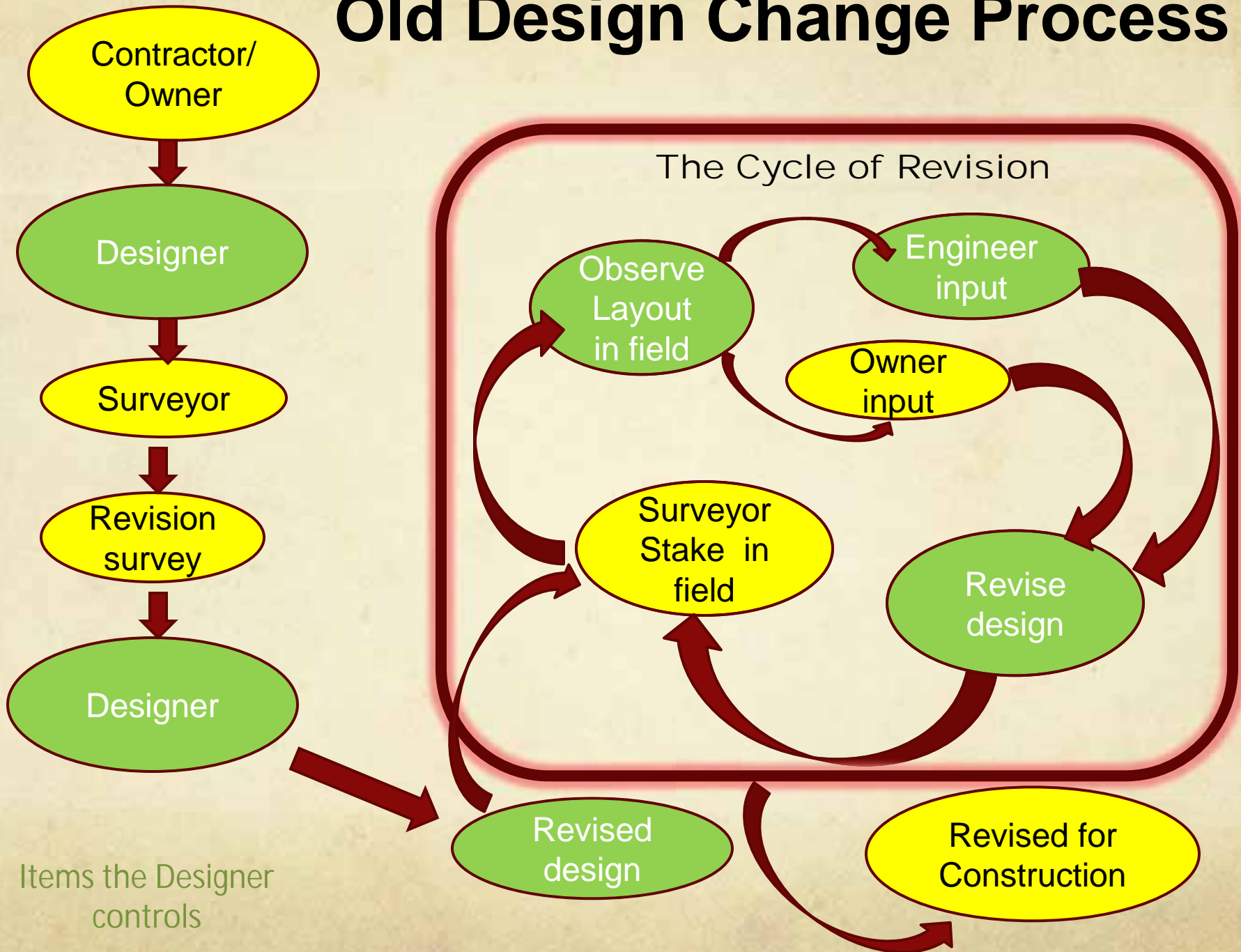


- **Items Suitable for ArcPad Staking:**
  - General clearing limits
  - Road route clearing
  - Rough building locations
  - Rough drives and parking lots
  - Utility locations
  - Sediment traps
  - Erosion control measures
  - Site lighting
  - Landscaping

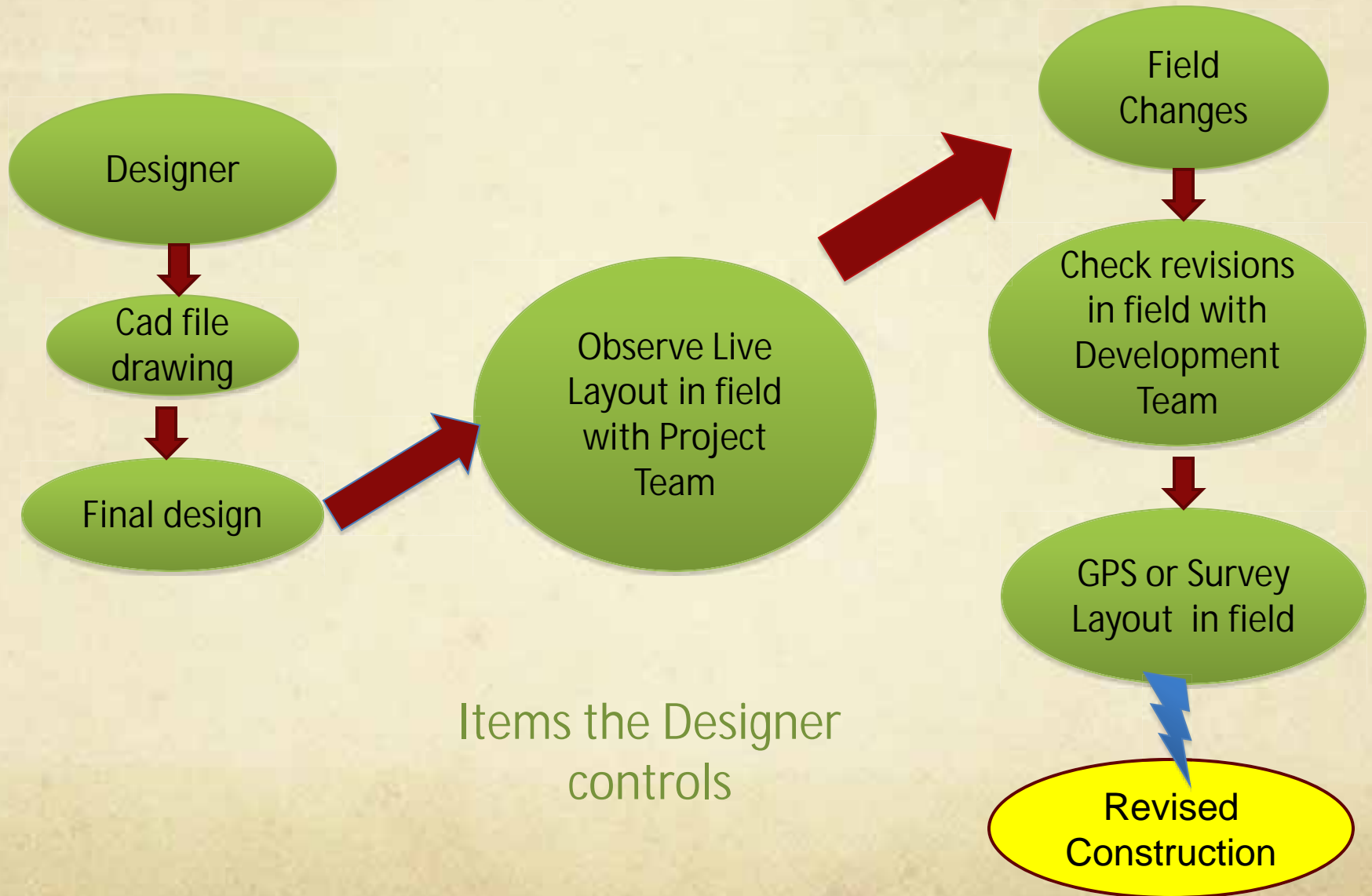
# Field Changes

- The field changes occur when a contractor and/or a designer see something in the field that changes the original design. It may be a better design or site conditions that dictate a change. The construction may have to stop for this change.
- A fast and accurate solution is needed.

# Old Design Change Process



# Live Field Process





**An Example of “Live Field Design”™  
An English Countryside Equestrian Community  
In Tryon, North Carolina**



# The Current Design



Master Plan



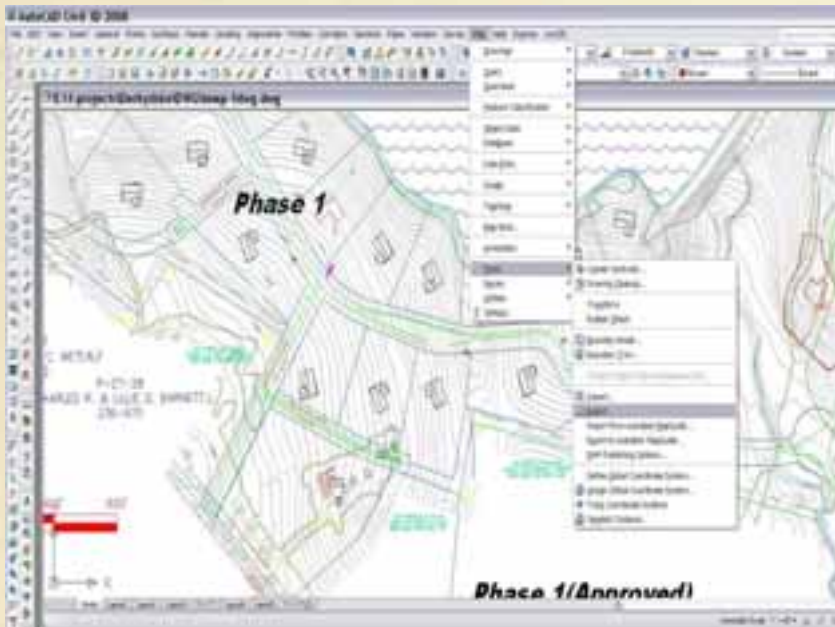
The Village



The Pub

# Export and/or Import to ArcPad

## Design to Export



Acad Design File

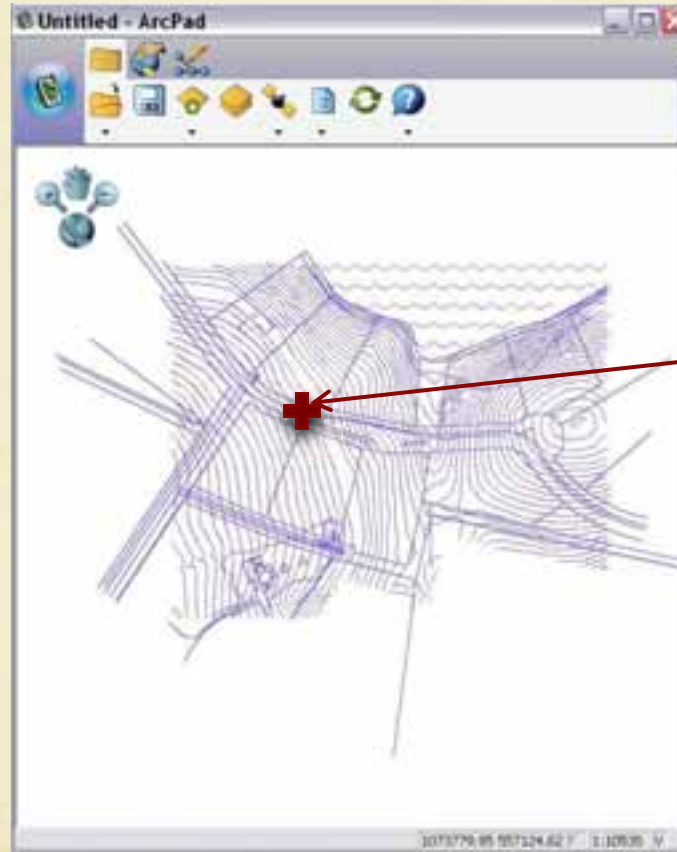
## Importing Design



ArcPad Import Screen

# ArcPad Imported Design

On-site the trees could be observed to determine if they were worth saving. The changes in ROW and property line could be checked and the minimum lot area could be measured to verify that the change did meet design requirements.



GPS Shows  
Current Position

# Field Changes & Designer

## Original Design



Initial Design without Road Split Lanes

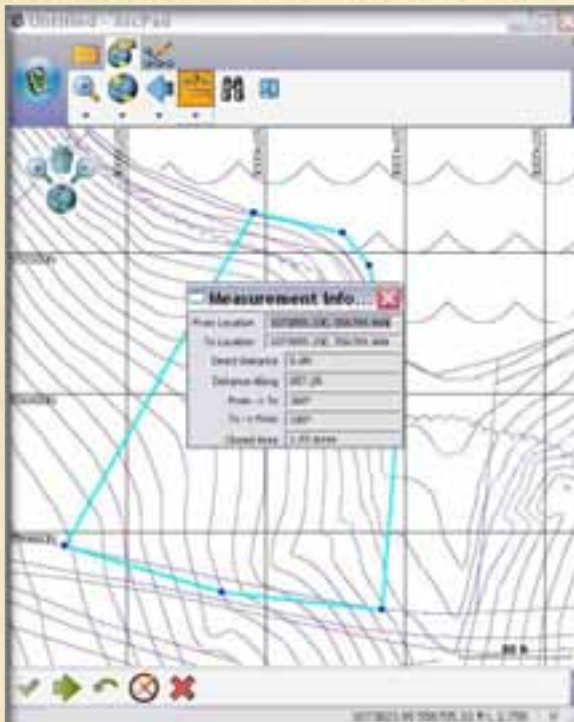
## Field Changes



Revised Design Saving Trees and Adjusting to Lot Grades

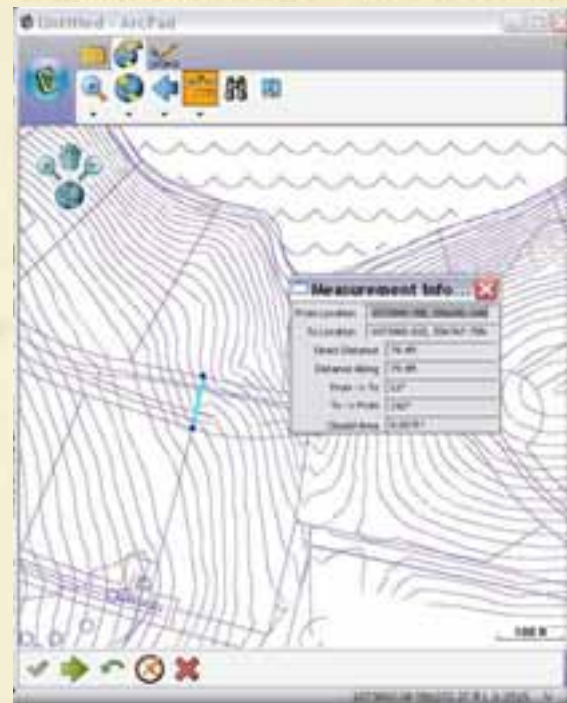
# Field Changes & Designer

## Measure Lots



Measure new lot area with changes & verify it meets minimum size required

## Field Changes



Measure width of split to check field locations

# Photos of Changes

Road Split Saves Trees and Improves Natural Feel



Road Split adjust to High and Low Lots



# Live As-Builts





# Live As-Builts



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