

# STREAMLINING APPROVALS

## WHAT DOES A BEST-IN-CLASS PERMITTING & LICENSING ENVIRONMENT MEAN FOR VIRGINIA CITIZENS?

Each year, Virginia agencies issue over 600 different types of approvals. Securing approvals in a timely manner can be the difference between success and failure. In FY24, average processing times totaled over 11,000 years of waiting for Virginia citizens – time which could be spent starting a business, serving communities, or countless other activities. Recognizing this, agencies are hard at work increasing visibility, reducing administrative burdens, and streamlining approval processes.

### ***Elimination/Simplification***

- VDOT removed requirement for Outdoor Advertising Licenses
- VDOE simplified various applications by eliminating steps which lead to delays
- VDACS consolidated multiple applications related to dairy sector permits
- DEQ consolidated more than 30 documents into an updated Stormwater handbook which is 78% shorter

### ***Reducing Processing Timelines***

- DEQ reduced overall permit processing by nearly 70% in the last 2.5 years
- DPOR reduced overall permit processing by 77% since FY24
- DHCD reduced processing time for approvals by 22% in the last year
- SCHEV reduced overall processing time of certifications by 15.5% in the last year

### ***Digitization***

All agencies are working towards full digitization under EO 39

- 24% of qualifying agencies have fully digitized their approval processes
- 76% of qualifying agencies are in-progress to fully digitize their approval processes

### ***Virginia Permit Transparency Platform (VPT)***

- VPT includes over 100,000 permit applications per year
- 8 agencies LIVE on VPT
- Of 21 remaining agencies, 5 are in-progress to join and 16 agencies do not qualify under EO 39