

# William A. Berry & Son Announce Paperless Construction Project Results: Bluebeam PDF Revu used to eliminate 42,000 pages of paper

Construction management firm William A. Berry & Son, Inc. (Berry) has achieved impressive results in its quest for a paperless project. Using PDF editor Bluebeam PDF Revu, Berry, project architect Perkins+Will and all sub-contractors electronically redlined over 42,000 pages of construction documents in PDF – making the project almost completely paperless. By reviewing and distributing these documents electronically, the team also eliminated 3,042 shipments of paper drawings.

Berry achieved this milestone by deploying Bluebeam PDF Revu, a PDF creation, markup and editing solution, to the entire project team working on the Overlook Center. Berry managed the core and shell construction, and is currently managing the fit out of this 100,000 square foot building in Waltham, MA.



Rendering of the Overlook Center. Photo Credit: Perkins+Will

Developed by Bluebeam Software, Revu was selected due to its specialized features for architecture, engineering and construction (AEC) professionals. Unlike other redlining tools, Bluebeam PDF Revu includes industry standard markups and takeoffs, an exclusive Tool Chest for storing custom annotations, a drawing comparison feature, integrated tracking and tablet PC compatibility. Combined, these features enabled all project documents –submittals, RFIs, punch lists and more – to be reviewed and redlined in a light-weight, universal file format.

"Bluebeam was instrumental in helping us review and respond to project documents electronically," said Jay Bradley, Project Manager at Perkins+Will. "We found that Bluebeam was an essential part of streamlining and simplifying the construction administration process. The inherent simplicity of utilizing Bluebeam technology was key in helping achieve a cost effective, time-sensitive, and sustainable solution to our daily work output."

To ensure project-wide adoption, Berry and Bluebeam collaborated to train its staff, the Perkins+Will architectural team and sub-contractors on best practices for PDF markup and editing. As a result, Berry created a blueprint for paperless workflows that is being replicated on all of its future projects.

"Bluebeam PDF Revu helped us transform the way we manage project communication and its unique tools for AEC allowed us to design an electronic workflow that is scalable," said Jake Chace, Senior Project Manager at William A. Berry & Son. "We're already using this process on current green building projects to eliminate paper usage and distribution."

"The paperless project has been the holy grail of the construction industry," said Richard Lee, CEO of Bluebeam Software. "Berry has proven that it is possible to go virtually paperless and engineer an electronic workflow that can be duplicated using Bluebeam technology."