



James R. Holley & Associates, Inc. Turns to Synergis Engineering Design Solutions' for Expert Training and Help Transitioning to Autodesk Civil 3D Software

Designers are certainly smart enough to consider teaching themselves a new software program and struggle with help of files, tutorials and other online resources. However, it has been proven that truly successful software implementations and real productivity gains come faster and easier with professional training. Successful companies develop a transition plan, devote uninterrupted time for training (so getting up to speed on new software doesn't compete with daily tasks), and seek ongoing support from an expert.

For James R. Holley & Associates, Inc., a full service Pennsylvania civil engineering firm serving residential, industrial and commercial land developers, transitioning from Autodesk Land Desktop to Autodesk Civil 3D software held the promise of great gains in productivity by automating processes and providing them with more advanced capabilities. They made the software choice—they just needed a way to become proficient without disrupting their business.

Synergis Engineering Design Solutions —a trusted partner for training and support

Before enrolling in formal training with Synergis Engineering Design Solutions, the leading Autodesk® Value Added Reseller for Manufacturing, Infrastructure, and Building Solutions in the Mid-Atlantic region, J.R. Holley designers tried to learn the software themselves. They were able to make due, but make very little real progress beyond the basics. "Now, after training, there is solid understanding of Autodesk Civil 3D software among the designers and a strong level of confidence in their ability to manipulate the software to their advantage," said Bill Frederick, the Synergis design applications engineer and Autodesk Civil 3D implementation certified expert who lead J.R. Holley and Associates' training. "With this new proficiency, the company is seeing great improvements in their capabilities, productivity and success and there's more in store."

The company transitioned from Autodesk Land Desktop to Autodesk Civil 3D software to stay at the forefront of technology and streamline processes, reducing the time it takes to do tasks that traditionally took days into hours, thereby increasing their productivity. "The sheer time savings we realized by moving to Civil 3D from Land Desktop was remarkable," said Rick Graham, CAD manager, James R. Holley & Associates, Inc. "The customized training done at our site was great and a perfect introduction to the software. Early in our pilot project phase, we've already experienced productivity increases, streamlined engineering processes and we expect more benefits to come."

Sticking With What Works

James R. Holley & Associates is a repeat customer, looking to Synergis Engineering Design Solutions for all of its Autodesk design software purchase and training needs. "Our experience with Synergis has been positive. The enthusiasm of their staff is infectious. They sincerely enjoy passing their knowledge onto us and have genuine concern for our company's success," said Graham. "The level of support we presently have with Synergis is invaluable to me. And, our success as a company would not be complete without assistance from Synergis Technologies."

There are a number of opportunities for software training at Synergis Engineering Design Solutions. The company hosts learning events throughout the year to help companies better understand how to maximize their Autodesk investment through education and customized programs. The company boasts a pedigreed group of software and industry experts who teach classes. Classes are purposely small with only up to eight students enrolled to ensure personal attention and can be held onsite at a host company or Synergis facilities. For more information on the Engineering Design Solutions Division, visit www.synergis.com or call 800-836-5440.

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