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# WV DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS PLAN SCANNING PROJECT

## PROCEDURAL MANUAL

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*This is a step by step guide intended for internal use by the WV GIS Technical Center to explain the procedures of the DOT Scanning Project. All work progress should be recorded in the appropriate Performance Tracking Database.*

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The West Virginia GIS Technical Center is working with the West Virginia Department of Transportation (DOT) to scan large format highway plan sheets into digital raster images. For every highway plan book, a single Adobe PDF file of all the sheets is created along with an index map that is spatially referenced. The WV Division of Highways Plan Scanning Project is fulfilled through a series of steps and processes that are described throughout this documentation. Records are kept to document time spent on each process and are used to calculate estimations of time and cost for future evaluation. Technicians are expected to keep accurate records of time spent on each process and record their activity in the DOT\_Operator access table.

### **SEVEN MAJOR PROCEDURAL TASKS:**

The scanning project consists of seven major work tasks which are described in more detail below.

**(1) Book Preparation and File Naming:** Once the Tech Center receives a batch of project books from the DOT, book preparation can begin. This process consists of placing each book in the designated location in the Tech Center, and should be kept separate from books that have been completed or ones that are file-named and still in progress.

Every WV DOT project book scanned by the WVGISTC will have an entry in the WV DOT Scanning (*dbo\_Scanning*) Database. This database consists of key transportation fields for identifying the highway book, unique scan order and project key identifiers, scan information for tracking progress and work tasks, index map coordinates, and useful online links for the PDF Book, geographic location, ProjectWise location, etc.

After they are placed in their appropriate location, the technician will select a project book and enter description information about the plan book in the *dbo\_Scanning* table. Each DOT project book gets an entry in this table, which should be filled out at the time the project book is scanned.

This consists of recording the information on the transmittal sheet (found inside the map (folder/rolled map)) and the Project Book cover sheet. Once all information is documented, the technician will then create and record a Scan Order Number on the transmittal sheet and relocate the book and transmittal to the location designated for the file named documents that are to be scanned.

**(2) Sheet Scanning:** The technician will begin this process by selecting a book from the file-named books area and bringing it to the scanner workstation. The scanner must be set to specific settings before the book can be scanned, which ensures that the image is in the proper format and is named correctly. Additionally, a new folder at the scanner workstation must be created and should be named according to the Scan Order Number on the transmittal sheet. After these are completed, the first book document is to be wiped off with the cleaning products

provided to protect the scanners from dirt and any potentially damaging debris. If the technician finds that the project book is especially dirty or is in bad condition, document protectors can be used. These are found on the bottom shelf of the filling cabinet work table. Once the technician is sure that the document is clean and the file location and scanner settings are correct, the document can be scanned. After the entire book is scanned, the file must be moved from the local workstation, to the IncompleteBooks folder on the RDrive. The physical project book should then be noted that it has been scanned and then placed in designated location. It is important to be sure that all Scanner components are maintained and kept clean.

**(3) Image Processing:** This action utilizes tools (or droplets) created in Photoshop to make image adjustments and crop automations, and can be found in the scripts folder of `wvDOT_planROW_scanning`. Dragging the tiffs created in the scanning process and dropping them into the autocrop droplet will begin the operation. Once the operation has finished, check each image and crop by manually when necessary.

**(4) PDF Creation:** After image processing has been completed, the edited tiffs are to be compiled into a PDF document. To do this, an “action” needs to be created in Adobe Acrobat Pro to reduce file size and recognize text (using ORC). This action is found in the scripts folder of `wvDOT_planROW_scanning`. After this is completed, the PDF is relocated to the PDF folder created on the technicians’ local work station. The document must then be checked and corrected for any rotation or other errors. Once the PDF is correct, rename the document using the Scanning ID Number.

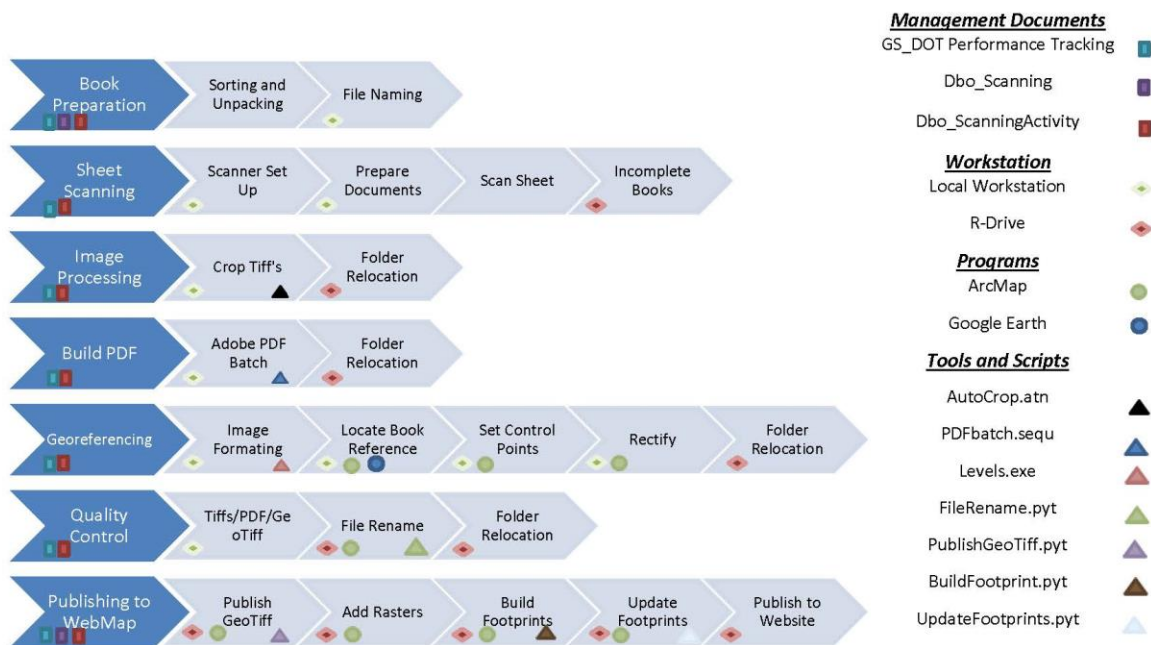
**(5) Georeference Plan Index Map:** The technician will use Photoshop, Google Maps, and ArcGIS to locate and georeference each project book. The target object to be georeferenced is typically found on the first page and is contained in the index map, but it can be found in various places throughout the project book. The page that contains the object to be georeferenced must be copied from the tiff folder and then pasted into the GeoTiff folder. Once it is in the proper location, the technician must open the tiff and apply the levels droplet. This droplet ensures that the image is in the appropriate format and prepares it to be georeferenced on ArcMAP. After this is complete, the object’s location needs to be found on the map. By using spatial information found throughout the ProjectBook, the technician can find the location with Google Maps and ArcMap. Once identified, the image is to be georeferenced based off of at least three (3) control points set by the technician. The georeferenced image will then need to be named according to the DOT naming conventions. The GeoTiff folder is to be relocated from the local workstation to the book’s file in incomplete books (R-Drive). Lastly, the technician must update the GeoTiff page number on `dbo_Scanning` in Access.

**(6) Quality Control & File Renaming:** Due to the complexity in the several previous processes, a special emphasis is placed on quality control and assurance to confirm that the technicians are providing the best possible product. The technician will check for accuracy and completion of the Database entry, file-name, image processing, PDF, and GeoTiff. Upon completion, the technician will use the file renaming tool to rename the quality assured folder in the IncompleteBooks folder. Once renamed, it will be moved to the Projectbooks folder. It is recommended that technicians do not Quality Control their own work.

**(7) Publishing to Web Map:** The final process to the WV Division of Highways Plan Scanning Project is uploading the tiffs, PDF, and GeoTiffs to the website. First, the PublishGeoTiff.pyt script will run python to copy and replace GeoTiff's into a new folder that will be used to add scan rasters to the mosaic. Once relocated into a new folder and added to the mosaic, the technician will use the DOTFootprints.pyt tool to create footprints of the georeferenced image (corners of the image). Next, the footprint extents need to be copied into the *dbo\_Scanning* table. This is done with the UpdateFootprintextents tool in ArcMap and will automatically update X and Y Min/Max fields in the *dbo\_scanning* table. After this tool is finished, the technician must update the PublicationStatusID column in *dbo\_Scanning*, which will publish the projectbook to the images in the ArcGIS Online Map.

## DOT Scanning Workflow:

*Procedures, Management documents, Workstations, Programs, Tools and Scripts.*



## **HIGHWAY PLAN TYPES**

Various types of highway plans are scanned, processed, and published by technicians. The bridge and ROW plans are of the highest priority to scan.

Table 1: Descriptions of various types of highway plans.

<b>Plan Type</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
ROW Plans	R	Right of way plans show the land obtained by WV DOT to complete highway projects. The right of way portion of the plan set is used to convey information about the right of way boundaries and adjacent property lines, the property ownerships and acreage involved in the takes and the overall impact the improvement will have to the particular property owners. Appraisers, negotiators and attorneys all use the right of way plans to assist them with their work when determining fair market value, negotiating with the property owner or explaining a condemnation case to a jury.
Bridge Plans	B	Bridge plans show construction and location of a specifics of a bridge (e.g., type of girders, type of span, soils).
Construction Design Plans	P	The construction portion of the plan set is used to convey information about the design of the roadway itself, the amount and type of construction materials used for the project and the types of construction methods used to complete the work. Designers, estimators and construction workers all use the construction plans to assist them with their work when determining current standards, estimating the cost of the project or constructing the improvement. Important for maintenance of existing highways. The construction plans are important for maintaining current highways such as re-pavement projects. The bridge and shop drawings are tied to the planning sheets.
Shop Drawings	S	Shows the way materials were fabricated. A shop drawing is a drawing or set of drawings produced by the contractor, supplier, manufacturer, subcontractor, or fabricator. Shop drawings are typically required for prefabricated components such as the structural steel, trusses, etc.
Half-Sized Plans	H	Half-sized plans show exactly what the contractors were told to build or as plans were let to the contractors.
As Built	A	Revised set of drawing submitted by a contractor upon completion of a project or a particular job. They reflect all changes made in the specifications and working drawings during the construction process, and show the exact dimensions, geometry, and location of all elements of the work completed under the contract. Also called record drawings or just as-builts. Typically the as-built plans located in the District Offices and not kept in a consistent and orderly manner.

## **(1) BOOK PREPARATION & FILE NAMING**

Once the Tech Center receives a batch of project books from the DOT, book preparation can begin. This process consists of placing each book in the designated location in the Tech Center, and should be kept separate from books that have been completed or ones that are file-named and still in progress. After they are placed in their appropriate location, the technician will select a project book and create and name the book in the *dbo\_Scanning* table. This consists of recording the information on the transmittal sheet (found inside the map (folder/rolled map)) and the Project Book cover sheet. Once all information is documented, the technician will then create and record a Scan Order Number on the transmittal sheet and proceed to scanning.

### **BOOK PREPARATION**

- 1) Receive Project Book(s) from WVDOT with transmittal sheet
- 2) Physically move Project Book to a computer workstation to enter transmittal sheet information into *dbo\_Scanning database*.

Every WV DOT project book scanned by the WVGISTC will have an entry in the WV DOT Project Database named *dbo\_Scanning*. This database provides a means for tracking work completed along with published information for the Highway Plans Locator web application ([www.mapwv.gov/dotplans](http://www.mapwv.gov/dotplans)).

### **GENERATE PROJECT KEY NAME AND CREATE SCAN ORDER #**

- 1) Open Microsoft Access *dbo\_Scanning* database
- 2) Go to the last record in the *dbo\_Scanning* tab
- 3) Copy transportation field information from transmittal sheet provided by WV DOT to *dbo\_Scanning* table. This information is used to generate the 23-character (30 characters if underscores included) Project Key file name (e.g., B\_06\_3\_0094\_00\_000\_1964\_S02115) which is used to rename all the files during the QC/File Renaming process needed to identify the spfile name of the project book.
- 4) Identify Scan Order # from unique ID # field in *dbo\_Scanning* database
- 5) Copy new Scan Order # to transmittal sheet. For example, copy Scan Order # 2115 from the *dbo\_Scanning* table to the transmittal sheets as S02115).
- 6) Physically move Project Book to location with other named books

The information needed to fill out the field column of the database can be found on the project book's transmittal sheet and/or the cover page. Copy the key transportation fields for identifying the highway book to the *dbo\_Scanning* table. Most of the information needed to fill out this



table (with a few important exceptions described below) can be found on the first page of the project book. This is typically a cover page containing the title, state and federal project number, fiscal year, and other information about that project.

Occasionally pieces of information will be missing from the cover page, such as a title or fiscal year. This information can often be found on other pages within the project book. If the information cannot be found anywhere within the project book, it should be noted in the comments field of the *dbo\_Scanning* table.

Not all project books will have a transmittal sheet, and not all cover pages have all pertinent information so the database should be filled out as much as is possible, but there will be times when information is missing and columns will remain blank. Contact Kevin Huffman of WV DOT for assistance with missing transmittal information.

Mandatory columns that **MUST** be filled out to generate a project key (e.g., (e.g., B\_06\_3\_0094\_00\_000\_1964\_S02115) are PlanType, CountyID, SignSystemID, RouteNumber, SubRoute, BeginMile, and FiscalYear

Table 2: Data fields of *dbo\_Scanning* database. **Boldfaced** elements form 30-digit Project Key.

Field Name	Description	Notes
<b>ScanID</b>	Unique 6-digit scan order ID	1-digit location (S, D, X) character plus 5-digit number
ProjectTitle	Name of the project that the plan represents.	If no title can be found, name the project after something relevant, such as the county it is in and the route it is on.
FederalProject	Federal Project number	Not listed on the transmittal sheet. Must be found on the physical project book (generally in the top right corner).
StateProject	State Project number	Not listed on the transmittal sheet. Must be found on the physical project book (generally in the top right corner).
<b>PlanType</b>	Must be a letter. Currently permitted values: R = Right of Way, P = Construction Plan, B = Bridge, S = Shop Drawings, H = 12X18 size book	Corresponds to "Type" field on transmittal sheet.
<b>CountyID</b>	Name of county where project is located	Referred to by County ID number on transmittal sheet. Check physical book for county name (generally in the top right corner).
County2ID	Name of second county, if project crosses county borders	Not listed on the transmittal sheet. Check physical book for county name (generally in the top right corner).
<b>SignSystemID</b>	Denotes sign system. Code specified by WV DOT.	Numbers on transmittal sheet correspond to a dropdown box in

Field Name	Description	Notes
	Example: 1 = Interstate, 2 = US Route, 3 = State, 4 = County	access. If no ID can be found, mark as N/A.
<b>RouteNumber</b>	Denotes the project primary route number	Corresponds to transmittal sheet. If no route can be found mark as 0.
<b>SubRoute</b>	Denotes the primary sub-route number	Corresponds to transmittal sheet. If no sub route can be found mark as 0.
<b>BeginMile</b>	Denotes the project's beginning milepost, as stated on the project cover/index sheet	Corresponds to the "Begin Milepost" field on the transmittal sheet. If no begin milepost can be found, mark as 0.
<b>FiscalYear</b>	Year project was commissioned	If no year can be found mark as 9999.
District	District in which the county is located	Corresponds to transmittal sheet.
SpecialCodeID	Denotes a special code. This code is intended to differentiate between multiple contracts or projects that fall within the same route and milepost. Code to be specified by WV DOT. Example: 01 = contract 1, AA = archived set	Corresponds to "Special Code ID" on transmittal sheet. If no ID is listed mark as 00.
ProjectStatus	Denotes Project book Status ID.	Corresponds to the "Status ID" field on the transmittal sheet. 1 = initial design, 2 = preliminary design, 3 = final design
BridgeNumbers	Denotes relevant bridge numbers for the project.	List all bridge numbers for the project book, found in the "Bridge No." section of the transmittal sheet.
BookLocation	Location book was scanned	Mark as "Tech Center"
PublicationStatusID	Indicates if book has been published on website	Drop down menu
ScanDate	Date scanned	Leave blank
Scan Count	Number of Sheets in book	Leave blank
Comments	Comments on project book	Add if necessary.
SupplementalCodeID	Denotes a supplementary code identifier which refers to a key provided by WVDOT	Mark as "Not Applicable"
DirectionID	Denotes the directional heading of the roads depicted on the map	Mark as "Unspecified"
GeoTIFFSheet	The page number used to find the georeference.	Leave blank
XMax	The latitude of the top corner used to hold the geotiff in correct location on map.	Leave blank

Field Name	Description	Notes
XMin	The latitude of the bottom corner used to hold the geotiff in correct location on map.	Leave blank
YMax	The longitude of the top corner used to hold the geotiff in correct location on map.	Leave blank
YMin	The longitude of the bottom corner used to hold the geotiff in correct location on map.	Leave blank

## (2) SHEET SCANNING

Each project book will be unbound and each sheet individually scanned, following all best scanning practices as determined by WVGISTC staff, the scanner's user manual, and the specifications described below.

Each page of a project book will be numbered sequentially, and if the page sequencing is difficult to understand, then the page number should be hand-written in pencil in the lower-left corner of each page just outside the neat line. This is to aid WVGISTC technicians and staff during the scanning and QC process.

Double sided scans will have both sides scanned individually, while attempting to remove all visible information from the reverse side if possible. This can be assisted by placing black construction paper behind the sheet inside of a protective cover before scanning (black paper is located in a cardboard sleeve behind the scanner).

The document-protection scanning sheath should be used whenever necessary to protect the document and/or scanner. Conditions when this protective sheath should be used include:

- The document is dirty and might leave dirt in the scanner
- The document has a waxy coating that may leave residue on the scanner lens
- The edges of the document are torn.
- The document is brittle and could be damaged by the scanner.
- The document is made of a material that is difficult for the sensors in the scanner to properly detect, resulting in some scanning errors/inconveniences
- Any other reason as determined by the scanning technician

Older sheets tend to need the protective sheath more. Newer sheets are often made out of clean, sturdy materials that don't require additional protection.

The scanning software utilized is SmartWorks Pro for both Colortrac SmartLF SC 42e Xpress Scanners purchased in summer of 2015.

## **SCANNER SETUP**

Turn on the scanner and open SmartWorks Pro scanning software. Ensure the scanner settings are correct.

### **Scanning Settings**

Size	22 x 34 Sheets: Full Auto Size 12 x 18 Sheets: Manual Width with Auto Length
Width	22 x 34 Sheets: N/A 12 x 18 Sheets: 480mm
Auto BW points	Off
Color Mode	256 Colors with auto palette (8-bit or indexed color)
Resolution	300
Quality	1
Auto Naming	Off or Add Numerical Suffix
Auto Overwrite	Type new name if file exists
File Name	S0XXXX-XXXX.tif
File Type	TIFF LZW
Folder	C:\DOT\Imagery\Original Scans\S0XXXX

## **FOLDER, FILE AND PAGE NAMING**

*Folder Name:* On the scanning computer create a folder named after the Scan Order ID for the project book being scanned using the computer pathway listed in the above table.

*Scan File Name:* The naming convention for individual TIFF digital scans is the Scan Order Number followed by the page or sheet number. Example: Sheet number 25 from project book S01234 should have a file name of S01234-0025.tif. For duplicate pages the letters may be added after numerals as appropriate (e.g., S01234-0025A) to maintain consistency between project book page numbers and TIFF scan page numbers.

*Sheet/Page Naming:* Use the *Add Numerical Suffix* of the scanning software to name the sheets (or pages) in sequential order automatically. When sheets are out of order turn off the auto naming feature and manually name the sheets appropriately. Important Note: Ensure the page number suffix of the digital TIFF image scan corresponds to the page number of the highway plan books. Unfortunately, the scanning software is limited in auto naming pages with alphanumeric suffices (e.g., A1, A2, B3) and thus must be manually.

## **PAGE NUMBERING ISSUES**

Each scan should have a unique file name based on the sheet number as it appears on the physical sheet that was scanned, however sometimes sheets will have identical sheet numbers. In these cases, the sheet number will have a 1- or 2-character suffix added to ensure each file has a unique name.

Generally, duplicate page numbers can have various combinations of alphanumeric characters (A1, A2, B2, etc.) for the page number suffix to ensure that the individual scan image file names adhere to the proper sheet order as the highway plan books. Example: Two sheets have the sheet number 20 written on them. The first TIFF will be given the sheet number 0020, and the second TIFF will be 0020A. Going further, sometimes there will be a sheet number 20, another sheet number 20, a sheet number 20A, and another sheet number 20A. Thus the sheet pages can be numbered as follows: 0020, 0020A1, 0020A2, 0020A3. **It is important that the scan file names are in the proper logical order for when the individual TIFF sheets are assembled into a PDF book.** Because the SmartWorks Pro Software is not very flexible for the auto generation of page number that do not follow a numerical sequence, for project books that have page gaps or duplicate pages, the scanning operator must use the scanning software to enter the page numbers manually.

There are a variety of different configurations of page numbers that can be found in WV DOH plans. Besides duplicate numbers other sheet numbering issues that may arise during the course of this scanning project include missing numbers, clearly erroneous numbers, unreadable numbers, etc. See the appendix regarding more complex page number issues. All issues which are not addressed in this document should be sent to representatives from WV DOH.

## **SCANNING PROCEDURES FOR 12x34 AND 12x18 SHEETS**

- 1) Select a book from the file-named books area and bring it to the scanner workstation.
- 2) Remove clips/tape/staples from sheets
- 3) Rearrange pages in proper sequence if necessary. Add page number suffixes if necessary for duplicate pages.
- 4) Check that scanner settings are correct.
- 5) On the scanning computer create a folder named using the Scan Order Number from the transmittal sheets. Use the computer path name listed in the table above.
- 6) Use a "D-size" document protector located in the map case if sheets are dirty, excessively waxy or sticky, torn, brittle or any other reason it can't be scanned like regular sheet
- 7) Wipe clean the sheets to protect the scanner and improve the image quality of the scan
- 8) Scan sheet
- 9) Check image: Make sure it is straight and free of any streaks or artifacts made by the scanner
- 10) Repeat process until all sheets have been scanned
- 11) After the entire book is scanned, the TIFF scans must be moved from the local workstation to the *IncompleteBooks* folder on <\\projectsrv\DOTProject\Scanning\IncompleteBooks>.
- 12) Denote that the physical project book has been scanned by paper or stamp
- 13) Move the scanned book to the completed table in the same format (rolled or flat) it arrived.

14) Record time in Google Performance Tracking and MS Access *dbo\_ScanningActivity*

## **SCANNING PROCEDURES FOR 8.5x11 REPORTS**

Sometimes 8.5 x 11-inch letter sized reports will be located within certain 12 x 18 books. These 8.5 x 11 inch sheets must be scanned using the copier located in room 327 (faculty mail room adjacent to the Brooks Hall Administrative Office on the third floor).

These sheets will be scanned and sent via email automatically, in which the technician will then combine the 8.5 x 11 sheets at the end of the 12 x 18 project book PDF.

### **Important information**

- Email used: [dotscanning@gmail.com](mailto:dotscanning@gmail.com)
- Email password: wvgisdot
- Copier password: 4415

### **Procedures**

- 1) Login to the copier using the password (4415).
- 2) Press the physical button directly underneath the touch screen labeled "Fax/Scan".
- 3) Select the email address [dotscanning@gmail.com](mailto:dotscanning@gmail.com). If this email is not present, manually add this email into the directory.
- 4) Select the "Scan Settings" option near the bottom of the touch screen.
- 5) On the Scan Settings screen, several parameters must be set.
  - a) Depending on the nature of the sheets, select either single sided or double sided
  - b) Change the DPI from 200 x 200 to 300 x 300 DPI for better OCR capabilities when the PDF book is done
  - c) Make sure that the PDF format is selected
- 6) Exit the scan setting screen and prepare to scan sheets.
- 7) Place sheets in the scanning tray, face up, with portrait orientation. Make sure the adjustable tray guider is relatively tight against the sheets.
  - a) Due to limitations of the copier, it is important to only scan 20 - 30 sheets at a time. Otherwise, the copier will experience a paper jam or experience an error with the data transfer.
- 8) Once the sheets are ready to be scanned, press the large physical green button located beneath the touch screen.
- 9) The sheets will begin to scan.
  - a) If an error occurs, you must restart the process, entering in the specific scan settings again.
  - b) Try to make sure that none of the sheets are stuck together or building up near the output area.
- 10) After scanning the entire 8.5 x 11 in. book, return to WVGISTC and go to gmail.com.
- 11) Use the email and password for ([dotscanning@gmail.com](mailto:dotscanning@gmail.com), password: wvgisdot).
- 12) The sheets you have scanned should be located at the top of the email list, corresponding to the date and time they were scanned.

- 13) Select the appropriate email and notice that there are multiple different PDF's that will need to be downloaded and combined using the PDF builder Adobe Acrobat.
- 14) Download, open, and save each individual PDF to a location that is appropriate (PDF folder on the desktop, for example).
- 15) Once saved to the computer, select all files and combine into a single PDF.
  - a) DO NOT use the PDF builder action on the 8.5 x 11 in sheets. There is no need to reduce file size or use the recognize text function.
- 16) Make sure that the resulting PDF has the correct number of sheets, while also deleting any that may be blank and/or rotating sheets appropriately.
- 17) Combine the newly created PDF with the 12 x 14 in. PDF, placing the 8.5 x 11 in. sheets after the 12 x 14 in. sheets.
- 18) Save this PDF and name it the appropriate book number (Ex. S01354).
- 19) Record time in Google Performance Tracking and MS Access *dbo\_ScanningActivity*

## SCANNER CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Clean Scanner daily or sooner when necessary and recalibrate scanner when necessary/weekly.

The lens should be cleaned with a lint-free cloth and specialized lens-cleaning solution. The white rollers on the lid that sit on top of the sensor when the lid is closed also need to be carefully cleaned, and any other dust, hairs, or debris under the scanner lid should be removed.

Scanned images should be inspected for signs of a dirty lens and/or rollers at the time of scanning. This could include long horizontal streaks on the image, or dots that appear repeatedly along a horizontal line, or any number of other markings that appear on the scan but are not visible on the physical sheet. Any scans with excessive visible marks as a result of dirty lens/rollers should be rescanned after the scanner is thoroughly cleaned.

Occasionally, cleaning the scanner lens and rollers will not improve the quality of the scan, which will continue to have dark streaks, discoloration, or other issues. In these cases, it may help to recalibrate the scanner. The scanner's online manual contains detailed instructions on how to perform calibration. If this also fails to improve conditions, there may be more serious maintenance issues that will require a visit from a trained technician. It will be important to carefully monitor the condition of the scanner over the course of this project so that any issues can be swiftly handled.

## **SCANNING QUALITY ISSUES**

- If images have streaks on them, this means the scanner is dirty. Delete the image then clean the scanner and rescan the sheet.
- If the scanner is unable to catch a particularly crumpled or frayed sheet either flip the sheet before scanning then rotate it with SmartWorks, or place it in a document protector then

## **SCANNER CLEANING**

- 1) Click in the latches located on the left and right of the base of the scanner to raise the “lid” of the scanner, it is recommended the scanner be turned off before cleaning.
- 2) Use air duster to remove particulate material by blowing air across the flat bottom surface and around support and rubberized rollers
- 3) Apply lens cleaner to microfiber rag and gently wipe away dirt from the glass of the scanner. Wipe each page cleanly with a disposable microfiber cloth in a downward/consistent direction to not spread dirt on sheet.
- 4) Use a towel with a small amount of distilled water to clean the rollers of the scanner, if the scanner is particularly dirty use Mr. Clean Magic Eraser (use sparingly – micro abrasive particles in the eraser slowly degrade the shiny coating on the roller leading to scan image artifacts)
- 5) Use rubbing alcohol on the glass if persistent streaks on the image scans cannot be removed.
- 6) Lower lid of the scanner slowly until it clicks back into place.

## **SCANNER CALIBRATION**

- 1) Open SmartLF Utilities
- 2) Retrieve the calibration sheet from the file cabinet
- 3) Click the calibration button on screen
- 4) Screen will prompt you to insert the calibration sheet into the scanner. Insert the sheet exactly as shown
- 5) Click calibrate and wait for scanner to perform the calibration
- 6) Once calibration is complete click the utilities button
- 7) In the utilities window click on the Diagnostics header
- 8) Click the Auto Stitch button and wait for the scanner to complete the process
- 9) Click Run Diagnostics to double check everything ran correctly.
- 10) Close SmartLF Utilities
- 11) Open SmartWorks Pro
- 12) Scan the calibration sheet and examine the image to check lines are not skewed



### (3) IMAGE PROCESSING

Image enhancements are performed on scanned images using Adobe Photoshop software to improve image quality. Image processing tasks include the Auto Contrast and Crop functions which are automated using batch processing scripts.

Auto Contrast adjusts the overall contrast of an image without affecting its color. It is used when the image needs more contrast, but the colors look right. Auto Contrast maps the lightest and darkest pixels in the image to white and black, which makes highlights appear lighter and shadows appear darker.

It is important when making image enhancement adjustments to ensure no data is lost during the process. For example, if an image is brightened too much, faint or very thin lines may vanish. Conversely, darkening an image too much can cause fine lines or lettering to merge together, losing definition. Each image is different and can withstand different amounts of brightening/darkening before losing data. *When in doubt, make no adjustments.*

Scans are cropped in Adobe Photoshop to remove excess white space in the margins and to reduce file size. Technicians should be careful to not crop out any information or markings visible on the scan. *When in doubt, do not crop.*

Image enhancement procedures can be performed on the local workstation driver or project server. In addition, the image processing can be expedited using Photoshop macros and programs called Actions or Droplets. Automated programs have been created for both the full-size and half-size scan sheets. Typically, these automated macros or scripts perform satisfactorily if the sheets are of similar design and are scanned in a uniform manner. If the cropping script does not crop the image correctly, then the operator can perform a Ctrl-Z to undo the action and then manually crop the image.

Each WVDOT project book scanned will have its own project folder for containing the TIFFs, PDFs and GeoTIFFs. The folder name will be the unique Scan Order ID for that project book, which is generated by WVGISTC.

#### **IMAGE PROCESSING PROCEDURES**

- 1) Open File Explorer.
- 2) Navigate to the IncompleteBooks folder on  
\\projectsrv\DOTProject\Scanning\IncompleteBooks
- 3) Open the project book to be image processed
- 4) Create a new folder inside the project book folder and name it TIFF
- 5) Using Adobe Photoshop software, perform Auto Contrast and Cropping Actions using programed actions or droplets on local workstation drive or server.
  - a) Example Scripts are located on the project drive
    - i) *Auto Contrast*: ImageContrastAction, ImageContrastDroplet
    - ii) *Crop*: Crop12x34Action, Crop12X34Droplet, Crop12X18Action, Crop12X18Droplet

- iii) *Auto Contrast and Crop*: IP12X34Droplet, IP12X18Droplet
  - b) Local Workstation or Server
    - i) Local Workstation
      - (1) Move all .tif files into the TIFF folder
      - (2) Create a local copy of the TIFF folder on your desktop or C: drive
      - (3) Drag the TIFF folder on your desktop/C drive into the AutoContrast or AutoLevels droplet.
    - ii) Server – run image enhancement program on server drive
- 6) Record time in Google Performance Tracking and MS Access dbo\_ScanningActivity

## IMAGE SETTINGS AND ENHANCEMENTS

Adjusting the image levels is also useful for eliminating background noise in the whitespace of a scan, and for darkening lines slightly. With proper use of keyboard shortcuts and practice, this step can be performed very quickly and may result in much higher image quality.

This process can be automated for multiple images that require identical, small adjustments. Create temporary backup copies of imagery before running any automated processes in case of errors.

Any TIFFs that might be georeferenced later need to be in Indexed color mode and not grayscale mode. Additionally, any GeoTIFFs that may be converted to MrSID format in the future need to contain some sort of color in them; not just shades of gray, or else the MrSID conversion process automatically converts the image to grayscale, which is incompatible with the mosaic. See the section below on Image Processing for Georeferencing and MrSID Conversion for more detailed information.

Image Quality Enhancement	Settings or Enhancement Tools
Color Mode	Indexed Color Mode (256 colors)
Auto Image Edits	Auto Contrast or Auto Levels
Cropping	Crop actions or droplets (program)

### **COLOR MODE**

The color mode or image mode determines how colors combine based on the number of channels in a color model. To reduce file size, the color mode of the image should be Index Color mode (256 colors). Indexed Color mode produces 8-bit image files with up to 256 colors and is enough colors to match the original document.

## **AUTO IMAGE ENHANCEMENTS**

Auto Contrast adjusts the overall contrast and mixture of colors, without introducing or removing color casts. Auto Levels automatically corrects the highlights and shadows.

*Auto Contrast* simply darkens the darkest pixels to pure black, lightens the lightest pixels to pure white, and redistributes all the other tonal values in between. The result is an image with improved overall contrast. What's important to note here is that because it treats all three color channels as a single composite image, Auto Contrast does not change the colors in the image. It simply boosts the overall contrast, making it a good choice for images that don't suffer from any sort of color problems and just need a bit more "pop".

*Auto Levels* adjusts the overall contrast of an image and may affect its color. If your image needs more contrast, and it has a color cast, try this command. Auto Levels works by individually mapping the lightest and darkest pixels in each color channel to black and white.

## **AUTOMATED ACTIONS AND DROPLETS**

An action is a series of tasks that you play back on a single file or a batch of files—menu commands, panel options, tool actions, and so on. For example, you can create an action that changes the size of an image, applies an effect to the image, and then saves the file in the desired format.

Actions can include steps that let you perform tasks that cannot be recorded (for example, using a painting tool). Actions can also include modal controls that let you enter values in a dialog box while playing an action.

In Photoshop, actions are the basis for droplets, which are small applications that automatically process all files that are dragged onto their icon.

Photoshop comes with predefined actions installed that help you perform common tasks. You can use these actions as is, customize them to meet your needs, or create new actions. Actions are stored in sets to help you organize them.

You can record, edit, customize, and batch-process actions, and you can manage groups of actions by working with action sets.

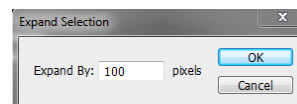
Photoshop has the capability to create "droplets". A droplet is essentially a small application—external to Photoshop—that is actually attached to the hip to Photoshop. A droplet is created, by you, from an action in your actions palette.

See the Adobe Photoshop online help or YouTube videos for more information on how to create actions or droplets for batch file processing.

## **EXAMPLE IMAGE PROCESSING DROPLET CREATION**

Create a CropContrast droplet with Photoshop to adjust the margins and brightness of the images. Upon completion of the CropContrast Droplet, the technician will be able to drop the entire TIFF file into droplet and have it automatically crop and perform autocontrast on all images included in the folder. Once the droplet has completed these processes, the technician is to review the edits and make any necessary corrections. The image can be reverted to the original format by using the step backwards option under Edit or pressing Ctrl+Alt+Z (may take multiple clicks).

- 1) Open a tiff image that needs Image Processed in Photoshop
- 2) Open the Action window by navigating to the Window dropdown menu and clicking Actions
- 3) Create the CropContrast Set
  - a. Click the dropdown bar in the Actions window and click create new set.
  - b. Name the set CropContrast
  - c. Click OK
- 4) Create Actions within the CropContrast set
  - a. Name CropContrast
  - b. Click Record (All processes and tools will be recorded upon clicking)
  - c. Crop Action
    - i. Select the Magic wand on right hand side tool bar. (fourth one down)
      1. Click inside and close to the neat line surrounding the document.
      2. A dotted line will select the neat line and other document elements
    - ii. Click the Select Dropdown menu, highlight modify, and click Expand
    - iii. Expand By: 100 pixels. Click OK
    - iv. Click Image dropdown menu and click crop
  - d. Contrast Action
    - i. Click the Select dropdown menu and click All
    - ii. Click the Image dropdown menu and click AutoContrast
  - e. Click the stop command on the action pane.




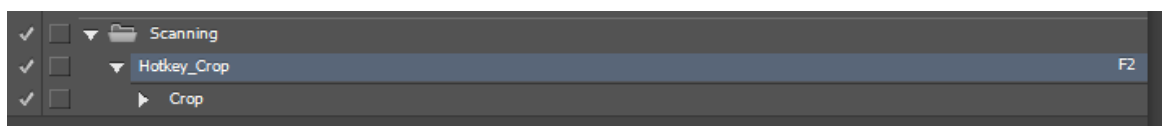
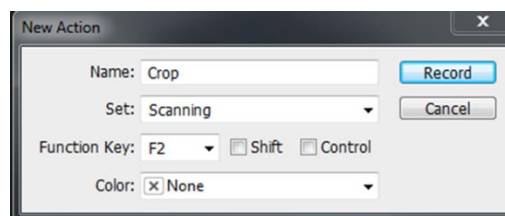
- 5) Automating the ContrastCrop set
  - a. Go to File>Automate>Create Droplet
  - b. While in the Create Droplet Window look in the "Save Droplet In" box. Click "Choose..." name your droplet "CropContrast" and save it to your desktop.
- 6) In the "Play" box's Set: dropdown box choose the CropContrast and in the Action: dropdown box choose CropContrast
- 7) Click OK

Upon completion of the CropContrast Droplet, the technician will be able to drop the entire TIFF file into droplet and have it automatically crop and perform autocontrast on all images included in the folder. Once the droplet has completed these processes, the technician is to review the edits and make any necessary corrections. The image can be reverted to the original format by pressing Ctrl+Alt+Z.

## **EXAMPLE IMAGE CROPPING ACTION (HOTKEY) PROCEDURES**

*The Image Cropping Hotkey Procedure is an alternative approach to cropping the images automatically. However, it is advised that this method is used at the technicians own discretion because it is sensitive to the alignment of the scanned images. The Hotkey's Crop Action may need to be recreated for each new book. The Auto Contrast image enhancement action can be added as a hotkey using these same instructions.*

- 1) Make the Action tab viewable (Window tab>Actions)
  - a) The Actions tab can then be docked to the right side of the screen by dragging and dropping
- 2) Load the Scanning ATN file by clicking on the dropdown menu  in the top right corner of the Action tab and select Load Action
- 3) Load the Scanning ATN file found following this pathway: R:\DOT\ImageProcessing
- 4) Create a new Action by clicking on the dropdown menu corner and select New Action.
- 5) A New Action dialogue box should appear
  - a) Name the action Crop
  - b) Select "Scanning" from the Set dropdown menu
  - c) Select "F2" from the Function Key dropdown menu
  - d) Click Record when finished
- 6) The Crop Action should appear under the Scanning folder in the Action tab



- a) The action is now being recorded (indicated by the red record button located at the bottom)

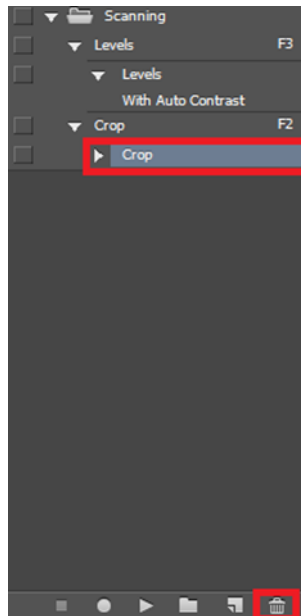


- 7) Crop the image to the desired width and height and press enter
  - a) Do not save the image yet

- 8) Immediately after hitting enter, click the square “stop” button located at the bottom of the action tab



- 9) The Crop action you created can now be used by hitting F2 to automatically crop images to the specific width and height that was specified earlier
- a) While the crop hotkey function can be useful, there is a possibility that it won't crop every image to the desired width/height
  - b) If this occurs, use Ctrl + z to undo the previous crop
- 10) To resize the width and height of the hotkey crop, the previous hotkey must be deleted and a new hotkey must be created
- a) Select the highlighted Crop option highlighted below (not the Crop option with the F2 beside it and then click the delete button (highlighted trashcan symbol below)



- 11) Create a new hotkey by selecting the Crop option with the F2 beside it, hit the record button, select the desired width and height, and finish by hitting enter and clicking the stop button
- 12) Run action set in batch mode from the menu command using File>Automate>Batch... and chose the appropriate action set and source/destination folders.

## (4) PDF BOOK

After image processing has been completed, the edited TIFFs are compiled into a PDF document. To do this, an automated script created in Adobe Acrobat Pro is executed to reduce file size and create OCR recognize text.

For each WVDOT project book a single PDF document is created that will contain every scan in that project book and follows the correct page order.

### **PDF CREATION PROCEDURES**

- 1) Open Adobe Acrobat Pro
- 2) Make a copy of the TIFF folder you intend to use (*you can use the same one on your C Drive*), DO NOT use the TIFF folder on [\\projectsrv](#)
- 3) Click on the Action Wizard header on the right side of the window (Tools > Action Wizard)
- 4) Click on the created action "DOT PDF", then click next on the window that pops up
- 5) Click Add Files
- 6) Navigate to the location where the files you wish to make into a PDF are stored. Highlight all the files you want to combine into a PDF, then click Open
- 7) Make sure all files are in the correct order, then click Next
- 8) The PDF will then combine and save in your PDF folder *on your C Drive*
- 9) Rename the PDF to match the number of the Project Book, ex S01234
- 10) Copy the PDF file folder the particular project book in the "Incomplete" books folder [\\projectsrv\\DOTProject\\Scanning\\IncompleteBooks](#)
- 11) If additional PDFs have to be appended such as 8.5x11 books to 12x18 books, then use the Insert Pages Tool in Adobe Acrobat Pro.
- 12) Record work in Google Sheet and MS Access `dbo_ScanningActivity`

### **PDF RESOURCE NOTES**

*OCR Sheet Rotation:* The automated Recognize Text process involves a step that automatically straightens the image by rotating it so that a majority of the text lies perfectly horizontally. This occasionally results in errors, such as the image being rotated to match non-horizontal text so that the scan now appears crooked, or the image being rotated a full 90 degrees to match text that appears vertically. Because of this, each page of the PDF needs to be inspected after the Recognize Text tool is run, and any errors corrected. For slightly crooked images, the correction will likely require deleting the erroneous page, converting just that TIFF into a reduced-size PDF again, and inserting it into the correct place within the PDF WITHOUT running the Recognize Text tool on that page (since that will result in it being crooked again).

*Large PDF File:* If Adobe Acrobat has difficulty creating a single PDF from a large number of TIFFs, then break up the process into smaller groups and then combine all the documents.

## **ACTION CREATION**

- 1) Open Adobe Acrobat Pro
- 2) Create a New Action
- 3) Click on the Action Wizard header on the top right of the window (Tools > Action Wizard)
- 4) Click Create New Action
- 5) In the “Start with” dropdown menu select Combine Files into a Single PDF
- 6) In the left sidebar expand Document Processing and click Reduce File Size
- 7) Expand Recognize Text and click Recognize Text (using OCR)
- 8) In the “Save to” dropdown menu select “A Folder on my Computer” and make a new folder named PDF
- 9) Click Save and name the new action as “PDFbatch” or “DOT PDF”
- 10) Existing PDF Action: (\\projectsrv\DOT\wvDOT\_planROW\_scanning\Scripts) – PDFbatch.sequ
  - a) Double clicking on the batch action will import it in to Adobe Acrobat if it is not loaded

## **MANUAL PROCEDURES WITHOUT SCRIPT**

- 1) Open Adobe Acrobat Pro
- 2) Select Create
- 3) Select Combine Files into a Single PDF
- 4) Drag and drop the tiffs into the dialog box, or click Add Files to browse to the location of the tiffs to select them.
- 5) Arrange them in sequential order, then click Combine Files. This may take a moment.
- 6) Save the new file as pdf first, then save it as a Reduced Size pdf using the default settings. (Acrobat won't allow it to be saved as reduced size first). This may also take several minutes.
- 7) Run the Recognize Text tool: Tools>Recognize Text>In This File. Use the default settings. This will take another several minutes. Save again after it finishes.



## (5) GEOREFERENCING HIGHWAY INDEX MAP

Technician will use Photoshop, Google Maps, and ArcGIS to locate and geo-reference each project book index map to **UTM Zone 17N projection, NAD83 Datum**. The target object to be georeferenced is typically found on the first page and is contained in the index map, but it can be found in various places throughout the project book. The page that contains the object to be georeferenced must be copied from the TIFF folder and then pasted into the GeoTiff folder.

### **IMAGE FORMATTING FOR MrSID CONVERSION**

Some additional image processing steps must be performed to successfully convert GeoTIFFs into MrSID file formats. A Levels Droplet is executed to perform these steps. The droplet is located in this directory: [\\projectsrv\DOT\wvDOT\\_planROW\\_scanning\Scripts](#)

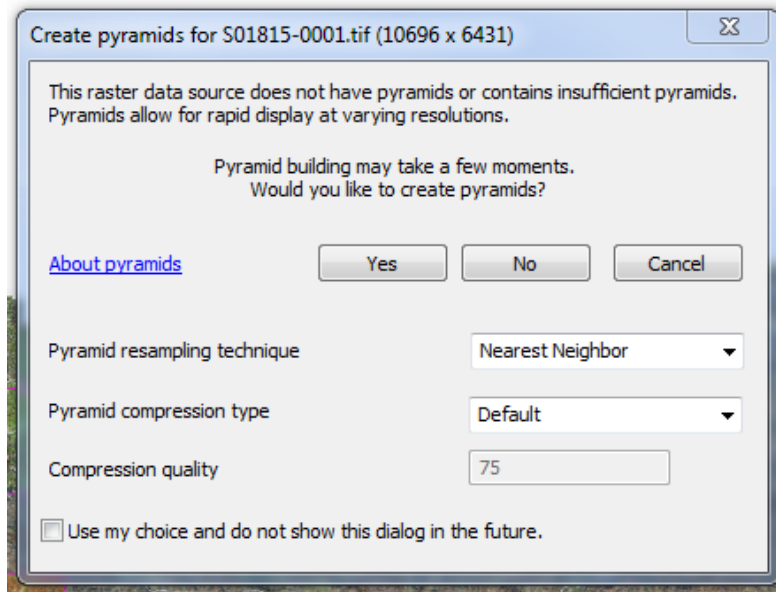
- 1) Create a GeoTIFF folder on the Local C: drive
- 2) Save a copy of the project book's index page or entire book until you decide which page is best suited to Georef into the GeoTIFF folder on the C: drive
- 3) Open the TIFF file in Photoshop
- 4) Press Ctrl+L to open the Levels window
- 5) In the bottom half of the Levels window, increase the left-most value in the Output Levels section by 10.
- 6) Click OK
- 7) Click Image>Mode>RGB Color (you won't see a change when this happens)
- 8) Click Image>Mode>Indexed Color
- 9) In the Indexed Color window's "Forced" dropdown box, click Custom
- 10) In the Forced Colors window click the first black box
- 11) Check to make sure the R, G, and B values are set to 0
- 12) When all these values are set to 0 click OK
- 13) Click OK in the Forced Colors and Indexed Colors windows
- 14) Save the file as a TIFF (Preset in PhotoShop)

### **ARCMAP ENVIRONMENT SETUP**

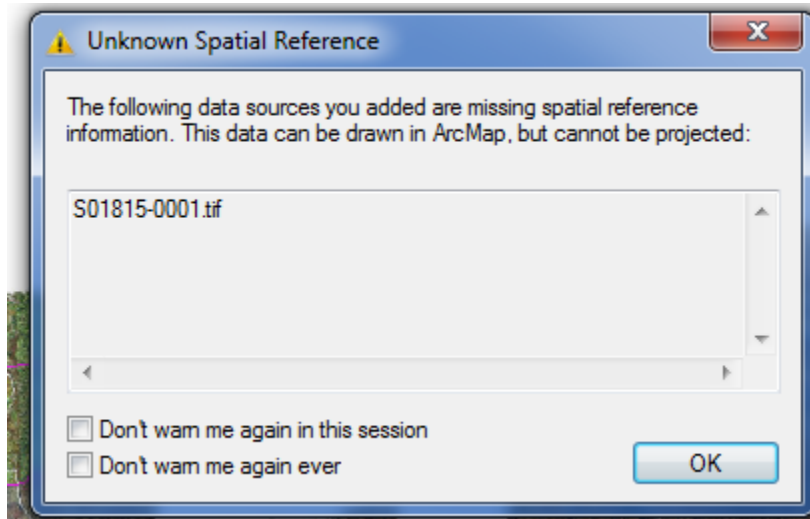
- 1) Open ArcMap
- 2) Click the Connect to Folder icon in the Catalog tab of ArcMap (icon is a folder with a + symbol)
- 3) Connect to the GeoTIFF folder on the C: drive
- 4) Also Connect to R:\DOT\wvDOT\_planROW\_scanning\GeoRef
- 5) Drag GeoRef2.mxd into the Table of Contents
- 6) Click the Customize header in the ArcMap window
- 7) Go to **Customize > Toolbars** and check Georeferencing
- 8) Pin the toolbar to a suitable area

## **GEOREFERENCE PROCEDURES**

- 1) Open *GeoRef2.mxd* in ArcMap (Found in R:\DOT\wvDOT\_planROW\_scanning\GeoRef)
- 2) Open the processed image you wish to Georef in Photoshop
- 3) Drag the tiff into the Table of Contents from the C:\GeoTIFF folder lined to your catalog
- 4) A prompt will appear asking if you would like to create pyramids. Click Yes



- 5) A window will appear stating Unknown Spatial Reference. Click OK



- 6) Use the image in Photoshop to look for spatial references to match to the image in Arc such as roads, rivers, crossroads, etc. (use Google maps to aid you in looking for the area)


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- iv) Another tip for reading DOT book plans. Roads that are dotted are old roads and the line with the circles is the proposed plan and should be georeferenced rather than the dotted, unless it doesn't match.
- 7) Once you have found the area to which you plan to reference the image click the Fit to Display button from the Georeferencing dropdown box in the Georeferencing Toolbar.




- 8) Right click the tiff layer in the Table of Contents and click on properties.
- 9) In the Layer Properties window, click the display tab and change the Transparency to ~30%
- 10) Click Apply and OK

- 11) Use the Rotate, Shift, and Scale buttons  in the Georeferencing Toolbar to match the image to the map.

- 12) • Once set in place, click the add Control Points button and add control points as necessary.  Ideally add at least four control points so that a RMS Error number is generated.

- 13) Once finished click the View Link Table button to check and record the RMS Error in the Google Sheets Georef sheet. 

- 14) Once set in place, click the add Control Points button and add control points as necessary.  Ideally add at least four control points so that a RMS Error number is generated.

- 15) Once finished click the View Link Table button to check and record the RMS Error in the Google Sheets Georef sheet.

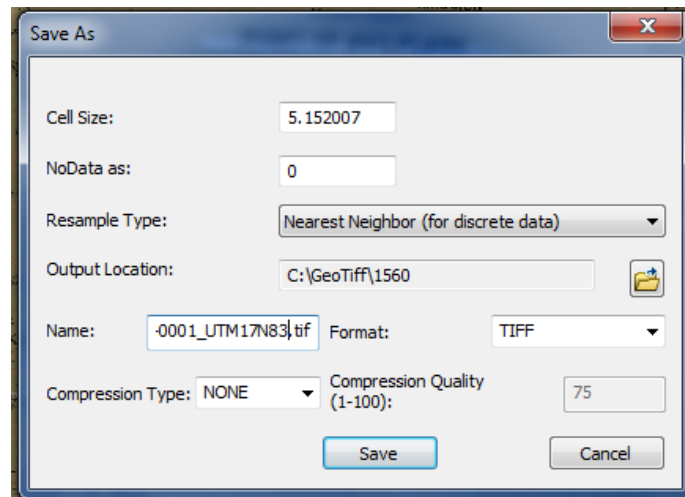
- 16) Now completed, click the Rectify button in the Georeferencing dropdown box.

- a) Set "NoData as:" to 0
- b) Set "Output Location" to the GeoTIFF folder on the local C: drive
- c) Name the file S0XXXX-*indexpagenumber*\_UTM17N83.tif
- d) Set Compression Type to NONE
- e) Click Save

- 17) When saved you will find four files that, together, comprise one GeoTIFF file.

- 18) Copy all four of these files into a GeoTIFF folder on [\\projectsrv\IncompleteBooks\S0####](#)

- 19) Go to the Access database and change the GeoTiff column with that book to the correct page number of the page that was GeoReferenced. Also leave a comment in the Comment column if the plan was particularly difficult to georeference, explaining why the specific location was chosen, i.e “Georeferenced to extent of plan on U.S. 48 from Bismarck to Forman”.



- 20) Record work in Google Performance Tracking Sheet and MS Access dbo\_ScanningActivity

## **(6) QUALITY CONTROL & FILE RENAMING**

Due to the complexity in the several previous processes, a special emphasis is placed on quality control and assurance to confirm that the technicians are providing the best possible product. The technician will check for accuracy and completion of the Database entry, file-name, image processing, PDF, and GeoTiff. Upon completion, the technician will use the file renaming tool to rename the quality assured folder in the IncompleteBooks folder. Once renamed, it will be moved to the Projectbooks folder. It is recommended that technicians do not Quality Control their own work.

### **QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES**

- 1) Navigate to the IncompleteBooks folder on projectsrv and choose a folder to QC
- 2) Open the TIFF folder and check that all files are accounted for and have been image processed
- 3) Open the PDF folder and open any PDF's within the folder
- 4) Check the PDF(s) to make sure the PDF contains the correct amount of pages, all pages face the correct direction, and that no pages are askew
- 5) Open the GeoTIFF folder and copy all files into your local GeoTIFF folder.
- 6) Open GeoRef2.mxd in ArcMap
- 7) Drag the TIFF file into the Table of Contents
- 8) Right click that layer and click on Zoom To Layer
- 9) Check that the Georeferenced index page matches the area to which it is referenced
- 10) After confirming that the georeference is correct, highlight the files that comprise the GeoTIFF
- 11) Right click the highlighted files and click 'send to' followed by 'compressed (zipped) folder'
- 12) Confirm that the files have gone into a zipped folder and then delete the non-zipped files
- 13) Check to see if the Access column matches the Georeferenced page to create ease when uploading to the website
- 14) Record work in Google Performance Tracking Sheet and MS Access dbo\_ScanningActivity
  - a) Performance Tracking Sheet: Red=fix QC, Green=last check through, White=done, Yellow=trouble with something
  - b) If during the QA\QC process something has not been done correctly, make a note of it and continue the process. Once the process is complete go back and correct any mistakes

## FILE RENAMING TO PROJECT KEY

- 1) Open File Explorer
- 2) Click the Organize dropdown bar and choose 'Folder and search options'
- 3) Click the View tab
- 4) In the Advanced settings box under Files and Folders check the 'Always show icons, never thumbnails' box
- 5) Under Hidden files and folders check the box 'Show hidden files, folders, or drives'
- 6) Uncheck the "Hide protected operating system files (Recommended)" box
- 7) A Warning will pop up, click Yes
- 8) Click Apply
- 9) You will now be able to see the Thumbs icons within various folders. In order to successfully rename a folder you must delete all Thumbs.dbf files from the folder.
- 10) Navigate to the projectsrv and find the folder to be renamed
- 11) Open the folder and delete the Thumbs from the ProjectBook folder, the TIFF folder, and the GeoTIFF folder. (The PDF folder will not contain a Thumbs file)
- 12) After deleting all the thumb files, navigate out of the folder to be renamed
- 13) Open ArcMap Georef2 there will be a tool bar named DOT File Renaming Tool and Microsoft Access: DOT
- 14) In Access open the dbo\_vw\_ProjectKeyLookup
- 15) In Arc, click the connect to folder button and connect to R:\DOT\vwDOT\_planROW\_scanning\Scripts
- 16) Expand that folder to find FileRename.pyt
- 17) Expand FileRename.pyt to find the DOT File Renaming Tool
- 18) Open the File Rename Tool and type in the name of the folder to be renamed exactly as it appears on the projectsrv in the Old Project Key box of the Rename Tool
- 19) Copy the ProjectKey of the folder to be renamed from Access and paste it into the New Project Key box of the Rename Tool.
- 20) Make sure the ProjectBook Structure box is checked
- 21) Run the tool with the Validation only box checked
- 22) If there are no issues with the validation, uncheck the box and run the rename tool
- 23) After the file has been properly renamed, it must be relocated from the IncompleteBooks folder to the ProjectBooks folder ([\\projectsrv\DOTProject\Scanning\ProjectBookFolders](#)).
- 24) Copy the correctly renamed book in the IncompleteBooks folder and paste it in the ProjectBooks folder.
- 25) Delete the file from the IncompleteBooks folder.

**Note: When running the rename tool, make sure you are outside the folders when in the project book. You can be inside the project book but not in TIFF, PDF, or GeoTIFF**

- If there are any issues with the validation, address them and run the validation again

### **POSSIBLE ISSUES WITH RENAMING:**

- 1) **Thumbs in the TIFF folder and GeoTIFF folder.**
- 2) **Error and doesn't rename Folder but Renames sub folder**
  - a) Now that the folder has been renamed, copy and paste the folder from IncompleteBooks to ProjectBookFolders
- 3) **File type Suffix on the end of the of the compressed Geotiff folder**
  - a) Be sure that the compressed zip in the Geotiff folder does not include any suffixes, such as .tiff, .zip, .aux, or any other combination. These suffixes lead to error on the website's download geotiff action.



## (7) PUBLISHING (includes WEB QC & BACKUPS)

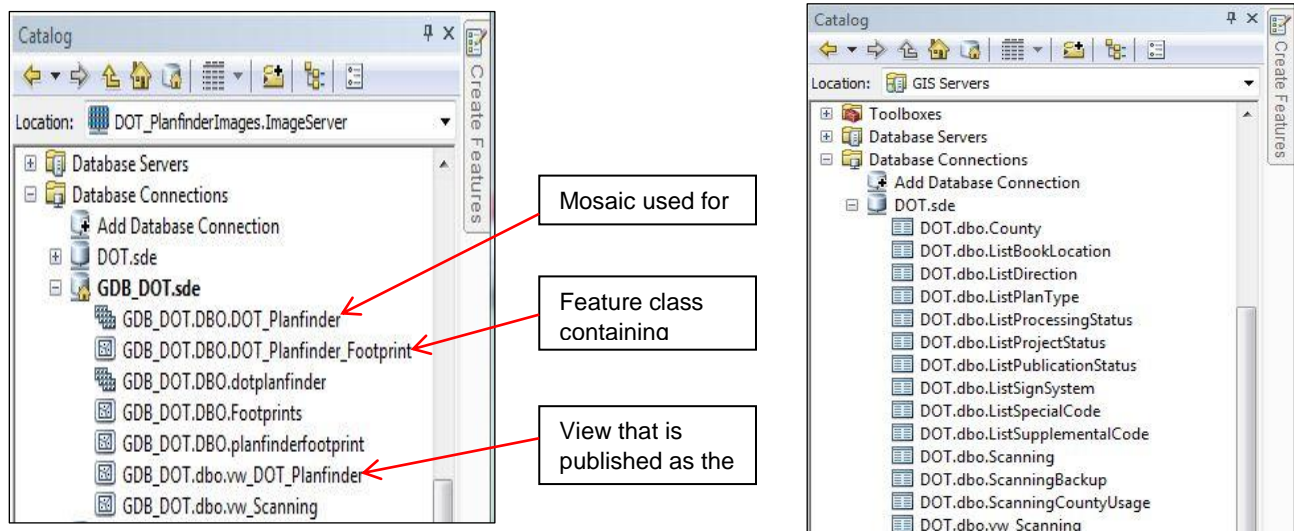
Highway Plans Locator website: [www.mapwv.gov/DOTplans](http://www.mapwv.gov/DOTplans)

The Highway Plans Locator website is one of the final products achieved in the West Virginia Division of Highways Scanning Project. This list details the process, steps, and scripts necessary to display the DOH plans on the highway plans locator website ([www.mapwv.gov/DOTplans.php](http://www.mapwv.gov/DOTplans.php)).

The files are organized in a geodatabase that houses several image and feature services to make data available to the webpage. This section of the Scanning Project Procedures will outline the use and function of the scripts and database layers that construct the web map service.

The final process to the WV Division of Highways Plan Scanning Project is uploading the tiffs, PDF, and GeoTiffs to the website. First, the PublishGeoTiff.pyt script will run python to copy and replace GeoTiff's into a new folder that will be used to add scan rasters to the mosaic. Once relocated into a new folder and added to the mosaic, the technician will use the DOTFootprints.pyt tool to create footprints of the georeferenced image (corners of the image). Next, the footprint extents need to be copied into the *dbo\_Scanning* table. This is done with the UpdateFootprintextents tool in ArcMap and will automatically update X and Y Min/Max fields in the *dbo\_scanning* table. After this tool is finished, the technician must update the PublicationStatusID column in *dbo\_Scanning*, which will publish the projectbook to the images in the ArcGIS Online Map.

### DOT GEODATABASE OVERVIEW

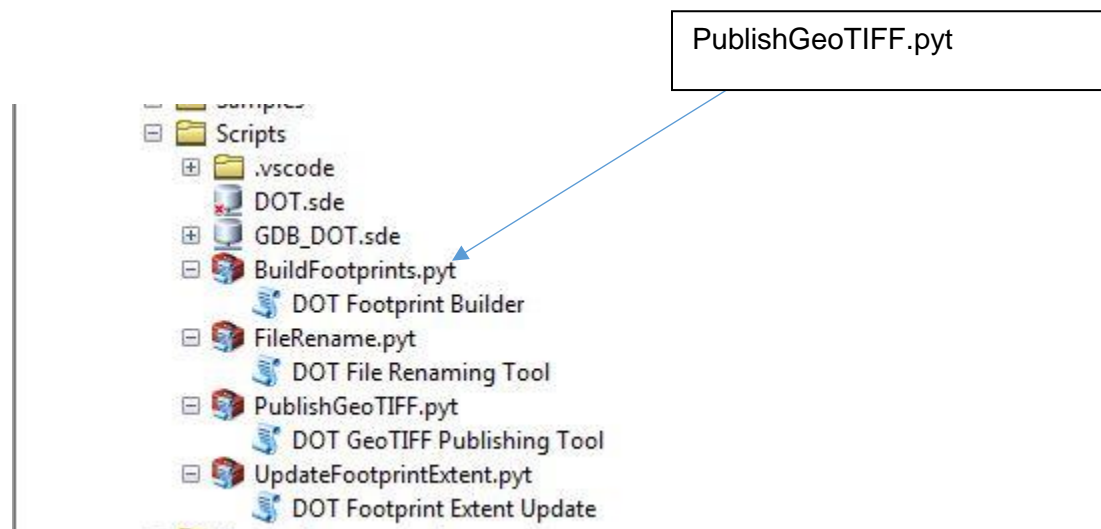


The vw\_DOT\_Scanning view is used in ArcMap as the layer source for the Footprint map service. The DOT database, which stores scanning information and related lookup tables, is used on the website to provide this information to the user.

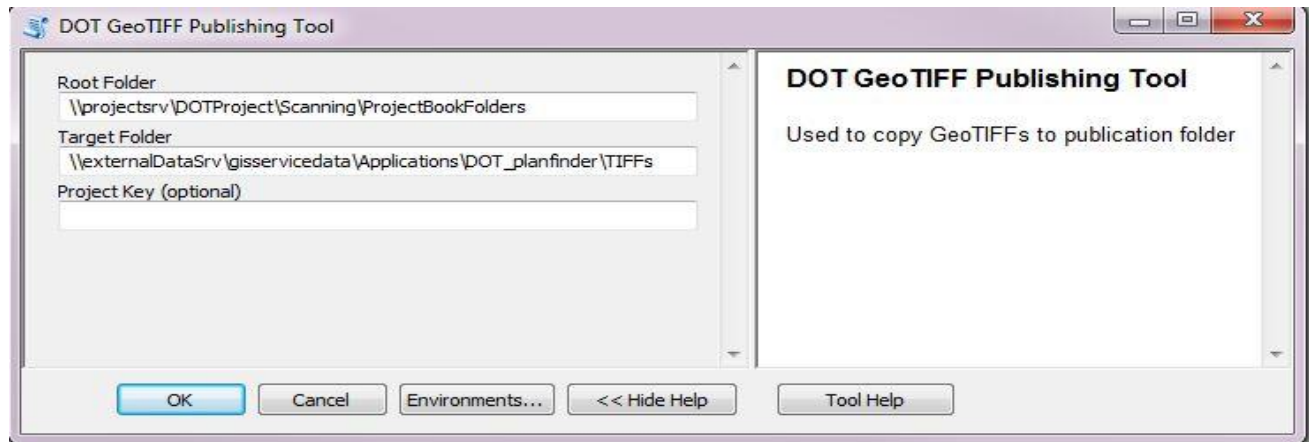
Since the Map Service and Image Service are fed from a SQL Server enterprise geodatabase (dbo\_Scanning), it is not necessary to re-publish any services in order to add new scan rasters to the ArcGIS Services. All that is needed is to add them to the raster mosaic and update the footprint feature class.

## PUBLISHING GEOTIFFS

The georeferenced TIFFs from each project book will be combined into raster mosaics in ArcGIS for easy viewing. To add scan rasters to the mosaic they first need to be placed in the appropriate folder, this is accomplished using the Publish GeoTIFF python tool in the R:\DOT\wvDOT\_planROW\_scanning\Scripts folder. Expand the tool named PublishGeoTIFF.pyt python tool.



Double-Click DOT GeoTIFF Publishing Tool to open the script, the following box will appear:



The Root Folder should be left as: '\\projectsrv\DOTProject\Scanning\ProjectBookFolders'

The target folder is: '\\ExternalDataSrv\GISServiceData\Application\DOT\_Planfinder\TIFFS'.

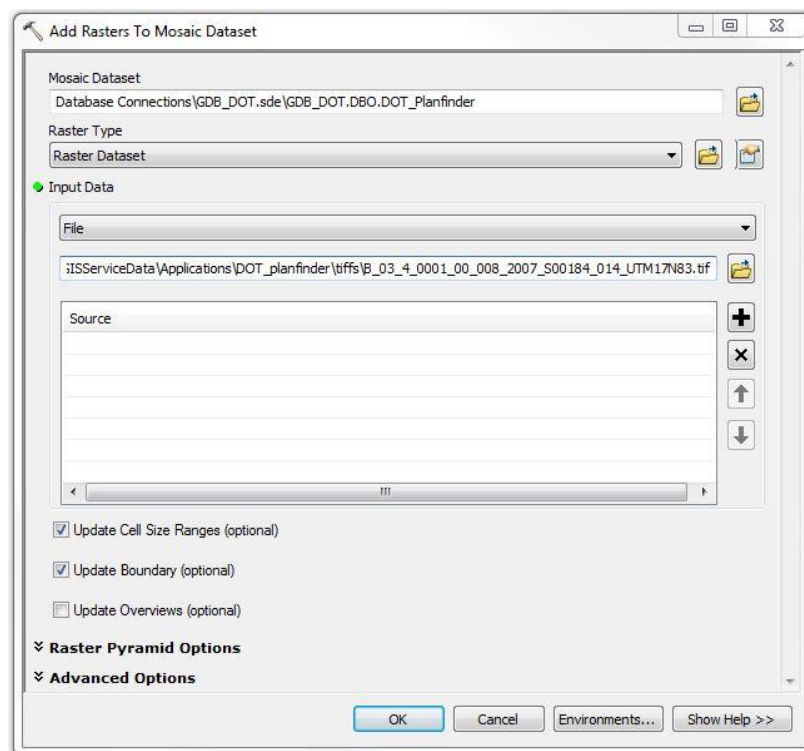
Click OK and the Tool should run, this will place all the GeoTIFF folder contents from [\\projectsrv](#) into [\\ExternalDataSrv](#) so that they can be added to the Mosaic dataset

## ADD RASTERS

Next, add the rasters to the mosaic dataset. Right Click the feature dataset DBO\_planfinder (GDB\_DOT.sde\GDB\_DOT.DBO.DOT\_Planfinder) and select Add > Rasters. If you want to add an entire workspace filled with rasters, it is important to use a full UNC pathname so that the images can be accessed by the ArcGIS server

**(\\ExternalDataSrv\GISServiceData\Applications\DOT\_Planfinder\TIFFS).** Normally when adding rasters to the mosaic, the '*File*' option should be selected in the '*Input Data*' section of the '*Add Rasters*' dialog. Each raster can be selected individually and added to the '*Source*' list.

Under the Advanced Options, the Add New Datasets Only (optional) drop down should be set to Exclude\_Duplicates. Click OK.



If needed, the mosaic can be loaded from scratch by selecting the *Workspace* option instead of Raster dataset under Input Data. The technician must enter the pathname of the TIFF folder.

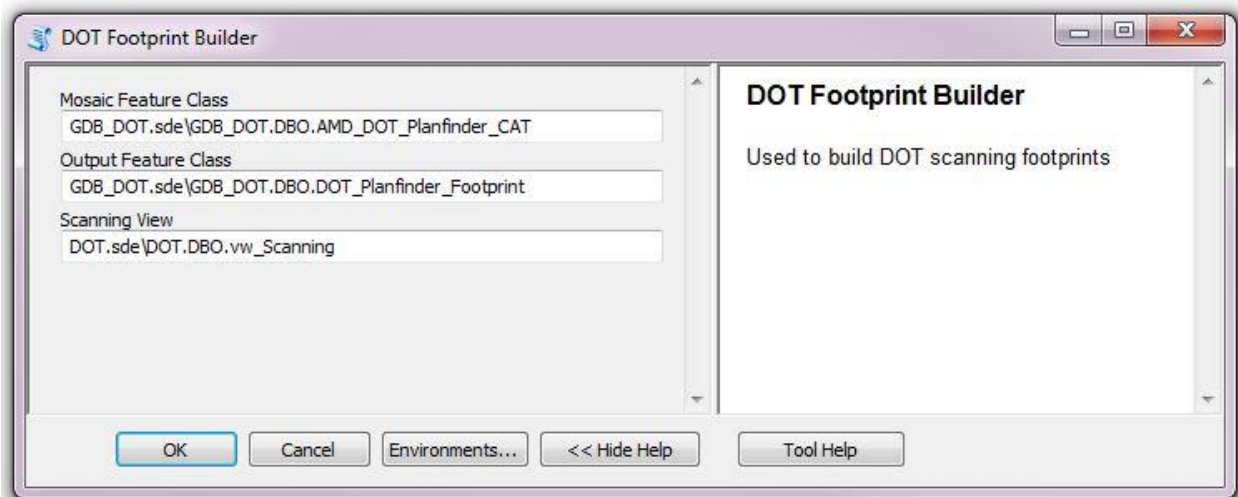
## BUILD FOOTPRINTS

*When added to a data frame in ArcGIS, each raster mosaic contains three layers, one of which is called Footprint. This is a vector layer of rectangles drawn around the extent of each raster, and attributes for each raster are stored here in the attributes table.*

So, after the rasters are added to the mosaic dataset, the Footprints of each geo-referenced image need to be created. This is done with the python tool (.pyt) DOT Footprint Builder found in the toolbox BuildFootprints.pyt in the following folder location

R:\DOT\wvDOT\_planROW\_scanning\Scripts.

Open the tool and click OK. The tool should run and finish within 1-5 minutes for <2000 plans.

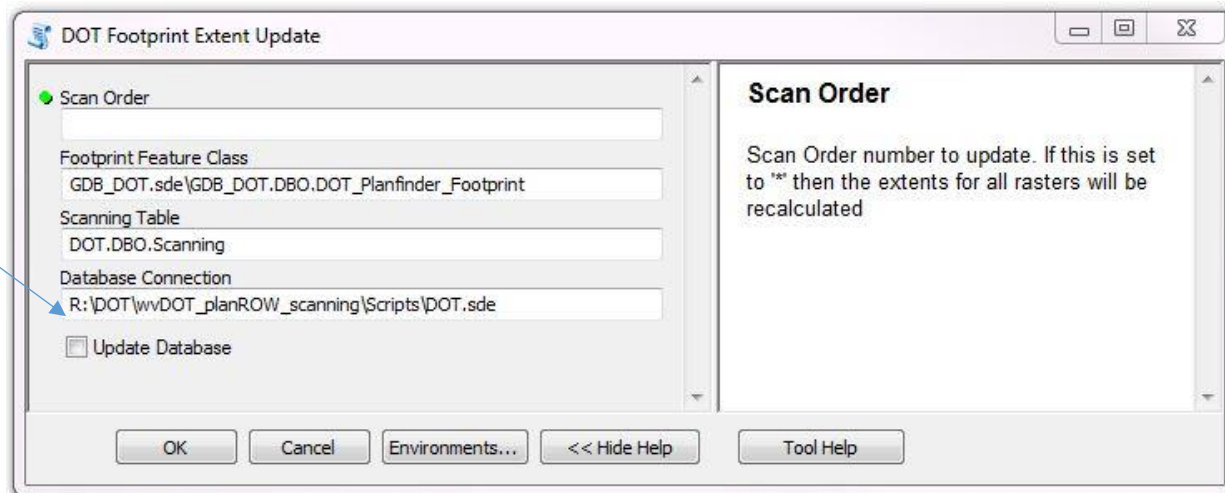


## UPDATE FOOTPRINTS

*Currently, the footprint layers from each of the mosaics get merged into a single, separate Footprints layer and stored in a file geodatabase. (I think this is referring to the x/y min and max stored in dbo\_scanning) This provides a single attribute table for every raster in each mosaic, making it much easier to search for and view data relating to all the raster's at once. (The projectbook data being accessible on the overview map)*

*This process will call upon the Projectkey and the SheetNo. ProjectKey will contain the Project Key for each raster in the Footprints layer, and SheetNo will contain the sheet number as it appears appended to the Project Key in the filename of the raster (including the underscore). These two fields are used to create links in ArcGIS.com to our FTP server, and also facilitate joining the WV DOT Project Database to the Footprints attributes table.*

The technician needs to copy the footprint extents into the dbo\_Scanning table using the UpdateFootprintExtent.pyt toolbox and the associated DOT Footprint Extent Update script. It is **important** to note that the DOT Footprint Extent Update tool will only run on the plans that are specified in the Scan Order row, to update all Scan Orders, follow the directions in the tool and place a "\*" in the Scan Order row. It is also necessary to check the "Update Database" checkbox at the bottom of the dialogue box in order to actually update footprint extents. If this box is left unchecked then the tool will function as a test and will not copy any information from the image service into the database.



Click OK and the tool should populate the xy coordinates in the database.

## PUBLICATION STATUS

*The raster mosaics and the Footprints layer are currently being published as a GIS service in Arc, and then added to a map on the ArcGIS.com map viewer. This is mostly for demonstration purposes, but is also useful as a means of sharing the materials with WVDOT, tracking the project's overall progress, and making it viewable in an interactive environment.*

*To publish the service, the user must have access to various server addresses on the WVGISTC network, which will likely require admin permission. The server addresses themselves are subject to occasional changes; verify which server the service should be published on before proceeding.*

So, the final step is to update the PublicationStatusID column of the Scanning table to '2' or if you are using the Access interface open the table and set the PubicationStatus to 'Published'.

At this point you should be able to see the new footprints.

## FINAL WEBSITE QC

*After the Publication Status is changed to Published, all links on the website should working. However, there are a number of different scenarios that cause the links to fail. A final quality control is to be completed by the technician who has updated the website.*

- 1) Navigate to the website: <http://mapwv.gov/DOTplans/>
- 2) Uncheck the “show first 100 matches only”
- 3) Leave all fields blank and click search.
- 4) Locate all project books uploaded with last publication.
- 5) Click and check each of the four links for each project book.
- 6) Note any errors that are found in the QC and refer to the Website troubleshooting for information regarding errors.
- 7) Make any corrections and continue to Backup procedures.

## **WEBSITE TROUBLESHOOTING**

- 1) If the PDF works and the Globe does not
  - a) Look to see if book is named correctly
    - i) Check to see if the book name matches to the dbo\_vw\_Projectkeylookup
    - ii) Check to see if the Georef page number matches the column under dbo\_scanning > GeoTIFFs (this can only have 3 characters)
  - b) A folder issue
    - i) Go to the GeoTIFF folder within the problem book and check to see if the zipped file folder is within another folder. Removed zipped folder and place it inside GeoTIFF folder.
- 2) If the PDF does not work and the Globe is not there
  - a) Check to see if the Georef page number matches the column under dbo\_scanning > GeoTIFFs (this can only have 3 characters)
- 3) If the download tiffs (scenic portrait button) does not work
  - a) Check geotiff file-pathname. Make sure that the folder does not include the ending “.aux.zip”
- 4) If footprints display but raster mosaic does not appear:
  - a) Clear TIFFs folder on externaldatasrv and remove rasters from GDB\_DOT.sde
  - b) Complete the Website Upload Procedures.

**Important:** To get rid of duplicate book numbers when uploading to the website go to the externaldatasrv and delete the folder *tiffs*. When adding rasters, go to advanced settings in the dialog box and check “exclude duplicates”.

Record work in Google Performance Tracking Sheet and MS Access dbo\_ScanningActivity



## **BACKUP PROCEDURES**

### **EXTERNAL DRIVE**

The external drive is to be backed up weekly by one technician at the end of the work week. After being backed up, a transmittal sheet should be updated and saved to the external drive DOT Scanning folder, which records the date of backup, project books included, and the amount of storage used. The transmittal sheet can be found on the external drive being used to back up the scan data.

Automatic Backups are now being conducted daily, with the SyncBack program installed on the “Preston” computer. The “DOT Scanning Auto” schedule is set to run at 1:00am every night and copies all project books onto the DOT Backup A folder. As these are updated daily, it is important to remember to update the transmittal sheet weekly.

### **INTERNAL SERVERS**

The internal backup server is to be updated at the conclusion of the final website quality control to insure that all edits are contained in the back up. The technician completing this quality control will copy all published project books from the ProjectBooks folder to the **DOTBackup** ([\\projectsrv\DOTBackup](#)) (This location will change when we identify another server to store our back up).

## **DIGITAL PLAN PROCEDURES**

In the event of digital plan submissions of previously scanned images from WV DOH District offices, technicians will follow the procedures as outlined below. This methodology is subject to change as digital plan submission formats and procedures change. The following work tasks may be affected by digital submissions:

- File Naming
- Image Processing
- PDF Creation
- Georeference Plan Index Map Sheets
- Quality Control/Quality Assurance
- Publishing Web Map



## APPENDIX A: Page Number FAQ

### **Page Numbering FAQ**

The following Q&A's are examples of page numbering questions/inconsistencies that have arisen during the course of the scanning project. New questions are added to the document as problems are discovered, and answers are added as they are received.

**Q: Duplicate pages exist within a bundle, except one has a stamp, signature, or some other small difference, though no official revision.**

A: Only scan the page with additional content, no need to scan old one.

**Q: Pages are arranged out of order.**

A: Rearrange the pages by the official page number as seen on the sheet. If there are pages from different projects within the same book which are numbered by a different system/sequence, retain the order in which those pages were physically found when creating the PDF document, as they were likely placed in that order intentionally by WV DOT.

**Q: Two pages with different content, but same page number.**

A: They might be from different projects. If so, retain the order in which they were found, keeping the same file name and adding a letter after the page number (starting with A) for every sheet with the repeating page number. Make a note in the project database; be sure to specify which project the page in question is from if it is from a different project.

There is also a chance the pages were miss-numbered. Example: 17, 18, 20, 20... In a case like that, correct the page numbers in the file name (in the example, you would change the first 20 into 19), retaining the order in which the pages were found.

**Q: Some pages are marked as deleted with a large X crossing the entire page and text that reads "This sheet deleted, see page 81A" or the like. In this example, there was a page 81, then another page 81 that was marked as deleted and referred to page 81A.**

A: The deleted page does not need to be scanned (according to WVDOT), though it may be wise to scan it anyway and add an "X" suffix to the page number. Make a note of it in the database either way.

**Q: Some sheets have no visible page number.**

A: Give them one for now, according to the sequence in which they were discovered. If the previous page was 0017, name the ones without a number 0017A, 0017B, etc. Keep them in the order they were discovered when creating the PDF document. Make a note in the comments field of the database describing how they were numbered.

**Q: One project book can contain sheets from multiple projects. EXAMPLE: Project 32, starting on the second page it switches to a different project in a different county for 37 pages before switching back to the original project listed on the cover sheet, beginning with page #2. Another EXAMPLE: Project 17 has two pages appended to the end from unrelated projects. Another EXAMPLE: Project 33 , page 52 (there are two of them) is a seemingly random page from some unrelated project. How should we handle examples like these? Separate them? Keep them in the same folder and number them as they appear?**

A: Those pages were usually put in there by WV DOT staff for a reason, so be sure they are arranged in the PDF as they were discovered. As for naming the TIFFs, they are permitted to have an entirely different key based on the project they come from and still remain inside the project folder in which they were found. This will arrange the files out of sequence in the TIFFs folder, but it will be ok as long as the correct order is maintained in the PDF, and a descriptive note is written in the comments field of the database. **HOWEVER, Kevin Huffman said he'll get back to us with a better solution to this issue.**

**Q: Pages repeat, but with some revisions.**

A: The original un-revised page does not need to be scanned (according to WVDOT), and the revised page should get the original page number. It may be wise to scan the un-revised page anyway and give it a unique page number (add a letter to the page number) that should be noted in the comments field of the database. In some cases the revised page has a unique page number already visible on the sheet, usually just adding a letter to the sheet number. If so, use those numbers in the file name.

**Q: The 25<sup>th</sup> project we scanned was the second part of the 32<sup>nd</sup> project we scanned. Shall we put them both in the same folder and make one PDF out of them? Or keep them separated as they are physically and give them different names?**

A: Combine them. Make a note in the comments field describing which pages were found physically separated.

**Q: An “addendum” sheet was discovered within a project. It is much smaller than the other sheets, and has no page number aside from “Addendum B” or some such.**

A: Scan it and give it the page number ADDN, and add an additional letter to the page number as necessary if there is more than one ADDN, or if the page says something like “Addendum B” as in the example above.

**Q: Project 37 is the soil profile for project 36, but has a different fiscal year and pages number 1-20. Keep separate, or combine files into one folder?**

A: Combine them, giving the files different names within the folder to reflect the difference in fiscal year, and make a note in the database.

**Q: One project contains copies of sheets from a different project that has already been scanned. Example: Project 33 contains copies of pages 52-54 from project 30; they were placed in project 33 next to the pages of the same number. How should they be numbered? Should they be scanned at all, since that would be effectively doing the same work twice? Or is there likely a good reason for them to be there and so they should be treated as part of that project?**

## APPENDIX B: Image Processing Checklist

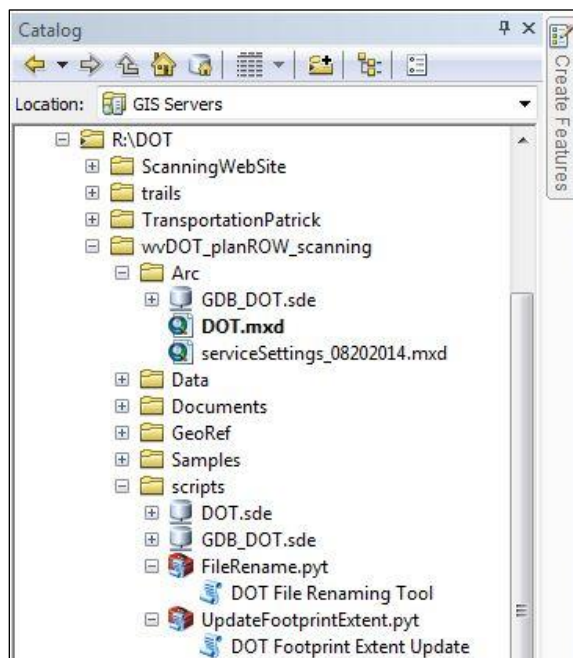
1. Import Image Processing into Photoshop
  - a) Open the Actions window
    - i. Window>Actions
    - ii. Or shortcut Alt+F9
  - b) Click the drop down menu located in upper right corner. Click “Load Actions...”
    - iii. Retrieve Actions from the following folder:  
R:\userFiles\Sarah\DOT\IP\Scanning
  - c) Automate image processing for entire folder of scans
    - i. File<Automate<Batch
    - ii. Action: Select “IP”
    - iii. Press choose button and browse for folder of scans you want to image process
    - iv. Press choose button and browse for folder to which you want finished scans saved, the IP folder within the project book folder
2. Import TIFFs into Photoshop (PS)
  - a) Open correct folder with scanned TIFFs in windows explorer
  - b) Change view of TIF files to Large Icons using drop-down in upper right corner
  - c) Select first row of images and press enter
3. CROP
  - a) In PS use crop tool to crop along all edges of scan to remove excess white space
  - b) DO NOT crop any writing or printed info along borders of scan
  - c) If sheet was scanned slanted, then some white space will show after being cropped
  - d) Ctrl+z will undo any crop you make but will only work once (try it twice and you’ll see what happens)
  - e) Take Advantage of Crop Shortcut
    - i. Create new action named “Crop” (create function key if desired)
    - ii. Crop first sheet like normal and press stop button.
    - iii. Select next scan and either press play button or function key and the scan will automatically crop to specifications you recorded in previous scan
4. This shortcut only works well if all scans are scanned aligned with the same reference line on scanner. Otherwise you will have to delete and record new crop dimensions constantly to a point where it’s no longer a shortcut.
5. Save-n-Close Each Tab (Ctrl+s; Ctrl+w)

**NOTE:** Check to see if every scan has been processed correctly row by row in scan folder. Do this by looking for any scan that hasn’t been cropped via large icons. PS has tendency to not import every scan you select so always check.

## APPENDIX C: Planfinder Python Scripts Documentation

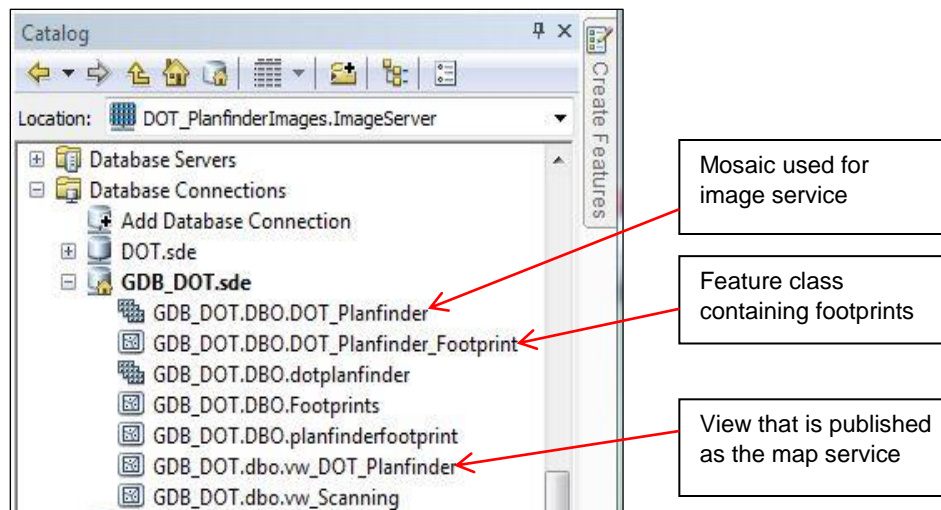
The DOT Project Plan Scanning system is designed around an operational database used for recording scanning activity and an enterprise geodatabase used to support web mapping and image services. The system takes advantage of the multi-user capability of Microsoft SQL Server 2012, allowing scanning information to be recorded in real-time and new scans to be published as they are created. Detailed information is recorded related to each step of the scanning process so that production performance can be monitored and metrics can be established for scheduling and cost analysis. In addition, the use of an enterprise geodatabase streamlines the process of updating the ArcGIS feature and image services by eliminating the need to re-publish an entire ArcGIS geodatabase in order for updates to be made available on the web.

The ArcMap project used for feature and image service publication is named DOT.mxd. This project defines the related feature classes, raster mosaic, and database tables. It also defines the standard symbology and related database connection information. This ArcMap project is stored on a production file server in the WV GIS Technical Center and is backed up on automated schedule (Figure 1).



**Figure 1:** ArcMap / ArcCatalog Listing of the Arc Project and related toolbox items

The supporting ArcGIS enterprise geodatabase contains three primary objects: 1) a raster mosaic used as the source for the ArcGIS image service, 2) a feature class representing map foot prints of each scanned construction plan, and 3) a database view that is used as the underlying source for the published plans and for the web based query interface. These can be seen in the following screenshot taken from the ArcMap Catalog interface (Figure 2).

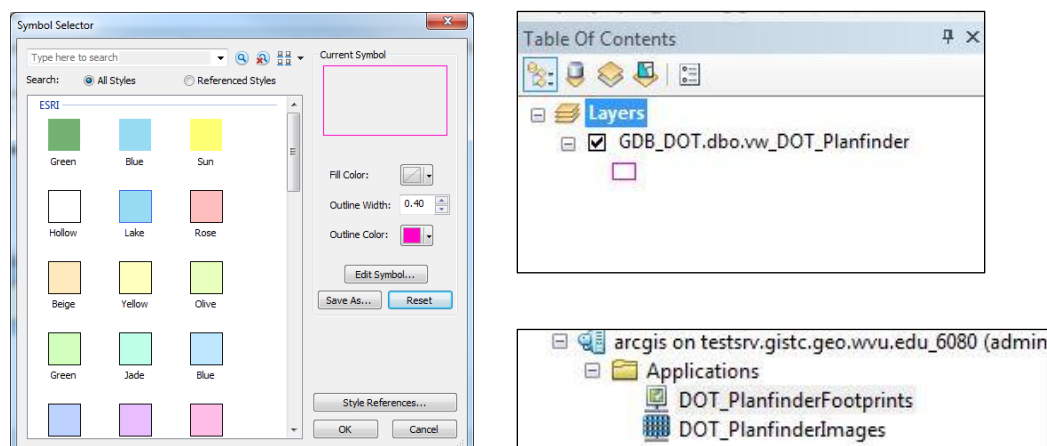


**Figure 2:** DOT enterprise geodatabase structure.

The vw\_DOT\_Planfinder view is used in ArcMap as the layer source for the Footprint map service. This view links the ArcGIS feature class inform to the operational scanning data. The view is defined as follows:

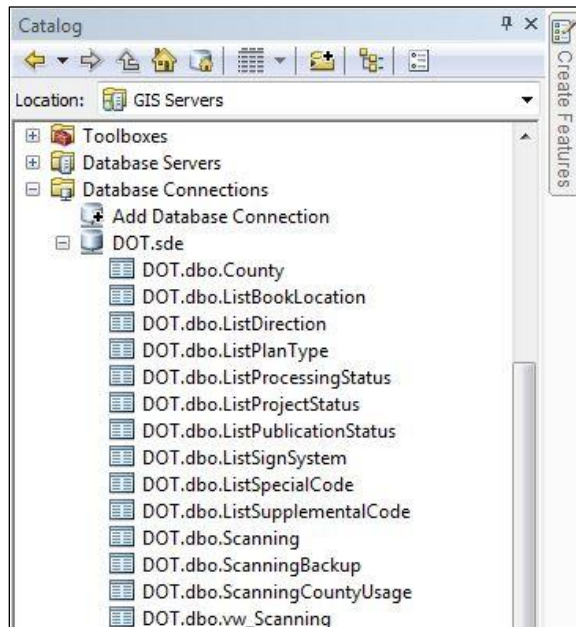
vw\_DOT\_Planfinder view definition in ArcMap:

```
CREATE VIEW vw_DOT_Planfinder AS
  SELECT OBJECTID
         ,Name
         ,[Shape]
         , Scanning.*
  FROM GDB_DOT.dbo.DOT_Planfinder_Footprint
       JOIN DOT.dbo.vw_Scanning AS Scanning
         ON Scanning.ScanOrder =
            DOT_Planfinder_Footprint.ScanOrder
```



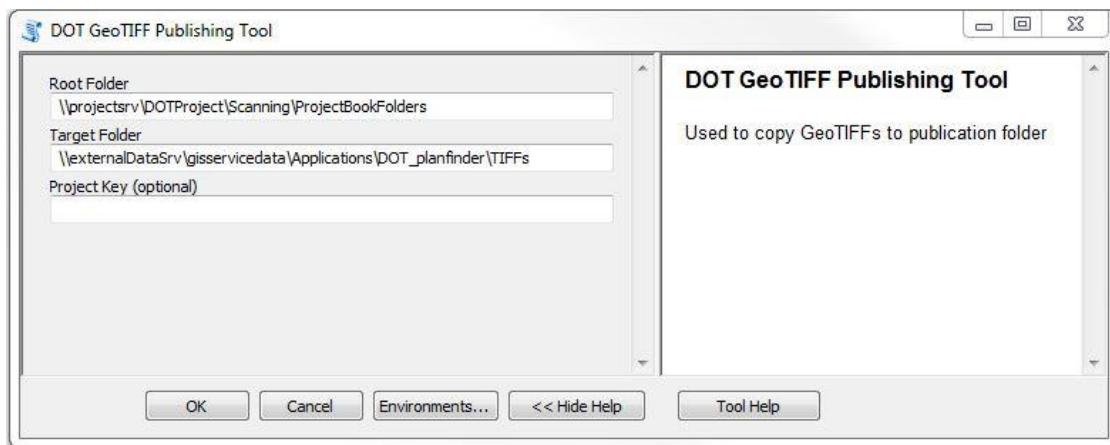
**Figure 3:** Feature service symbology and ArcGIS hosted services

The structure of the DOT database used to store scanning information and related lookup tables can be viewed from within ArcMap or Arc Catalog. All administration for this database is performed using Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio. Backup plans are defined from within the management interface and scheduled backups are run using the SQL Server Agent process.



**Figure 4:** DOT Database table listing

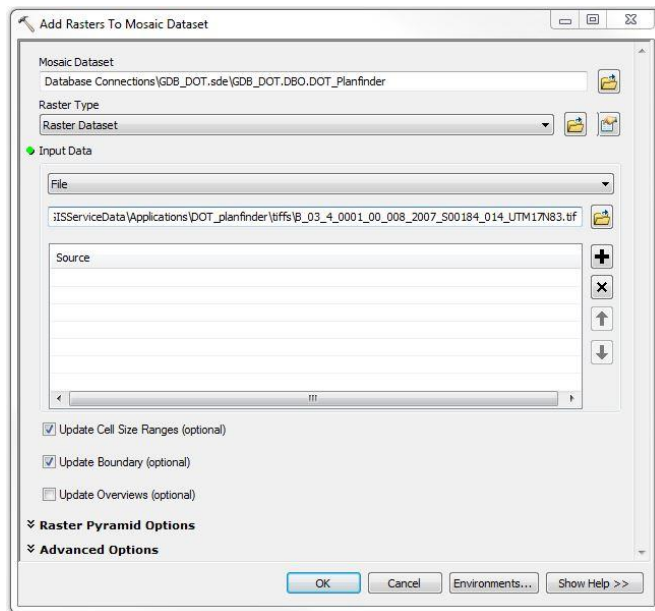
Since the Map Service and Image Service are fed from a SQL Server enterprise geodatabase, it is not necessary to re-publish any ArcGIS services in order to add new scan rasters. All that is needed is to add the new images to the raster mosaic and update the footprint feature class. To add scan rasters to the mosaic they first need to be placed in the folder '\\ExternalDataSrv\\GISServiceData\\Application\\DOT\_Planfinder\\TIFFS'. This is accomplished using the Python tool "PublishGeoTIFF.pyt". This tool extracts the GeoTIFFs from the zipped versions in the individual project book folders that are created during the scanning process. These zipped images are located under "\\projectsrv\\DOTProject\\Scanning\\ProjectBookFolders". The tool can process a single project book folder or optionally all folders. If a Project Key value is specified, then only the corresponding GeoTIFF will be published. If the Project Key value is left blank, then the GeoTIFF files for all projects will be extracted to the production folder.



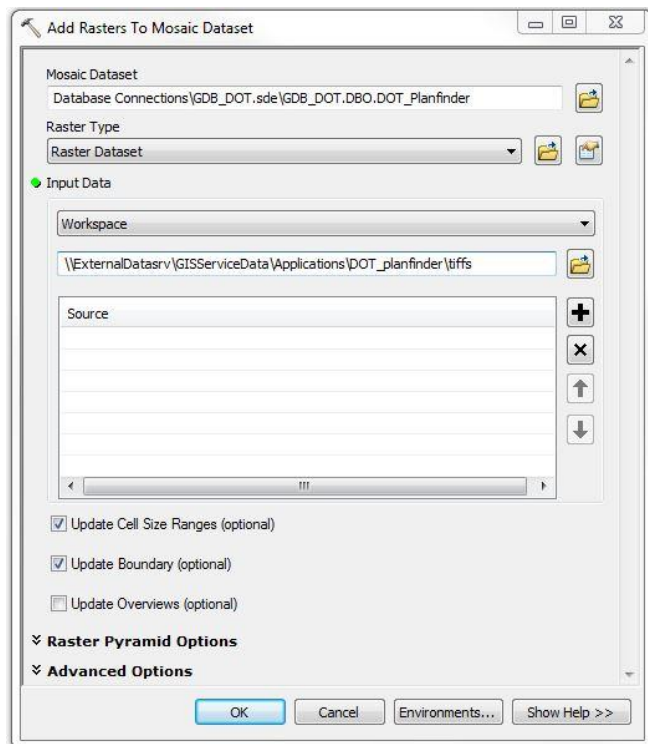
**Figure 5:** PublishGeoTIFF.pyt user interface



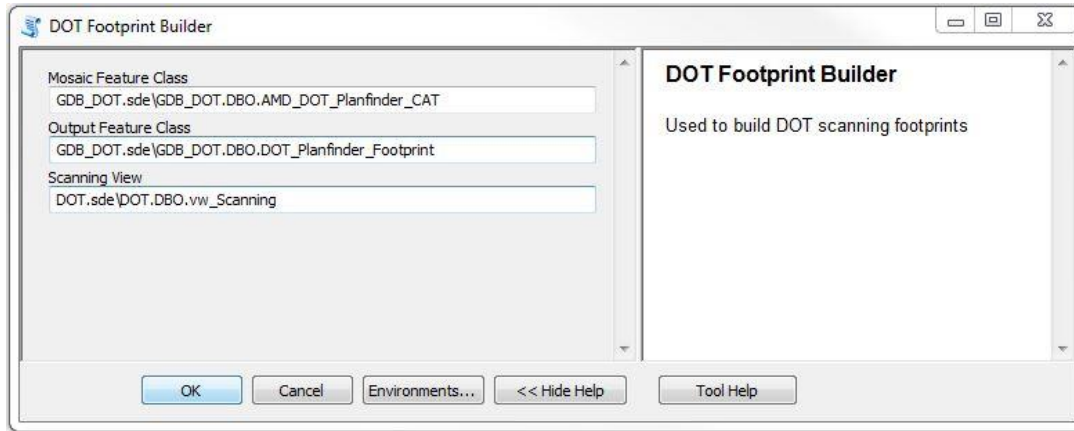
It is important to use a full UNC pathname so that the images can be accessed by the ArcGIS server. Normally when adding rasters to the mosaic, the *'File'* option should be selected in the *'Input Data'* section of the *'Add Rasters'* dialog. Each raster can be selected individually and added to the *'Source'* list.



If needed, the mosaic can be loaded from scratch by selecting the *Workspace* option as shown below and entering the pathname of the TIFF folder.



Once the new rasters have been added to the mosaic, their footprints are built using the Python tool “BuildFootprints.pyt”. This tool removes all existing footprints then rebuilds the feature class by scanning the rasters and generating new features. The default location for the raster data is “GDB\_DOT.sde\GDB\_DOT.DBO.AMD\_DOT\_Planfinder\_CAT” and the target footprint feature class is “GDB\_DOT.sde\GDB\_DOT.DBO.DOT\_Planfinder\_Footprint”.



**Figure 6:** PublishGeoTIFF.pyt user interface

At this point, the footprints and images for all scanning table entries that have their Publication Status set appropriately will be searchable in the web query interface and visible in the ArcGIS Online map.

## APPENDIX D: Entering a New Book into the Access Database

Before a book can be scanned its information needs to be entered into the DOT Access database. The Access file can be found in **R:\DOT\wvDOT\_planROW\_scanning\DOT.accdb**.

First, gather the transmittal sheet that is rolled inside of the new book. Leave the book open, as there is some information that will need to be retrieved from the sheets.

Open DOT.accdb and click on **dbo\_Scanning** under Tables on the left hand side.

This is where you will enter the information from the transmittal sheet.

If necessary right click the “ID” column and click sort by smallest to largest. Scroll to the last record (or hit skip to last record at the bottom). The “ID” column corresponds with the “S00000” number assigned to every book. The new book you are entering in will always be the next number in order.

Write this number in the top right section of the transmittal sheet, labeled “Scan Order Number.”

Now we will begin filling in the columns for this entry. Each column corresponds with information either on the transmittal sheet or the plan sheet itself (some columns are left blank until a later time).

In the following pictures I have illustrated for you where the information for each column in the database can be found in the transmittal sheet or the plans. (I have minimized the columns you will not be entering the information in for at this time). Each large bold number I have placed on the database matches the corresponding information on the transmittal and plans:

ID	ScanCou	Processi
199	31	Comple
200	84	Comple
201	151	Comple
202	9	Comple
203		Comple
204	143	Comple
205	92	Comple
206	44	Comple
207	11	Comple
208	9	Comple
209	74	Comple
210	11	Comple
211	36	Comple
212	112	Comple
213	177	Comple
214	70	Comple
215	122	Comple
216	18	Comple
217	10	Comple
218	42	Comple
219	75	Comple
220	17	Comple
221	24	Comple
222	3	Comple
223	32	Comple
224	16	Comple
225	108	Comple
226	368	Comple
227	121	Comple
228	22	Comple
229	124	Comple
230	37	Comple
231	49	Comple
232	34	Created
233		
234		

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
ID	ProjectTitle	FederalProject	StateProject	Planity	CountyID	County2ID	SignSystemID	RouteID	SubRoute	BeginMile	Fiscal	Dist	SpecialCodeIC	ProjectStatus	BridgeNumbers
1590	Lunice Creek		5871	B	Grant		County Route	3	0	0	1969	5 AA		Final Design	2852
1591	Berea Bridge South Fork Huahes Bridge		5350	B	Ritchie		Other	0	0	0	9999	3 AA		Final Design	2304
1592	Wayne Co Box Culvert	5-617(11)		B	Wayne		County Route	1	0	0	1965	2 AA		Final Design	
1593	Lunice Creek Bridge Grant Co		5871	B	Grant		County Route	3	0	0	1969	5 AA		Final Design	2852
1594	Monongalia Co Arch Culvert	APD 483(16)		B	Monongalia		Interstate	66	0	0	1971	4 AA		Final Design	
1595	UG Bridge 200		26900 R 51	B	Monongalia		County Route	7	0	0	1966	4 AA		Final Design	2763
1596	Middle Island Creek Bridge	APD 282(44)		B	Doddridge		Other	0	0	0	1971	4 AA		Final Design	2742
1597	Nutall District Fayette Co/Wilderness District Nicholas Co	APD 482(15)		R	Fayette	Nicholas	U.S. Highway	19	0	0	1969	5 AA		Final Design	
1598	Main Lin Over Box Sandy Creek	APD 483(22)		B	Preston		Other	0	0	0	1971	4 AA		Final Design	2836

17	18	19	20
BookLocation	PublicationStatusID	ScanCount	Comments
DOT	Published	43	
DOT	Published	43	
DOT	Published	12	
DOT	Published	16	
DOT	Published	256	
DOT	Published	86	
DOT	Published	30	
DOT	Published	125	

Project Key										Project Title:												
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Type	County ID	Sign System	Route Number	Sub Route	Begin Milepost	Fiscal Year	Scan Order Number															
							S- Scanned by VGISTC D- Digitally Reviewed by District (To be completed by scan tech.)															
Supplemental Information																						
1	2	3	4	7																		
				Bar #																		
				Bridge #																		
District #	Special ID	Status ID	16																			
Notes:																						
ProjectWise: Yes / No																						



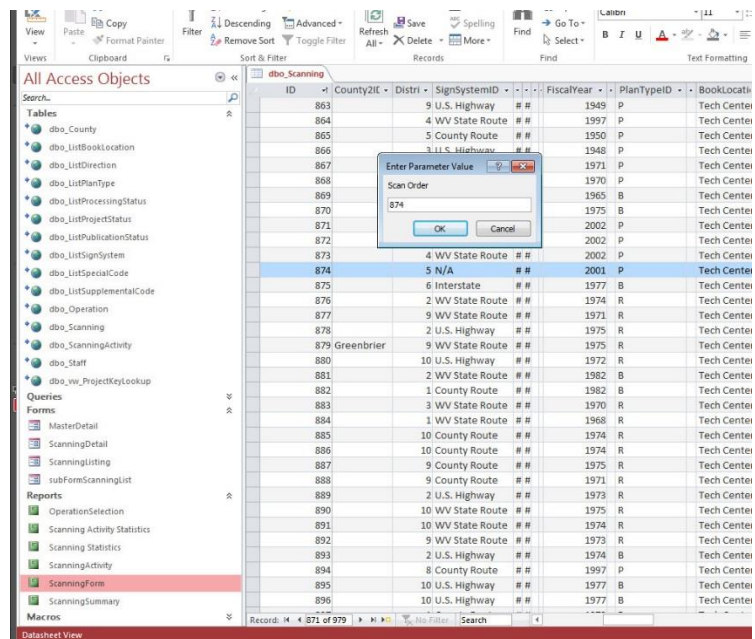
Most of these are self-explanatory, some require more explaining:

- **1** or **"ID"** – you do not have to type the ID number in, it will be automatically recorded
- **6** or **"County2ID"** – this would be used if the plans went through two counties
- **8** or **"Sign SystemID"** – corresponds like so:
  - 0 = Municipal Non-State
  - 1 = Interstate
  - 2 = U.S. Highway
  - 3 = WV State Route
  - 4 = County Route
  - 5 = N/A
  - 6 = State Parks and Forest
  - 7 = FANS
  - 8 = HARP
  - 9 = US Forest Road
  - 10 = WV State Rail Authority
  - 11 = Trails
  - 12 = Other
- **13** or **"BookLocation"** – refers to the physical location of the book at this time
- **14** or **"Comments"** – extra information, often not needed
- **15** or **"SupplementalCodeID"** – if this is 0 on the transmittal sheet select "Not Applicable" on the database
- **16** or **"DirectionID"** – if this is 0 on the transmittal sheet select "Unspecified"
- **18** or **"ProjectStatusID"** –
  - 1 = Initial Design
  - 2 = Preliminary Design
  - 3 = Final Design
- **20** or **"BridgeNumbers"** – enter bridge # listed on the transmittal sheet, if there are multiple bridge #s separate them with commas.

\*If you enter a mistake/typo the “Esc” key will exit the row and you may start over.\*

After you have completed entering all the information, you are ready to print the scanning form. Click on **ScanningForm** under Reports and enter the scan order number you would like to print.

A scanning form will be generated, along with the project key. Print the form, roll up the book and attach the form to the outside.



## APPENDIX E: Procedures Outline

7/29/2016

### 1) Book Preparation & File Naming

- a) Receive Project Book(s) from WVDOT
  - i) Transmittal sheet provided by WV DOT
    - (1) Denote if plan is located in ProjectWise
  - ii) Project Key provided by WVDOT
  - iii) Scan Order # designated by WVGISTC
  - iv) Remove clips/tape/staples from sheets
  - v) Rearrange pages in proper sequence if necessary.
  - vi) Review page number suffixes
  - vii) Enter Project Book information into dbo\_Scanning sheet in MS Access
  - viii) Information found on Project Book cover sheet
  - ix) Project Key found on transmittal sheet
  - x) Create project folder on scanning machines to contain scanned images:
  - xi) Name project folder with Scan Order #

### File Naming

- b) File Naming
  - i) Designate Scan Order # on Project Key/Transmittal Sheet
  - ii) Pull information from Project Key/Transmittal Sheet and Book to add to the DOT Scanning Database
    - (1) Includes:
      - (a) Processing Status
      - (b) Publication Status
      - (c) Project Title
      - (d) Federal Project
      - (e) State Project
      - (f) County ID
      - (g) County 2 ID
      - (h) District
      - (i) Sign System ID
      - (j) Route Number
      - (k) Sub Route Number
      - (l) Fiscal Year
      - (m) Sheet Count
      - (n) Plan Type
      - (o) Scan Date
      - (p) Book Location
      - (q) Comments
      - (r) Supplemental Code ID



- (s) Direction ID
- (t) Begin Mile
- (u) Project Status
- (v) Special Code ID
- (w) Special ID
- (x) Bridge Number
- (y) URN (Uniform Resource Name) for ProjectWISE

## 2) Scan Document

- a) Scanner Settings:
  - i) Size – Full auto size
  - ii) Auto BW points – Off
  - iii) Color Mode – 256 Colors – auto palette
  - iv) Resolution – 300
  - v) Quality – 1
  - vi) File type – TIFF LZW
  - vii) Folder – C:\DOT\Imagery\Original Scans\ScanOrder#
    - (1) 22x34 = S00000
    - (2) 12x18 = S00000
      - (a) Change Settings to Manual Width (480) Auto Length
    - (3) 8.5x11 = S00000b
- b) Configure scanner with *Scan Order #*, page number, and output location
  - i) Files are named by the DOH established naming convention
    - (1) *ScanOrder-PageNumber.TIF*
    - (2) Verify page number accuracy
    - (3) Save scans in folder named with *Scan Order #TIFF*
- c) Scan sheets
  - i) Wipe each page cleanly with a disposable microfiber cloth in a downward/consistent direction to not spread dirt on sheet
  - ii) Check each page for number changes or additional suffixes (generally letters)
  - iii) Use the document protector in a case of sheets being dirty, excessively waxy or sticky, torn, brittle or any other reason it can't be scanned like regular sheet
- d) Scanner Maintenance: Clean Scanner daily or sooner when necessary and recalibrate scanner when necessary/weekly
- e) Re-bind\replace all sheets as it was received
- f) Roll sheets and fasten with rubber band
  - i) Place transmittal sheet inside roll
  - ii) Add colored paper with scan order number to outside of roll
- g) Update dbo\_ScanningActivity Tracking Database in MS Access:
  - i) Book Number
  - ii) Date of Action
  - iii) Technician performing action
  - iv) Action taken
  - v) Time worked on Action (minutes)
  - vi) Quantity completed (sheets)
  - vii) Sheet Count (finished book)

- viii) Scan Count (finished book)
  - ix) Additional Comments
- h) Complete this process after every completed action or before the end of shift
- i) Project Book is now ready to return to WVDOT

### 3) Image processing

- a) Create Photoshop droplets for image adjustment and crop automation
- b) Image Process project book folders
  - i) Save a copy of the incomplete book onto desktop with file name "TIFF"
  - ii) Drag "TIFF" through droplets
  - ii) Check each image and crop by hand when necessary

### 4) PDF Creation

- a) Create an action in Adobe Acrobat Pro  
Action Procedure:
  - i) Reduce File Size
  - ii) Run Recognize Text (using OCR) Tool
  - ii) Name action "DOT PDF"
- b) Run action "DOT PDF"
- c) Check PDF for rotation errors resulting from Text Recognition tool and make necessary corrections.
  - i) Every page that has an error needs to be corrected individually without using the Text Recognition Tool by:
    - A) Creating a new, single page PDF
    - B) Reduce file size
    - C) Save PDF
    - D) Replace original page with the corrected page from the new PDF
- d) Save in ProjectBookFolder/PDF
  - i) Naming Convention: *ProjectKey.pdf*

### 5) Georeference Plan Index Map Sheets

- a) Estimate 1 map sheet per project book (cover sheet)
- b) Prepare TIFF for geo-referencing
  - i) Save a copy of TIFF to a "GEOTIFF" folder on local drive for georeferencing
  - ii) Crop out all whitespace/margin
  - iii) Adjust image format for Web Map Index compatibility
    - (1) Must be in 8-bit, Indexed Color mode
    - (2) Brighten TIFF if necessary (no pixels below RGB='10,10,10')
    - (3) Create custom color index with index value '0' set to black (RGB='0,0,0')
  - iv) If converting to MrSID format:
    - (1) Adjust color levels to add minor color data to TIFF if necessary
- c) Georeference TIFF
  - i) When rectifying, set NoData as '0' to set background transparency
- d) Name georeferenced images according to DOT naming conventions

- i) Naming conventions: *ProjectKey\_PageNumber\_UTM17N83.tif*
  - ii) Save in local "GEOTIFF" folder
  - iii) Paste in: *ProjectBookFolder/ProjectKey/GeoTIFF*
- e) Update Tracking Database's Georeferencing sheet
  - i) Scan order number
  - ii) Page number
  - iii) Amount of time to georeference
  - iv) RMS error
  - v) Technician initials
  - vi) Date
  - vii) Additional notes
- f) Enter information into *dbo\_ScanningActivity* sheet in MS Access

## 6) Quality Control/Quality Assurance: Procedures for each Project Book

- a) Accuracy/completion of Project Database entry.
- b) File-name accuracy
- c) Completion/quality of image processing
- d) Completion/accuracy/quality of PDF
- e) Completion/accuracy of GeoTIFF
- f) File renaming and editing with *FileRename.pyt*
  - i) Subfolders:
    - (1) TIFF
    - (2) PDF
    - (3) GeoTIFF
- g) Update Tracking Database's QC Checklist sheet (for beginners)
- h) Back-up all files onto project server FTP drive and external drive (limited personnel)
- i) Update Plan location in *dbo\_Scanning* via MS Access

## 7) Publishing Web Map

- a) *PublishGeoTIFF.pyt* run python tool to copy and replace GeoTIFFs
- b) Add rasters to Mosaic Dataset
- c) Attributes
  - i) Esri GIS attributes automatically created in DOT.mxd file
  - ii) Pre-defined attributes in raster mosaic image-service
    - (1) PDF link
    - (2) Link to Project folder for access to all related files
    - (3) Link to zipped GeoTIFF download
- d) Execute scripts to update Web Application query and Map
  - i) Publish GeoTIFFs Procedure: *PublishGeoTIFFs.pyt*
  - ii) Add Rasters to Mosaic Footprint creation: *BuildFootprints.pyt*
  - iii) Update Footprints in *dbo\_Scanning* MS Access: *UpdateFootprints.pyt*
- e) Switch *PublicationStatus* field in *dbo\_Scanning* to *Published*
- f) All uploaded plans should appear on the web application  
<mapwv.gov/dotplans/index.php>

**g) Digital Plan Submission**

- i) In the event of digital plan submissions of previously scanned images from WV DOH District offices, technicians will follow the procedures as outlined below. This methodology is subject to change as digital plan submission formats and procedures change.

- (1) File Naming
- (2) Image Processing
- (3) PDF Creation
- (4) Georeference Plan Index Map Sheets
- (5) Quality Control/Quality Assurance
- (6) Publishing Web Map

**h) Final Website Quality Control**

- (1) Locate all project books uploaded in the last publication.
- (2) Click and check each of the four links for each project book.
- (3) Note any errors that are found in the QC and refer to the Website troubleshooting for information regarding errors.
- (4) Make any corrections and continue to Backup procedures.

**i) Back Up Procedures**

- (1) External Drive (Weekly) limited access
  - (a) Select new Projectbooks from the R: drive
  - (b) Copy and Paste books to WVDOT\_Scans\_B
  - (c) Update Transmittal
- (2) Internal Servers (conclusion of website QC)
  - (a) Select all projectbooks
- (3) Copy and paste into [\\projectsrv\BACKUP](#).

**Major Procedural Tasks associated with Hardware, Software, Management Documents**

Processing Task	Hardware	Software	Management Documents
Book Preparation & File Naming	Scanning Computers	File Explorer	dbo_scanning
Scan Document	Scanning Computers		GS_performance_tracking dbo_scanningActivity
Image Processing	Local Workstations	Adobe PhotoShop PDFbatch.sequ AutoCrop.atn	GS_performance_tracking dbo_scanningActivity dbo_scanning
GeoReference	Local Workstation ProjectSrv	ArcGIS Google Maps	GS_performance_tracking dbo_scanningActivity
QA/QC	Local Workstation External Drive ProjectSrv External Server	FileRename.pyt	GS_performance_tracking dbo_scanningActivity dbo_scanning
Publishing & Web QC		PublishGeoTIFF.pyt BuildFootprints.pyt UpdateFootprints.pyt	dbo_scanning dbo_scanningActivity

## APPENDIX F: Transmittal Sheet

Project Key	Project Title:
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		18	19	20	21	22	23
Type	County ID	Sign System	Route Number	Sub Route	Begin Milepost	Fiscal Year		Scan Order Number															

**S-** Scanned at WVGIS TC  
**D-** Digitally Received by District  
*(To be completed by scan tech.)*

Supplemental					
1	4	5	6	7	8
-	-	-	-	-	-
District #	Special ID	Status ID	Supplemental Code		

9													
Bar #													
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bridge #													
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Notes:	ProjectWise: Y / N
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