

# PHOTOSHOP TIPS

## ONE workflow for a rendered plan

### DRAFTING

1. Draft line work in AutoCAD, Rhino, etc..... with clear, consistent layer names
2. Set up sheet and viewport at the correct size and scale (Example: 24x36 sheet at 10 scale)
3. Copy this sheet multiple times and name them based on the layers they will show. I recommend:
  - Plan\_Linework\_All
  - Plan\_Outlines
  - Plan\_FinalLinework
4. Export these sheets to project/plan folder with the same name every time

### PHOTOSHOP

1. Create photoshop file same size as CAD sheet
2. Link (not embed) all your files from CAD
3. Using the Plan\_Outlines and paintbucket tool, fill large spaces first
4. Using Plan\_Linework\_All, place trees with .pngs or brushes
5. Add textures by embedding texture images, then masking with your colored in areas
6. Add shadows to buildings, trees, and any other objects using drop shadow and shapes
7. Add details with people, cars, buses, etc....

### ILLUSTRATOR

1. Create illustrator file the same size as CAD and Photoshop file
2. Add labels, scale bar, north arrow

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### TIPS

1. Organize your layers early and be consistent
2. Plan ahead for scale and sheet size when creating the files
3. Link CAD linework file into photoshop to save time updating the links
4. Group layers in photoshop to easily manage and be able to return to the drawing later for edits

