

## BIM THERE, TOO

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In his article “BIM There, Done That” (August), Brian Barth states that “a number of landscape architecture firms have dabbled in BIM over the past decade, but I’ve struggled to find even one that incorporates it into daily work flow.” We are happy to offer one counterexample. At PGAdesign, we have been using Revit since 2010 and have completed more than 58 projects using the software.

Every piece of software has its limitations, requiring landscape architects to be creative and discover workarounds. Working in Revit allows PGAdesign to seamlessly coordinate with architects, which has been especially valuable with on-structure multifamily housing projects.

We are busy advocating and asking site furnishing companies to supply Revit files. We’re happy that this year companies such as Landscape Forms have provided those files for download on their websites.

Revit does have its shortcomings, including the inability to link PDFs and difficulty in modeling large sites. Available 3-D tree libraries that show up in a not-rendered “shade mode” are far from optimal. Building these libraries on our own has been a struggle. We still rely on 3-D trees placed in Photoshop.

Revit’s potential to improve coordination between disciplines, streamline drafting and sheet layout, and organize product and plant information has made it an indispensable part of our daily work flow since 2010.

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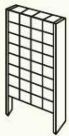
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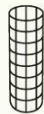
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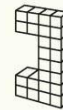
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