

# Technology reshaping deeds office

On May 24, 2007, the Johnston County Register of Deeds office became the first in the state to receive electronically a recordable document notarized by a North Carolina eNotary. This process of electronically transferring information, called eRecording, will play a major role in the advancement of recording documents in the Register of Deeds office.

Here are some of the advantages of accepting documents electronically:

- **Streamline Operations** — Increase staff productivity and eliminate paper-handling processes and errors.
- **Increase Document Security** — Filing electronically increases document security.
- **Save Time and Money** — eRecording speeds round-trip recording and is more economical than using a runner, express mail or courier service. ERecording will also save the taxpayers by reducing the need for more employees in the Register of Deeds office.

**Quick Turnaround** — Documents are recorded and then returned to the submitter for review in a matter of seconds.

**Environmentally Friendly** — By eliminating paper, registers, submitters and notaries will be supporting environmental initiatives related to the saving of trees and the energy that is expended to convert them to paper.

What stands out in my mind is that a document sent electronically from a lawyer's office or bank with a click of a button is recorded within seconds. This saves time and money for the citizens.

Secretary of State Elaine Marshall and I have worked hand in hand in bringing this new technology to the Register of Deeds office. It is my desire to continue looking at ways of maintaining records safe and secure, saving taxpayer's money and providing excellent customer service.

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