

Striving Towards Statewide Parcel Mapping Data in Vermont

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Who Uses Statewide Parcel Data?

- Parcel data can be used by **towns** to ensure that their grand list is accurate and equitable, and to plan for community resilience.
- Statewide, consistent, current parcel data can be used by **state agencies** to analyze the impact of state policies, and to efficiently plan and implement road construction projects.
- **Environmental consulting firms, foresters, surveyors, real estate agents, and engineers** all use existing parcel data to provide services to the citizens of VT's towns.
- Parcel data, used with existing online mapping applications, allow **citizens** to see how their property boundaries relate to zoning, natural resources, and their neighbors' property.

What Are the Limitations of Current Statewide Parcel Data?

- Vermont parcel data varies in terms of age and availability (see map on opposite side of this flyer).
- The data also varies in content (the information associated with each parcel) and the ease with which one can join parcel boundary data to grand list and ownership data.
- Town parcel data often does not line up properly along town boundaries
- Some VT towns do not have the capacity to manage the parcel mapping process.

What Would New Statewide Parcel Data Look Like?

- **Consistent Data:** Each town's parcel data would follow the state parcel data content **standard**, allowing it to be easily combined and viewed with other towns' data, and linked to grand list and ownership data.
- **Current Data:** Each town's data would be **updated** annually or every few years so that it reflects the current situation.
- **Statewide Data: Every town** would have consistent, current, digital parcel data available to the town, citizens, state entities, and the private sector.

What Are the Next Steps?

- A workgroup of parcel data stakeholders has been discussing this issue since fall of 2013 (see participants in list to the left).
- VTTrans Right of Way Division has commissioned two reports: a Return on Investment report and a Parcel Lifecycle report. These reports are scheduled to be completed by early Spring of 2015.
- VCGI's Northern Border Regional Commission grant is providing \$164,000 to 20+ towns in the 6 northern counties (Grand Isle, Franklin, Lamoille, Orleans, Caledonia, and Essex) to create/improve parcel data.
- The workgroup would like to talk with VT Legislators about the development of a statewide parcel data program to support the goals identified above.

